

qualified practitioners on the one hand, we regret to see that the Medical Council is pressing with unnecessary severity on a duly qualified practitioner. The case of *Ellis versus Kelly* proves that we can be far more severe towards one of ourselves than the magistrates are against the most arrant impostors. The defendant, Kelly, is, it appears, duly registered as a member of both College and Hall; and he also possesses the diploma of the University of Erlangen. Now this is not one of the diplomas recognised by the Council; hence he was proceeded against for calling himself "Dr. Kelly". We think there can be very little doubt that the double qualification which he possesses is quite as good a test of his ability to practise as a physician as the diplomas of many of our universities. We admit that Dr. Kelly breaks the letter of the law in assuming his title; but we cannot admit that the public are likely to suffer any injury from this harmless piece of vanity. What we all aim at, is the suppression of unqualified persons; and nothing will be gained by our hunting down those in our own ranks who happen to attach to their names a couple of letters of doubtful value. A few more prosecutions of this nature on the part of the Medical Council will, we fear, lead the profession to believe that the interference of that body in such matters can only prove an unmixed evil.

THE WEEK.

THE protest against special hospitals, of which a copy appeared at p. 583 of the JOURNAL for July 28th, has since that period been largely circulated among the profession, for the purpose of giving opportunity for the record of opinions on the subject. We have within the last few days received a large printed sheet containing a copy of the protest, together with the signatures appended to it up to the period of issue. The number of signatures amounts to 510. Of these, 183 are from London physicians and surgeons; while 327 practitioners residing in various country towns have appended their names. The majority of the gentlemen who have signed appear to be connected with hospitals and other similar institutions.

The medical profession in Dublin has within the last few days lost one of its greatest ornaments. Full of years and of well deserved honour, Sir Henry Marsh has passed from among his brethren. "Non omnis moritur", however; for his memory cannot fail to be treasured, so long as there shall be members of our profession capable of appreciating his worth as a man and his labours for the advancement of medical science. We learn from the *Dublin Medical Press* that he died in harness, having been, up to a few hours before his death, engaged in correcting the sheets of a psychological work, announced to be published on the first day of the coming year.

The statistics of the Faculty of Medicine in Paris show an increase in the number of students in comparison with previous years. The number of "inscriptions" for the doctorate from November 2nd to 21st has been 1132; and, for the diploma of *officier de santé*, 64; making all 1196. Of these, 293 are new entries, and 76 students have been transferred

from secondary schools or from other faculties. In 1859, the number of entries was 988, of which 270 were new.

Association Intelligence.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Letters or communications for the JOURNAL should be addressed to Dr. WYNTER, Coleherne Court, Old Brompton, S.W.

Letters regarding the business department of the JOURNAL, and corrected proofs, should be sent to 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

BRANCH MEETING TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES. [Ordinary Meeting.]	Medical Department, Birmingham Library, Union Street.	Thursday, December 13, 6 P.M.

Reports of Societies.

NORTH LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1860.

POISONING BY STRYCHNIA: RECOVERY.

BY JAS. PART, M.D. F.R.C.S.

