

## Association Intelligence.

### SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

THE next list of subscriptions paid for the present year will be published on the 12th of May. It is particularly requested that the General Secretary may be in possession of the names not later than the 5th of May.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.  
Worcester, April 24th, 1860.

### ROCHESTER, MAIDSTONE, GRAVESEND, AND DARTFORD DISTRICT MEETINGS, IN CONNEXION WITH THE SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

#### POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING.

IN consequence of the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Branch having been appointed to be held at Maidstone early in June, and the annual meeting of the Kent Benevolent Medical Society at the same place early in July, together with the impracticability of obtaining adequate accommodation at Dartford until after the 2nd of May, the district meeting which should have been held at Dartford on the 27th of April has been postponed.

JAMES DULVEY, *Honorary Secretary*.  
Brompton, Chatham, April 23rd, 1860.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

A GENERAL meeting of this Branch was held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, April 19th, 1860: J. B. MELSON, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present: A. Allcock, Esq. (Smethwick); T. Boisragon, M.D. (Birmingham); G. F. Bodington, Esq. (Kenilworth); F. T. Bond, M.B. (Birmingham); G. J. Brown, Esq. (Birmingham); P. Chavasse, Esq. (Birmingham); E. Cheshire, Esq. (Birmingham); W. Downes, Esq. (Handsworth); H. Duncalfe, Esq. (West Bromwich); W. E. Johnson, Esq. (Dudley); F. Jordan, Esq. (Birmingham); W. J. Kite, Esq. (West Bromwich); W. Lynes, M.D. (Wednesbury); G. H. Marshall, M.D. (Birmingham); E. Moore, Esq. (Halesowen); L. Parker, Esq. (Birmingham); O. Pemberton, Esq. (Birmingham); J. Postgate, Esq. (Birmingham); J. V. Solomon, (Birmingham); S. Spratley, Esq. (Birmingham); T. W. Williams, Esq. (Birmingham); G. Yates, Esq. (Birmingham).

*The Association Subscription.* Mr. SOLOMON moved the following resolution:—

“That, in the opinion of this meeting, the call of five shillings per annum, for two consecutive years, would have been unnecessary, if the resolutions of the Executive Committee had been duly carried out.”

This not being seconded, the next notice of motion was proceeded with.

*The Royal College of Surgeons.* In the absence of Mr. HADLEY, Mr. T. W. WILLIAMS proposed, and Mr. YATES seconded, the adoption of the following protest for presentation to the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The adoption of the protest was carried without discussion, by eleven to seven.

“To the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

“We, the undersigned, members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, residing in Birmingham and its vicinity, and being members of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, feel it incumbent upon us to enter our protest against the recent and continued acts of your body. We wish to express our regret that the Council of the College have granted, and continue to grant, their diploma to men of insufficient education, and who have not gone through the usual studies to fit them to perform faithfully the duties confided to them. We regret that your Council have disregarded the protests which our members in other parts of the country have addressed to you. We are of opinion that such acts of the Council have lowered the value of its diploma, and caused it to be no longer a guarantee of professional competency. We sincerely hope that, for the future, the Council will discontinue this, in our estimation, misplaced liberality, and will for the time to come not fail to pro-

tect our interests. We do consider that the Council of the College of Surgeons is bound in honour to uphold the dignity and respectability of its members, which will be most consistent with its own integrity, more conducive to the dignity of the profession, and not of less importance to the interests of the public at large, who have a just claim for protection against ignorance and empiricism.

“Signed, on behalf of the members of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch,

“JOHN B. MELSON, M.D., *President*.”

April 19th, 1860.

*Papers.* The following papers were read:—

1. On the Pathology of Lead Poisoning. By W. F. Wade, M.B.
2. On Virchow's Theory of Inflammation. By F. T. Bond, M.B.

[These papers will be published in the JOURNAL.]

## Reports of Societies.

### ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1860.

F. C. SKEY, Esq., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

REMARKS ON THE SCROFULOUS CONFORMATION, OR DIATHESIS; BASED PRINCIPALLY ON THE STUDY OF THE SKELETON.

BY T. G. HAKE, M.D., M.R.C.P.

[Communicated by DR. BALY.]

