only to 0.6 per 1000, in favour of men having a vital capacity above the average. But a different result was obtained in regard to the men discharged as invalids, the number who became non effective being much greater amongst those having a vital capacity below the average than in the other two classes.

The author next discusses the value of the spirometer in the selection of recruits, as indicating the men having a tendency to pulmonary disease, and points out the necessity, in such an investigation, of including the total loss arising from consumption, both by death and invaliding. The tables and calculations submitted, showed that this loss is much greater amongst the men having a vital capacity below the average than among those of a capacity equal to or above the average. From the results obtained, the author concludes that a vital capacity below the average may be considered rather as indicating a generally feeble organisation, less capable of resisting the deteriorating influences to which a soldier is exposed, than as evidence that a definite relation exists between the vital capacity and a tendency to pulmonary consumption. Although this conclusion would seem to justify the opinion that the spirometer might be advantageously employed in testing the fitness of recruits, the author points out practical objections to it which appear insurmountable; but he admits that it might be useful as an indication to the inspecting officer of the necessity for a careful examination by the stethoscope in cases of a very low vital capacity amongst men coming forward for enlistment. Finally, he concurs in the views expressed by Mr. Hutchinson of the practical value of the spirometer to the medical referees of Life Assurance Societies.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SEVENTY-TWO CASES OF HÆMATEMESIS, WITH REMARKS. BY C. HANDFIELD JONES, M.B., F.R.S.

[Communicated by II. BENCE JONES, M.D., F.R.S.]

The author stated that the seventy-two cases of hæmatemesis contained in the table are all that have been met with amongst 2500 selected cases of all kinds, and about 10,000 (speaking roughly) of all cases occurring in ordinary medical practice. The chief practical points which a perusal of these cases suggests, are-1. The number of cases met with in which the existence of gastric ulceration is a matter of great uncertainty, and in which one cannot avoid asking oneself whether the hæmorrhage may not be simply analogous to common epistaxis. That this is possible, even when the hæmorrhage is copious, is shown by the record of a case given by Dr. Brittan. 2. The number of cases in which all complaint of dyspepsia was either absent or so slight that it would have been impossible to distinguish it from that attendant on gastric catarrh, gastralgia, or gastric debility. 3. The great benefit of a tonic plan of treatment steadily carried out.

The paper was accompanied by a table, in which are recorded, for each of the seventy-two cases, the age and sex of the individual, the period at which hæmatemesis occurred, any important events prior to the attack, the symptoms observed at the time, and the treatment of the case, with its result.

Editor's Letter Box.

THE BRIGHTON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY. LETTER FROM W. E. C. NOURSE, Esq.

SIR,-Having sought admission, as one of the resident medical men of this place, to the Brighton Medico-Chirurgical Society, I find myself, to my great surprise, excluded by some adverse votes. Such a proceeding is not usual in a scientific society without a reason; and, in my case, there exists none whatever. I have never shewn discourtesy or illiberality to other medical men, either here, or during the five-and-twenty years of my being in the profession; I have never done an unprofessional action; but have ever sought, where possible, to hold out to all entitled to it, the right hand of fellowship. In short, I am taken by surprise; and can only resolve that the thing shall not be done in a corner; but that both the act, and the utter absence of all excuse for it, shall be brought to light and made public. Publicity is the only remedy for illiberal acts of this nature; which derive all their strength from being done secretly, and from being submitted to in silence.

I am, etc.,

WM. E. C. NOURSE, F.R.C.S. I am, etc.,

11, Old Steine, Brighton, August 7th, 1860.

Medical Hews.

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ing of the Court of Examiners, on August 2nd: ADAIR, Jas. Jackson, Douglas, Isle of Man