THE patient, a domestic servant, aged 31, had swallowed the contents of a paper of "Battle's vermin-killer" about three-quarters of an hour before she was seen by Dr. Part. One of these papers, according to Dr. Letheby's analysis, contains from 20 to 23 per cent. of strychnia, or about three grains. When visited, she was just recovering from a severe tetanic spasm, and was supported on a chair by two men employed on the establishment, whom her screams, when the spasm attacked her, had brought to her assistance. The trunk and limbs were still powerfully extended, and she merely rested against the edge of the chair. The expression of the countenance was wild and anxious; the eyes were staring, and wide open; the pupils widely dilated. The face and neck had a dirty blueish aspect, and the former was covered with a cold perspiration. A strong emetic of sulphate of zinc and ipecacuanha was immediately given, and cold water was applied to the head. On touching any portion of the body, or when any movement took place of those about her, she was thrown into slight tetanic spasms, like those produced by electric shocks, which were continued at intervals. The legs were continually drawn gradually asunder. This position seemed painful to her, as she constantly requested to have them placed together. As the emetic did not act for nearly three-quarters of an hour, a second was administered. About a quarter of an hour after this, she became exhausted, and requested to be laid on the floor. This movement brought on a most alarming fit. The arms and legs were powerfully extended; the feet drawn widely apart, and everted; the muscles of the back being in a state of the most powerful spasmodic action, amounting to complete opisthotonos. The expression of the countenance again became wild; the face resumed its dusky purplish hue; the eyes again became widely open and protruding; the pupils so much dilated that the irides were barely visible. After remaining several seconds in this condition, the whole muscular system appeared at once to quiver; the spasm relaxed; her hands loosed their hold, the arms falling by her side; the angles of the mouth were drawn down; the jaw dropped; she heaved a deep sigh, and she was believed to be dead. After some seconds, another inspiration, apparently brought on by cold affusion to the head and chest, seemed slightly to restore animation, and she gradually began to breathe, after which she slowly recovered from the attack. In about ten minutes after this attack, she began to vomit, to facilitate which, copious draughts of warm water were given. She continued to vomit at intervals for more than two hours. As the vomiting continued, so the spasms appeared to abate in their intensity;

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—

- BLAGDEN, Robert, Esq., Surgeon, Stroud, on December 2.
 BRYANT, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, Stewkley, on December 3.
 BURN, Alexander, M.D., at Brompton, on December 1.
 DICK, Robert, M.D., Kensington, on December 1.
 *ELLIS, Robert W., Esq., Bristol, on December 4.
 INNES, F. W., M.D., C.B., Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, at Corfu, on November 23.
 *RICHARDSON, Benjamin W., M.D., Hinde Street, on Dec. 5.
 SUMNER, W. A., Esq., Surgeon, Wellington Terrace, on Nov. 27.

Of daughters, the wives of—

- BARNARD, J. W., M.D., Hastings, on November 28.
 *HARDING, Thos. M., Esq., Stourbridge, on November 23.
 *HUMPHRY, Frederick A., Esq., Brighton, on December 1.
 JONES, J. D., M.D., Dalston, on December 1.
 LE SAGE, Wm. L., Esq., Surgeon, Wickford, on November 29.
 WILLIAMSON, George, M.D., Staff-Surgeon, at the Cape of Good Hope, on September 29.

MARRIAGES.

- STOVIN, Cornelius F., M.D., Mildenhall, to Elizabeth, daughter of Cornelius Stovin, Esq., of Binbrook Hill, Lincolnshire, at St. Pancras Church, on November 26.
 ZIERVOGEL, Jeremias F., Esq., Surgeon, to Susannah H. S., fourth daughter of James Cawood, Esq., of Stamford Hill, at St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, on December 3.

DEATHS.

- BARCLAY, John, Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, at Charlton, aged 37, on November 29.
 BLOMFELD. On December 1, at Grove Terrace, Peckham, aged 2 years, Ellen E., daughter of Josiah Blomfield, M.D.
 ECCLES, John, M.D., at Field Hall, Staffordshire, on Nov. 27.
 GATES, George John, Esq., Surgeon, formerly of Northampton, aged 40, on December 2.
 JEFFERY. On December 28, at Eastbourne, Margaret, wife of G. A. Jeffery, Esq., Surgeon.
 KELSON. On November 2, at Brixton, aged 37, Charles John, eldest son of J. J. Kelson, Esq., Surgeon, Bristol.
 MARSH, Sir Henry, M.D., in Dublin, on December 1.
 PRIESTLEY. On November 29, at 31, Somerset Street, aged 24 years, Edith Childe, elder daughter of W. O. Priestley, M.D.
 PURNELL, William A., Esq., late Physician-General, Bombay Army, at Blackheath, on November 25.
 WILLIAMSON. On October 4, at the Cape of Good Hope, aged 27, Sarah, wife of George Williamson, M.D., Staff-Surgeon.

PASS LISTS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. M.B. Examination for Honours.

Physiology and Comparative Anatomy.