DR. HAKE observed that scrofula might be regarded as one of the oldest diseases on record, and as having affected mankind from a period prior to history. But the chief interest of its antiquity resides in its alliance, as a disease, with a peculiar conformation of body, or diathesis, the anatomical characters of which, duly considered, belong to race, and, in fact, constitute it a variety of man. This conformation, distinct from the disease, has only been described by modern writers. Its features penetrate every system of organs, and are far more numerous than its literary history would lead us to suppose. It is the hereditary element on which scrofula, tuberculosis, and rickets are engrafted, and it was his purpose to trace its embryological and ethnological relations.

*The characters of the scrofulous type of conformation* refer, as observed by previous writers, to the shape of the cranium, the jaws, the limbs, and to the symmetry and growth of the body in general. But these characters, observed without any guiding principle, afford a superficial view only, and convey, in some instances, a contradictory one of the conformation in question.

*Origin of the scrofulous conformation.* By means of an extensive comparison of anatomical elements, it has been found that while several of these and other characters are abnormal in relation to the European, or so-called Caucasian, they are distinctive of the inferior races; that all these characters are discoverable in the fœtus or the child; that, as a rule, the features of the scrofulous conformation, and of the inferior varieties of mankind, exist normally in the embryonic and infantile structures of the European, or higher type of man.

*Definition of terms, and their application.* The terms strumous and scrofulous are so deeply associated with morbid characters as to be inadequate to convey a correct idea of many of the facts adduced in this paper. It would not satisfy the requirements of correct definition to say that a grey or blue eye belonged to the scrofulous group of structures, while every other part was well developed; yet such a feature is of the same class of phenomena as rickets: in the one, the deposit of dark pigment is arrested; in the other, phosphate of lime—both belong to the same early type.

To express the immature organisation which accompanies tuberculosis, scrofula, and rickets, but which frequently exists without either of these being present, the term sporagenetous is employed by the author: it embraces immature characters under whatever circumstances they may arise, whether in the healthy or strumous habit, or amongst the inferior races.

The following propositions were then stated by the author as the conclusions at which he had arrived, and illustrated at full length by tables and reports:—

1. A resemblance is to be found between the characters of the head and pelvis of the so-called scrofulous conformation, and of the same parts in the lower races of mankind. This is

will then really owe him some gratitude. Honesty in examining the figures will prove that the Bill, as at present, is a great general benefit; while I very much question whether any will be very seriously injured, and for these, I trust they will adopt Dr. Prior's motto—

—“Fiat justitia, ruat cælum”—

and they will then prove themselves *brethren* in the full sense of the word. I am, etc., JOSEPH HINTON.

Hinton, near Bath, April 1860.

## Medical News.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

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

#### BIRTHS.

Of a son, the wife of—

PESKETT, Alfred, M.D., Leyton, on April 21.

#### MARRIAGES.

ASHTON, Thomas J., Esq., Surgeon, Cavendish Square, to Elizabeth B., eldest daughter of Thomas B. HALL, Esq., of Kensington, on April 12.

BAKER, Alfred P., Esq., Lewisham, to Jane C. M., daughter of Edward PINDER, Esq., Surgeon, Old Kent Road, at Camberwell, on April 11.

BLISS, the Rev. William B., to Emily G. R., second daughter of the late George STEED, M.D., of Southampton, at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on April 19.

BOURNE, William, M.D., South Shields, to Emma F., daughter of E. POTTER, Esq., of Tynemouth, at Cramlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on April 10th.

CLARK, Thomas, M.D., of Ladyfield, Wilmslow, to Anne, daughter of the late William B. LENS, Esq., Manchester, on April 19.

EDDY, Charles W., M.D., to Frances R., second daughter of William PAGER, Esq., at Sutton Bonnington, Notts, on April 11th.

FOVILLE, Achille, M.D., Chief Physician to the Lunatic Asylum at Mareville, to Lucile, only daughter of M. LE PICARD, of Rouen, on April 11.

GORDON, Alfred, M.D., C.B., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, to Mary P., second daughter of the late Wm. B. CREALOCK, Esq., of Stanhope Place, W., at Paddington, on April 21st.

LYNCH, Henry, M.D., of Leeds, to Ellen, youngest daughter of the late James CONNOR, M.D., of Cork, at Bayswater, on April 24.

SEYMOUR, Captain John B., Royal Marines Light Infantry, to Isabella, second daughter of Robert LEE, M.D., F.R.S., Savile Row, at St. James's, Piccadilly, on April 24.

SOPER, J. Hawker, Esq., Surgeon, Blaina, to Jane E., third daughter of Frederick LEVICK, Esq., of Shirenewton and Blaina, on April 18.