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NEW SYDENHAM SOCIETY. This Society held its annual meeting at Torquay, on August 2nd; Sir Charles Hastings in the Chair. Mr. Hutchinson, the Secretary, on reading the Report of the Council, announced that the year-book for 1859 was nearly ready, and that the publication of the Atlas of Skin Diseases had been determined on, and would be proceeded with. The late Sydenham Society had transferred the balance of their funds to the new Society. The following officers and Council were elected for 1860-1:—President: C. J. B. Williams, M.D., F.R.S., etc. Vice-Presidents: Sir Henry Holland, Bart., F.R.S.; R. W. Cusack, M.D., A.M., Dublin; R. Ferguson, M.D.; H. W. Acland, M.D., F.R.S., D.C.L., Oxford; J. Macfarlane, M.D., Glasgow; T. Mayo, M.D., F.R.S., President of the Royal College of Physicians; J. Y. Simpson, M.D., Edinburgh; T. Turner, Esq., F.L.S., Manchester; Sir H. Marsh, Bart., Dublin; T. Watson, M.D., F.R.S.; G. F. Evans, M.D., Birmingham; W. Fergusson, Esq., F.R.S.; Sir C. Hastings, Worcester; J. Paget, Esq., F.R.S.; T. B. Peacock, M.D.; T. P. Teale, Esq., F.L.S., Leeds. Council: W. Baly, M.D., F.R.S.; R. Barnes, M.D.; J. S. Bristowe, M.D.; R. Druitt, M.D.; J. G. Fleming, M.D., Glasgow; W. T. Gairdner, M.D., Edinburgh; G. Johnson, M.D.; W. S. Kirkes, M.D.; W. M'Ewen, M.D., Chester; M. Martin de Bartolomé, M.D., Sheffield; J. M. Neligan, M.D., Dublin; J. W. Ogle, M.D.; E. L. Ormerod, R. W. Cusack, M.D., A.M., Dublin; R. Ferguson, M.D.; H. W. Chester; M. Martin de Bartolomé, M.D., Sheffield; J. M. Neligan, M.D., Dublin; J. W. Ogle, M.D.; E. L. Ormerod, M.D., Brighton; R. Quain, M.D.; G. Rolleston, M.D., Oxford; W.S. Saunders, M.D.; R. W. Smith, M.D., Dublin; W. H. Stone, M.D.; T. H. Tanner, M.D.; H. Weber, M.D.; E. R. Bickersteth, Esq., Liverpool; W. Bowman, Esq., F.R.S.; C. Brooke, Esq., F.R.S.; H. Clark, Esq., Bristol; E. Cock, Esq.; P. G. Hewett, Esq.; P. Hood, Esq.; G. M. Humphry, M.D., F.R.S., Cambridge; J. Miller, Esq., Edinburgh; E. Ray, Esq., Dulwich; W. S. Savory, Esq., F.R.S.; Henry Thompson, Esq. Treasurer: G. H. Barlow, M.D., 5, Union Street, S.E. Secretary: J. Hutchinson, Esq., 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C. tary: J. Hutchinson, Esq., 14, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

HEALTH OF LONDON-AUGUST 4TH, 1860. [From the Registrar-General's Report.]

Barometer: Highest (Mon.) 29 988; lowest (Sat.) 29 408; mean 29 752. Thermometer

Thermometer:
In sun—highest (Sun.) 118:8 degrees; lowest (Tu.) 89:0 degrees.
In shade—highest (Sun.) 71:2 degrees.; lowest (Tu.) 51:1 degrees.
Mean—58:2 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4:1 degrees.
Range—during week, 20:1 degrees; mean daily, 16:1 degrees.
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 82.
Mean direction of wind, W.—Rain in inches, 1:17.

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Ophthalmic Surgeon—Mr. Toynbee.

Surgeon-Dentist—Mr. Sercombe.

LECTURES.—Clinical Medicine: Dr. Alderson, Dr. Chambers, and Dr. Sibson—Clinical Surgery: Mr. Coulson, Mr. Lane, and Mr. Ure—Medicine: Dr. Chambers and Dr. Sibson—Surgery—Mr. Coulson and Mr. Spencer Smith—Physiology and Morbid Anatomy: Dr. Markham and Mr. James Lane—Anatomy: Mr. James Lane and Mr. Gascoyen—Dissections: Mr. Gascoyen and Mr. Davy—Chemistry and Practical Chemistry: Mr. Field—Midwifery: Dr. Tyler Smith and Dr. Graily Hewitt—Materia Medica: Dr. Sieveking—Botany: Dr. Dresser—Medical Jurisprudence: Dr. Sanderson—Ophthalmic Surgery: Mr. Sercombe—Comparative Anatomy: Dr. Graily Hewitt—Natural Philosophy: Mr. Smalley.

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GEO. G. GASCOYEN, Dean of the School.

St. Mary's Hospital, August 1860.

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Guy's Hospital, July 1860.

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