

THE JUNIOR MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—The first general meeting of all the Medical Students' Societies connected with the different hospitals in London, will take place at King's College, Strand, on the 12th instant, for the purpose of taking into consideration the constitution proposed for the Junior Medical Society of London, by the Provisional Council elected from those Societies.

THE DANGERS OF WET-NURSING.—SIR: *Apropos* of "wet-nursing", the following story may amuse your readers. It was given in the *Chemical News*, in a review of a work entitled the *Practice of Hiring Wet-Nurses*. The story is quoted by Southey from Hoare's *Giraldus*.

"In our days a strange occurrence happened in the same district. A wild sow, which by chance had been suckled by a bitch famous for her nose, because so wonderfully active in the pursuit of wild animals, that in the faculty of scent she was greatly superior to dogs, who are assisted by natural instinct as well as by human art; an argument, that man (as well as every other wild animal) contracts the nature of the female who nurses him."

I am, etc., CHEMICUS.

The letters of Laicus and his friend, and those of Mr. Daniell and Mr. Gardner, shall appear in our next number.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. P. H. WILLIAMS; Dr. W. HINDS; Mrs. M. A. BAINES; Dr. SKINNER: THE MEDICAL OFFICERS of "THE LONDON SURGICAL HOME"; Dr. W. BUDD; Mr. J. H. CRISP; Mr. SAMUEL WOOD; Dr. DULVEY; Mr. J. G. APPLETON; Dr. THUDICHUM; Dr. J. G. SWAYNE; Mr. A. PRICHARD; Dr. DAVEY; Mr. ORMEROD; Dr. WATERS; Dr. SANDWITH; Dr. J. RUSSELL; Mr. BAILEY; Dr. T. K. CHAMBERS; and THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. A Manual of Qualitative Analysis. By Robert Galloway, F.C.S. London: Churchill. 1861.
2. Clinical and Pathological Notes on Pericarditis. By W. T. Gardner, M.D. Edinburgh: Sutherland and Knox. 1860.
3. Principles of Forensic Medicine. By Wm. A. Guy, M.B. Cantab. Second Edition. With numerous Illustrations on Wood. London: H. Renshaw. 1861.
4. Ale, Wine, Spirits, and Tobacco. A Lecture delivered before the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society. By John Barclay, M.D. London: Bosworth and Harrison. 1861.

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