YOUNG, Major Charles F., to Jane T., third daughter of Henry N. PINK, Esq., Surgeon, Greenwich, on April 17.

#### DEATHS.

\*EVANS, Edward, jun., Esq., at Cardiff, aged 47, on April 13.

HANCORN, James Richard, Esq., Surgeon, aged 23, on April 24.

HOBBS, John, Esq., Surgeon, at Southampton Row, W.C., aged 54, on April 17.

LIVESAY, Salter, M.D., Surgeon R.N., in Great College Street, Camden Town, on April 8.

MONCKTON. On April 12th, aged 2½, Charles T., only surviving son of Stephen Monckton, M.D., Brenchley, Kent.

MOULIN. On April 10th, at 11, Porchester Terrace North, aged 31, Matilda E., wife of Jas. M. Moulin, Esq., Surgeon.

NASMYTH. On April 10th, at Edinburgh, Mary L., wife of Robert Nasmyth, Esq., Surgeon.

\*STANTON, Peter, M.D., Brierley Hill, Worcestershire, lately.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

HEWITT, Graily, M.D., appointed joint Lecturer on Midwifery (with Dr. Tyler Smith) in the St. Mary's Hospital School of Medicine.

#### PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MEMBERS admitted at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on April 19th:—

BELL, J. B., Margaret Street	LEACHMAN, Albert W., Haverstock Hill
BROWN, David, West Gorton, Manchester	MORRIS, Isaac, Cliffe, Lewes
DAWSON, Frederick, Islington	MUNCASTER, Thomas H., Ulverstone
FYFFE, Benjamin, London	PARK, William, Ulverstone
HARRIS, Benjamin, Park Street	RUSSELL, G. I., Gravesend
HARRISON, Charles, Lincoln	SCHOLICK, T. J., Ulverstone
HOLLAND, Edmund, Rugeley	SHELDON, E. M., Liverpool
HOPE, Samuel, Guernsey	WALKER, Joseph, Holles Street
HUNT, Wm. J., Sheerness	WATTS, Frederick H., Haverstock Terrace
HYDE, George E., Worcester	
LANCASTER, Wm. J., Barnsley	

Friday, April 20th.

BENNETT, Hugh, Llandidloes	ORTON, George, Cole Orton
COLEMAN, Alfred, Wandsworth	SEABROOK, T. E. F., Maida Hill
COLLINS, John B., Yapton	SLAYTER, William B., Halifax, Nova Scotia
EGLES, Gabriel M., Barcombe, Lewes	STRICKLAND, Edmund, Kirby Moorside
HOSTELLER, J., Canada West	TRIMMER, H. B., Gloucester
IRVINE, Charles W., Tarves, Aberdeen	WALTON, B. M., Hampton
KING, Wm. C., Bridgewater	WATERSON, John, Birmingham
KITCHING, Thomas, Bow	WIGLESWORTH, A., Torquay
LLOYD, Edwin, Llanrwst	WORLEY, Wm. C., Brington
MARCH, Henry C., Newbury	

APOTHECARIES' HALL. LICENTIATES admitted on Thursday, April 19th, 1860:—

BARLOW, Wm. H., Manchester	SISSONS, William H., Hull
GRIFFITH, Samuel, Tremadoc	WATERSON, John, Birmingham
GRINDROD, Edmund, Old Trafford, Manchester	WILKINSON, John, Humnanby
HARDEN, Charles, Wroughton	WILLIAMS, John, Doncaster
HILL, Samuel, Ballinderry	WILLIAMS, C., Williton
HOCKING, James, St. Ives	WINTERBOTHAM, Washington L., Stroud, Gloucestershire
JESSETT, F. B., Manchester	YELD, Henry J., Sunderland
KINGDON, Alfred S., Bideford	

As an assistant—

WARRENER, William, 1, Alpha Place, Park Road, Peckham

#### THE MEDICAL ACT.

A MEETING of the Sub-Committee of the Preston Dispensary was held at the Dispensary, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. Present: Dr. Spencer; Dr. Gilbertson; Mr. Noble; Mr. Howitt; Mr. C. Brown; Mr. W. Gilbertson, Solicitor; Mr. Edwin Moore, Hon. Sec.

A letter from Dr. Ladd, the Secretary of the London Medical Registration Association, having reference to the provisions of the Medical Act, was read; and the following resolution was agreed to be submitted to the general meeting to be held at the Theatre of the Literary and Philosophical Institution the next day, at 12 o'clock, a.m.

