

Parliamentary Intelligence.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Friday, February 17th, 1860.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES: STREET CABS. Mr. D. GRIFFITH called the attention of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to the recent increase of small-pox, and to the liability of the propagation of infectious diseases by the use of street cabs in conveying such cases to hospitals and other places; and asked whether it would not be desirable that Government should introduce some legislative provision for the establishment of carriages for the exclusive use of the sick, and for the prohibition of the employment of street cabs for the above purpose within the metropolitan district?

Mr. CLIVE quite agreed with the honourable member in the danger of the system referred to. No doubt it would be easy to provide a suitable carriage for the conveyance of those patients, but there would be a great difficulty in carrying any such system out, because, if they were to make any arrangement of the kind, they should be prepared with accommodation sufficient for the conveyance of all the sick persons in the kingdom. If it were possible, he thought street cabs should be prohibited from carrying patients attacked with contagious diseases; but it would be hardly right to take such a course, unless they had other modes of conveyance provided. He believed some model cabs for the conveyance of the sick had been ordered.

Monday, February 20th.

CLEANSING THE SERPENTINE. Sir J. SHELLEY gave notice that as soon as the returns relating to the works for cleansing the Serpentine were in the hands of the members, he should call attention to the subject, and afford the House an opportunity of deciding as to the desirability of proceeding with those works.

Tuesday, February 21st.

ADMINISTRATION OF POISON. Mr. CLIVE obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the administering of poison.

Medical News.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

* In these lists, an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.

BIRTHS.

Of sons, the wives of—

DIVES, Thomas, M.D., Tardeo, East Indies, on January 11.

*JONES, C. H., M.B., Albion Street, W., on February 21.

Of daughters, the wives of—

LIEFF, W. T., jun., M.D., Newington Place, on February 15. (Prematurely.)

TURRELL, S., M.D., Windsor, on February 14.

MARRIAGES.

BLAGDEN, the Rev. R. T., Bognor, second son of R. Blagden, Esq., Surgeon, to Marianne E., eldest daughter of George SHAPLAND, Esq., of Clifton, on February 15.

BRADSHAW, William, M.D., Nottingham, to Marianne, daughter of the late Rev. J. N. WHITE, rector of Tivetshall, Norfolk, at St. Peter's Southgate, Norwich, on Feb. 16.

CALDER, Robert E., Esq., youngest son of James Calder, Esq., Surgeon, Exeter, to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Edward BELL, Esq., of South Shields, at Kensington, on February 15.

DIXON, Henry S., Esq., Witham, Essex, to Jane W., second daughter of *Thomas TOMKIN, M.D., Witham, at St. James's, Piccadilly, on February 21st.

GIBSON, Captain Charles E., 49th Regiment, to Georgina E., eldest daughter of Wm. CLARKE, M.D., of Tweedside, at Barbadoes, on January 26.

HACON, Richard D., Esq., Surgeon, Bedford, to Sarah S., only child of Edmund HACON, Esq., of Bromley, Middlesex, on February 16.

PHILBRICK, Samuel A., Esq., Surgeon, of Colchester, to Jane, daughter of the late George POWLE, Esq., of Malden, Kent, at Great Horkesley, Essex, on Feb. 15.

SMITH, Horace H., M.D., H.M.S. *Eagle*, to Georgiana A., fourth surviving daughter of the late Rev. G. WAY, of Painswick, Gloucestershire, at Bathwick, Bath, on February 16.

DEATHS.

BARBER, Edward, Esq., Surgeon, at Stamford, aged 53, on February 13.

CUMIN. On February 18th, at Bath, aged 74, Ann J., widow of the late William Cumin, M.D.

GAMBLE. On February 10th, aged 6 years, Alexander A., youngest son of H. Gamble, M.D., Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square.

HANDEY, Horatio H., Esq., Surgeon, 173, Waterloo Road, aged 41, on February 20.

WALTON. On February 16th, aged 10, Ann E. W., daughter of *H. Haynes Walton, Esq., of 69, Brook Street.

APPOINTMENTS.

*ELLIOT, William H., M.D., appointed Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital.

LISTER, Joseph, Esq., elected Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons members of the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery; the Crown having, in pursuance of the provisions of the Medical Act, granted a charter to the College, empowering it "to institute and hold examinations for the purpose of testing the fitness of persons to practise as dentists, and to grant certificates of such fitness"; and directing that "the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery shall consist of six members, three of whom shall be members of the Court of Examiners of the College, and three others of them shall be persons skilled in dental surgery."

ARNOTT, James M., Esq., F.R.S., President of the College.

GREEN, Joseph H., Esq., F.R.S.

LAWRENCE, W., Esq., F.R.S., Serjeant-Surgeon to the Queen.

BELL, Thomas, Esq., F.R.S., Lecturer on Dental Surgery at Guy's Hospital.

ROGERS, Arnold, Esq., Consulting Surgeon-Dentist to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

TOMES, John, Esq., F.R.S., Surgeon-Dentist to the Middlesex Hospital.

PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. At the Comitia Majora, held on Friday, Feb. 17th, the following gentlemen were admitted members of the College, under the temporary bye-laws:—

ALLAN, John, M.D., Islington Street	LEWIS, John R. M., M.D., Shoeburyness
BADGLEY, F., M.D., Albion Street	LICHTENBERG, George P. J. L., M.D., Finsbury Place
BROWN-SÉQUARD, C. Edward, M.D., Paris	LOGAN, Thos. G., M.D., Army
BURTON, M., M.D., Haslar	MOSS, William C., M.D., Long Ashton
CARMICHAEL, James, M.D., Torrington Square	PIGGOTT, George W., M.D., Harrogate
CUNNINGHAM, L. T., H.M.S. <i>Formidable</i>	PRICHARD, Thomas, M.D., Northampton
ELLIOT, W. H., M.D., Exeter	RINGER, Theobald, M.D., Bengal Army
FAIRBROTHER, A., M.D., Bristol	SCHOLFIELD, Edward, M.D., Doncaster
FIELDING, Geo., M.B., Chelsea	THUDICHUM, Jno. L. W., M.D., South Audley Street
FINCH, W. C., M.D., Salisbury	TORRY, J. C., M.D., Lincoln
FRASER, Donald, M.D., Harrington Square	WILLIAMS, William W., M.D., Gloucester
GAULTER, Thomas C., M.D., Royal Hospital, Chelsea	WILSON, J. G., M.D., Bath
GRABHAM, J., M.D., Islington	WILSON, G., M.B., Leeds
HARDWICK, R. G., M.B., Leeds	
LAWRENCE, George W., M.D., Camberwell	

APOTHECARIES' HALL. LICENTIATES admitted on Thursday, February 16th, 1860:—

CAYLEY, William	LA MERT, Lima A., 37, Bedford Square
COATES, Matthew, Royal Navy	STILWELL, Edward, Epsom
EVERETT, B. G., Warminster	
JONES, Philip S., Sydney	

The following gentlemen also, on the same day, passed their first examination:—

GODFRAY, Charles Le Vesconte	HOPE, Samuel
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	MILSON, Richard H.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND: AND THE MEDICAL ACT.

The following memorials were adopted by a full meeting of the Gloucestershire Medical and Surgical Association, held on February 18th:—

I.—Memorial of the Gloucestershire Medical and Surgical Association to the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Your memorialists beg respectfully to protest against the recent indulgences said to have been granted by the Council of the College, to individuals who have not passed through the usual "curriculum" of study required, as a general rule, from all who desire to become members of the College.

Your memorialists beg to point out, that the admission of imperfectly educated persons into the medical profession, inflicts great injustice upon those who have spent both time and money in acquiring a knowledge of a noble science; that if such indulgences have been granted, the Council have infringed the privileges of the fellows and members of the College, whose interests the Council are pledged to maintain; and that such proceedings tend to neutralise the benefits intended by the Medical Act, of affording to the people of this country guaranteed conservators of the public health.

Your memorialists beg to direct your special attention to the application made by a person, calling himself Dr. Turnbull, residing in their immediate neighbourhood, as one which not only directly concerns the interests of many members of this Association, but is also of considerable importance to the profession at large.

II.—Memorial of the Gloucestershire Medical and Surgical Association to the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom.

Your memorialists beg respectfully to call your attention to the inefficient provisions made by the Medical Act, sections 39 and 40, for the conviction of illegal practitioners, as evidenced by the recent decisions in magisterial and other superior courts.

Your memorialists are convinced, that until better securities be provided, the object of the legislature in the Act above referred to—namely, that the public be enabled to readily distinguish qualified from unqualified practitioners—will be completely unattainable.

Your memorialists therefore respectfully urge on your Honourable Council the necessity of applying for more extended powers, in order that the intentions of the legislature, as set forth in the preamble to the Medical Act, may be fully and efficiently carried out.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Poor-law Medical Reform Association, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, February 21st, 1860—R. Griffin, Esq., in the chair—it was unanimously resolved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby given, to R. Griffin, Esq., for his great sacrifices of time and labour in the advocacy of the cause of Poor-law Medical Reform.

"That, with a view to the more efficiently carrying out this agitation to a successful issue, the Committee beg to recommend the cooperation of the medical students of the various London and provincial hospitals, and earnestly trust that they will forthwith take steps to convene meetings at their various schools, and to petition the House of Commons in favour of Poor-law Medical Reform."

JOSEPH ROGERS, M.D., *Secretary pro tempore.*

HEALTH OF LONDON—FEBRUARY 18th, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week	{ Boys.. 950 } 1880 .. 1454	{ Girls.. 930 }
Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58	1706 ..	1288
Among the causes of death were—	bronchitis, 250; pneumonia, 125; phthisis, 165; small-pox, 31; scarlatina, 40; measles, 15; diphtheria, 4; hooping-cough, 40. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 415, being 158 above the corrected average.	
Barometer:		
Highest (Tu.) 30°415; lowest (Thur.) 29°901; mean 30°237.		
Thermometer:		
In sun—highest (Fri.) 85°0 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 56°0 degrees.		
In shade—highest (Sat.) 44°0 degrees; lowest (Tues.) 23°5 degrees.		
Mean—33°5 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4°7 degrees.		
Range—during week, 20°5 degrees; mean daily, 12°0 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 81.		
Mean direction of wind, N.E.—Rain in inches, 0°08.		

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from:—MR. W. L. WINTERBOTHAM; DR. T. INMAN; MR. C. GAFFNEY; MR. ERICHSEN; DR. F. PAGE; DR. T. R. MITCHELL; MR. J. W. WILTON; MR. J. HARRIS; MR. WM. TRURNALL; MR. H. W. SHARPIN; DR. JAMES RUSSELL; MR. OLIVER PEMBERTON; DR. SKINNER; DR. R. U. WEST; DR. W. H. ELLIOT; MR. G. MOORE; MR. J. WALES; DR. B. W. RICHARDSON; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; MR. R. S. EVANS; MR. WHITWELL; MR. R. GRIFFIN; MR. C. J. EVANS; DR. MARKHAM; SIR J. FORBES; MR. TERRY; MR. HANKS; and MR. T. M. STONE.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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1. The Present State of the Medical Profession in Great Britain and Ireland, with Remarks on the Preliminary and Moral Education of Medical and Surgical Students. By William Dale. London: A. W. Bennett. Plymouth: I. W. N. Keys. 1860.

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