- EASTON, John (Scholarship and Gold Medal), King's Coll.
 HARLEY, John (Gold Medal), King's College
 WEAVER, Frederick Poynton, Liverpool Inf., and Guy's

Surgery.

- BRACEY, Charles James (Scholarship and Gold Medal), Queen's College, Birmingham, and King's College
 BARTLETT, Thomas Hiron (Gold Medal), Queen's College, Birmingham, and King's College
 BRAITHWAITE, James, Leeds School of Med., and Guy's
 EASTON, John, King's College
 HARLEY, John, King's College } Equal.
 GRABHAM, Charles, St. Thomas's Hospital

Medicine.

- SMITH, Eustace (Scholarship and Gold Medal), University College
 HARLEY, John (Gold Medal), King's College
 BARTLETT, Thomas Hiron, Queen's, Birmingham, and King's College
 BRACEY, Charles James, Queen's, Birmingham, and King's College } Equal.

WINSLOW, Henry Forbes, King's College
 WOAKES, Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital
Midwifery.

- EASTON, John (Gold Medal), King's College
 BRACEY, Charles James, Queen's, Birmingham, and King's College
 WINTERBOTHAM, Washington Lafayette, University College
 CAYLEY, William, King's College
 BRAITHWAITE, James, Leeds School of Medicine, and Guy's Hospital
 HARLEY, John, King's College
 WINSLOW, Henry Forbes, King's College
 WEAVER, Frederick Poynton, Liverpool Infirmary, and Guy's Hospital
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- BARTLET, John Henry, University College
 BATTEN, Rayner Winterbotham, St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
 BOND, Francis Thomas, B.A., Queen's College, Birmingham
 BROADBENT, William Henry, Manchester Royal School of Medicine, and St. Mary's
 BUZZARD, Thomas, King's College
 CAMMACK, Thomas Armstrong, University College
 HUNT, Richard, Guy's Hospital
 JONES, Philip Sydney, University College
 THOMPSON, Edmund Symes, King's College

HEALTH OF LONDON—DECEMBER 1st, 1890.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week	{ Boys.. 870 Girls.. 620	1696 .. 1275
Average of corresponding weeks 1850-9	1662 ..	1397
Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 166; pneumonia, 126; phthisis, 166; small-pox, 4; scarlatina, 45; measles, 50; diphtheria, 9; whooping-cough, 40. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 314, being 30 above the corrected average.		
Barometer:		
Highest (Sat.) 29.639; lowest (Mon.) 29.265; mean 29.474.		
Thermometer:		
In sun—highest (Tu.) 69.0 degs.; lowest (Th.) 46.4 degs.		
In shade—highest (Fri.) 59.0 degs.; lowest (Sun.) 35.3 degs.		
Mean—41.6 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—1.03 degrees.		
Range—during week, 24.7 degrees; mean daily, 50 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 96.		
Mean direction of wind, Var.—Rain in inches, 0.81.		

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MR. THOMAS BOTT. There is a Medical Benevolent Fund in connection with the British Medical Association, and entirely distinct from the Royal Medical Benevolent College. Information regarding it may be obtained of the Secretary, Mr. William Self, Lucas Place, Commercial Road East, London. Subscriptions to the Fund may be forwarded to Mr. Self.

Communications have been received from:—DR. T. H. BARKEE; MR. RD. HUGHES; MR. RD. GRIFFIN; MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; DR. T. O. WARD; DR. A. WYNN WILLIAMS; DR. PARSONS; DR. BEALE; DR. A. T. H. WATERS; MR. W. H. FLOWER; DR. COPEMAN; DR. JAMES PART; MR. A. B. STEELE; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; DR. JAMES RUSSELL; DR. W. HINDS; DR. SKINNER; DR. T. J. WALKER; MR. R. W. ELLIS; MR. J. Z. LAURENCE; MR. PEMBERTON; DR. KIDD; and AN ASSOCIATE.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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1. On Diphtheria. By *Edward Headlam Greenhow, M.D. London: John W. Parker and Son. 1890.

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