“That, in this locality, the provisions of the Medical Act have been found wholly inefficient in suppressing illegal practice and quackery, inasmuch as it has only led to the substitution of one name for another, such as medical botanist or herbalist, in lieu of doctor or surgeon, etc.”

1. At a meeting of the members of the North Lancashire Branch of the Medical Registration Society, held at the Literary and Philosophical Institution, Cross Street, at 12 o'clock, a.m., on Thursday, April 12th, 1860, the above resolution was read by the Secretary; and, having been moved by Dr. SPENCER, and seconded by Mr. HOUGHTON of Lytham, was approved of by the members.

2. Moved by Dr. GILBERTSON, and seconded by Dr. STAVERT—

“That the London Medical Registration Association be urgently requested to induce the legislature to add such clause or clauses to any amended Act as will enable the profession to institute such proceedings as may more effectually suppress the illegal practice of medicine and surgery, or medicine or surgery, by persons either with or without an assumed title.”

3. Moved by Mr. HOWITT, and seconded by Dr. ALTHAM—

“That whilst this meeting fully recognises the *right*, under Section 55, of chemists and druggists to sell, compound, or dispense medicines, it is of opinion that some stringent means should be adopted to prevent their prescribing for, or visiting and prescribing for, the sick. This appears to be the more

necessary, from the fact of the Apothecaries' Society declining to put in force the powers vested in them by their Act."

4. Moved by Dr. ALTHAM, and seconded by Mr. E. L. DIXON—

"That this meeting thinks it desirable that the individual members of the Registration Association should use their influence with members of Parliament for getting their support to the passing of an amended Act."

EDWIN MOORE, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### CIVIL PRACTICE BY NAVAL SURGEONS.

THE following requisition has been presented to Sir John Liddell, M.D., Director-General of the Navy, by a deputation from medical practitioners in Portsmouth:—

"We, the undersigned, qualified private practitioners resident in Portsmouth, Portsea, Southsea, Landport, and Gosport, beg most respectfully to call the attention of the Director-General of the Naval Department to the very great injustice we feel we have long been placed under, from the fact of young and able naval medical officers settled and practising in this locality, their half-pay placing them in an unfair position as regards ourselves, enabling them to live in a style and dash that generally insure success; and we further feel ourselves aggrieved, inasmuch as we are called upon largely to contribute to their support by the present Income Tax, taxing in a serious manner our always precarious incomes. We need not state the labour and fatigue attending private, compared with official practice; and we now most respectfully solicit that it may please the Director-General to take this representation into his serious consideration, and relieve us from a grievance which, we feel sure, has only to be represented, to be remedied."

"Frederick Joseph Burgess, Ext. Lic. Royal Col. Phys. Lond., F.R.C.S., Southsea; James Gresham, M.R.C.S. Edin., L.A.S., Portsea; Allen A. Duke, M.D., Portsea; S. R. Niblett, L.R.C.P. Edin., L.A.S., Portsea; G. F. Bloxsome, M.R.C.S., L.A.S., Southsea; H. Bloxam, M.R.C.S., L.A.S., Portsmouth; F. Page, M.D., F.R.C.S., L.A.S., Landport; J. O'Sullivan, L.R.C.P. Lond.; James Dickson, L.R.C.S. Edin.; George John Scale, M.R.C.S., L.A.S., Landport; John Butcher, M.R.C.S., L.A.S., Gosport; John Robert Kealy, M.R.C.S., L.A.S., Gosport; Wm. John Rundle, M.D., Ex. Lic. R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., Gosport; Henry Slight, M.R.C.S., Highland Cottage; Julian Slight, M.R.C.S., Portsmouth; R. Bachelor, Surgeon, Southsea."

"Portsmouth, April 18th, 1860."

#### THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

THE following memorial has been addressed to the Medical Council:—

"To the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom."

"We, the undersigned, being duly registered medical practitioners residing in the district of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire, beg to represent to the General Council of Medical Education and Registration the fact of certain recent admissions to the membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England of persons who have not undergone any regular course of professional education, and who, from their social position and general attainments, are not entitled to such honour."

"The undersigned wish particularly to draw your attention to Clauses xx and xxi of the Medical Act, 21 and 22 Victoria, with the view of putting such clauses in force."

"We grieve to think that we are compelled to make this earnest appeal to you; but the common interests of our profession and those of the general public leave us no choice in the matter."

"Samuel D. Fereday (Dudley); Daniel Timmins (Dudley); Jas. P. Badley (Dudley); Chas. A. J. Thompson (Dudley); David Johnson (Dudley); B. S. Brown (West Bromwich); Chas. Thos. Male (West Bromwich); Peter A. Cotterell (West Bromwich); Henry Duncalfe (West Bromwich); Wm. J. Kite (West Bromwich); John Greene (Sedgley); W. Lascelles Morris (Brierley Hill); Charles E. Handy (Darlaston); Samuel Woodall (Wednesbury); H. Eady Proctor (Wednesbury); Wm. Lynes (Wednesbury); Norris Wm. Best (Wednesbury); Geo. Enoch Howitt (Wednesbury); W. C. Garman (Wednesbury); Charles Quinton, (Willenhall); Wm. H. Pope (Wolverhampton); H. Gibbons (Wolverhampton)."

The following memorial has also been addressed to the Medical Council by the practitioners of Wirksworth:—

"To the President and Members of the Medical Council."

"We, the undersigned, medical practitioners residing at Wirksworth, in the county of Derby, request your attention to the fact that certain persons have been admitted to examination by the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and have had the diploma of member conferred upon them, without having complied with the curriculum of study set forth in the printed regulations of the College. Regarding this conduct on the part of the College authorities as not only detrimental to the honour of the profession, but contrary to the spirit of the Medical Act, we beg you will give the subject your early and serious consideration."

"W. Cantrell, F.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin.; William Webb, M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng.; T. Poyser, F.R.C.S. Eng., 1843; Chas. Walker, M.R.C.S. Eng.; Newton Mant, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin.; R. R. Alderson, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A."

#### POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

##### STUDENTS' BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Committee of Delegates from the Medical Students was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, April 24th, 1860: Present, S. W. GALTON, Esq., in the Chair; the delegates from University College, Guy's, St. George's, Westminster, London, Charing Cross, St. Mary's, St. Bartholomew's, and Middlesex Hospitals.

The following resolutions were adopted.

1. Proposed by Mr. FELCE, and seconded by Mr. FAGGE:—

"That, provided the second reading of Mr. Pigott's Bill is again postponed till after the 4th of May, a General Meeting of Students be held in St. Martin's Hall, on Tuesday, 8th May, for the purpose of passing certain resolutions in support of Mr. Pigott's Bill."

2. Proposed by Dr. Fox, and seconded by Mr. SUTTON:—

"That a sub-committee be formed to draw up resolutions to be submitted to the aggregate meeting, and to arrange details."

3. Proposed by Mr. TRAVERS, and seconded by Mr. ROUTLEDGE:—

"That the Chairman, two Secretaries, and Messrs. Fagge, Felce, and Ward, form the Sub-Committee."

4. Proposed by Mr. BERKELEY HILL, and seconded by Mr. BASTIAN:—

"That the treasurers of the various schools be requested to hand over to the General Treasurers the funds at their disposal."

5. Proposed by Mr. SUTTON, and seconded by Mr. TRAVERS:—

"That this Committee meet again this day week (the 1st of May), to receive the report of the Sub-Committee, and to finally arrange as to what schools shall take the several resolutions."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was unanimously given; and the Committee adjourned till the 1st of May.

#### SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF AN ILLEGAL PRACTITIONER.

On Tuesday, April 17th, Mr. Alfred Walter, solicitor to the Birmingham and Midland Counties Medical Registration Association, attended at the Rushall Petty Sessions, before Mr. Beuley and Mr. Harrison, to support an information under the new Medical Act against Thomas Frederick Theed, of Bloxwich, near Walsall, Staffordshire, who had been for some time practising as a surgeon in that neighbourhood. Mr. H. F. Barnett, of Walsall, attended on behalf of the defendant. The case had been adjourned on several previous occasions, for the production of the *Medical Register* of the present year. Mr. Walter opened the case, which embraced the following facts:—Theed lived at Bloxwich, and practised as a surgeon in that neighbourhood. In November, he applied for, and was appointed, surgeon to a club, having stated to some of the members, when asked, that he was not registered, but could be at any time; and that he was duly qualified as a surgeon. He signed certificates of death in the following manner: "T. F. Theed, for self and E. Llewellyn, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C.," and he attended the sick members of the club, and prescribed for them. These facts were proved by several witnesses who were called. Mr. Barnett, on behalf of the defendant, contended that there was no case made out; that Mr. Theed was in partnership with Mr. Evan Llewellyn, of London, who frequently came down and signed the certificates. Mr. Barnett called a witness (who was called by the defendant and his solicitor Mr. Theed's ward in Chancery); and she swore that the handwriting to the certificate was not Mr. Theed's handwriting, but that of Mr. Llewellyn, who came down from London very frequently, and

who was down about a week since. This led to the remark by the Bench, that the certificate was signed, "T. F. Theed, for self and E. Llewellyn"; and that it was very unlikely that, if Mr. Llewellyn signed the certificate, he would sign it by writing Theed's name first; but it bore every symptom of the writing being that of the defendant. Mr. Barnett contended that the professional title related to Mr. Llewellyn only, and must be read in certificates in the singular number, as "Member of the Royal College", and not as "members". He also contended that Theed never held himself out to be registered. The magistrates overruled Mr. Barnett in all his objections, and convicted the defendant in the mitigated penalty of forty shillings and costs, or, in default, one month's imprisonment; at the same time intimating to the defendant that the smallness of the fine was out of consideration for his circumstances. Mr. Barnett said he should apply to the magistrates for a case for the opinion of the court above; and it was understood that the case was to be prepared and submitted to the magistrates. The magistrates intimated to the defendant that his connexion with a duly registered practitioner would not save him from the penalty indicted by the Medical Act.

**ROYAL APPROBATION OF MEDICAL ENERGY.** In July of last year, Surgeon-Major Pessoa was appointed to the direction of the hospital connected with the depôt for recruits at Mafra (Lisbon). He applied himself at once to improve the organisation of the hospital, and increase its capabilities for receiving patients. His endeavours in this direction were witnessed by the King of Portugal, who was in the daily habit of visiting the hospital; and, in September last, His Majesty presented to Senhor Pessoa the work of Krocq on fractures, with the following autograph inscription:—"To Surgeon-Major F. L. C. Pessoa, of the general depôt for recruits, in testimony of esteem for the zeal displayed in the performance of his duties. (Signed) D. Pedro V." The *Gazeta Medica de Lisboa* for April 16th, in recording the circumstance, observes that in the narrative there are comprised a series of acts worthy of praise; the surgeon major devoting himself to his mission, the members of the royal cabinet aiding him, and the monarch animating them and the patients by his presence, and rewarding good services.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** The lectures will be resumed on Tuesday, May 1st, by Professor Quekett, who will deliver lectures on the Component Parts of Animals and Vegetables, and continue the same on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock. Professor Hilton will conclude the course by giving six lectures on the Influence of Rest in the Treatment of Disease.

**THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.** Extensive additions are being made to the school buildings of the Middlesex Hospital; in a great measure necessitated by practical tests to which the candidates for the various diplomas are now submitted. A new chemical theatre, a laboratory for the class of practical chemistry, and a room for histological and microscopical investigation, are in course of erection. The space occupied by the present library will be added to the museum; and the existing chemical theatre will be converted into a library. These alterations are being carried out with the approbation and by the co-operation of the Weekly Board of the Hospital; the Chairman, Mr. Michael Smith, taking an active part in promoting this, as well as all other improvements which tend to increase the efficiency of the Middlesex Hospital as an educational establishment. We understand that it is proposed to add to the body of purely technical lecturers a professor of modern languages, in order that every facility may be given to those students who may desire to continue their general education during their residence in London.

#### HEALTH OF LONDON—APRIL 21st, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.		Deaths.
During week .....	{ Boys.. 923	{ 1757	.. 1407
	{ Girls.. 834	{	
Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58 .....	1685		.. 1180

Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 157; pneumonia, 73; phthisis, 181; small-pox, 20; scarlatina, 26; measles, 33; diphtheria, 11; hooping-cough, 61. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 253, being 55 above the corrected average.

*Barometer:*  
Highest (Mon.) 30.133; lowest (Sat.) 29.605; mean 29.926.

*Thermometer:*  
In sun—highest (Tues.) 104.0 degrees; lowest (Thurs.) 58.0 degrees.  
In shade—highest (Mon.) 61.0 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 30.8 degrees.  
Mean—12.3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4.0 degrees.  
Range—during week, 30.0 degrees; mean daily, 18.7 degrees.  
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 76.  
Mean direction of wind, N.E.—Rain in inches, 0.07.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENTS should always enclose their names to the Editor; not for publication, but in token of good faith. No attention can be paid to communications not thus authenticated.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

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