

NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

APPOINTMENTS.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

BOLTON, Andrew, Esq., elected House Surgeon to the New-castle-on-Tyne Infirmary.

OBITUARY.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of those who at the time of their decease were Members of the Association.]

BATSON, George, Esq., Surgeon, at Red Lion Street, Wapping, aged 85, on November 29.

COCKLE, James, Esq., at 18, New Ormond Street, Queen Square, on Dec. 8th.

HUNTER, John, Esq., Surgeon, at 115, Upper Street, Islington, on December 1st.

HURST, Joshua H., M.D., at Morley, on Dec. 7th.

M'MORRIS, Ninian, Esq., late Surgeon R.N., at Devonshire Terrace, Camden Road, aged 66, on December 13th.

CHOLERA IN EDINBURGH. The Cholera Hospital in Surgeon Square, Edinburgh, under the charge of Dr. W. Begbie, was closed last week. No new cases had been admitted since the end of November; and the last patient had been dismissed convalescent.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN MEDICAL SOCIETY. The tenth annual meeting was held on Thursday the 7th inst., when the following officers were elected:—*President*: Peter Stewart, Esq., M.D.; *Vice-President*: John Leech, Esq., M.D.; *Secretary*: W. F. Lonergan, Esq.; *Treasurer*: James Stewart, Esq., M.D.; *Seal-Keeper*: David Tindall, Esq.; *Court Medical*: Dr. Peter Stewart, Convener, Dr. H. R. Howatt, Dr. James Morton, Dr. Robert Parker, J. Leech (late Secretary).

Mr. JACOB BELL, late M.P. for St. Albans, and well known as a respectable chemist and druggist in Oxford Street, has been defeated in the contest for the representation of the borough of Marylebone by Lord Ebrington, who was elected on Tuesday last by a great majority. The numbers were, EBRINGTON, 6919; BELL, 4160.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE CRIMEA. It is fearful to read, in the daily newspapers, in private letters from our professional friends in the Crimea, and in the medical journals of France, one uniform testimony to the miserable want of organisation which prevails in the medical service of the British Army now encamped before Sebastopol. After the two bloody battles of the Alma and Inkermann, the wounded were most imperfectly cared for; not so much from the want of surgical skill and medical comforts, as from the total want of system. Mr. Sidney Herbert attributes the apparent neglect to the multiplicity and complexity of the forms which have to be filled up before anything which is required can be obtained: an explanation which is so far encouraging as it is an official admission that improvement is required. The following extract from a correspondent at Constantinople, published in the *Gazette Hebdomadaire* of December 15th, shows with what eyes the French regard our system, or rather want of system.

"Quant aux Anglais, ils possèdent un magnifique hôpital turc, le plus bel hôpital du monde, celui de Haidar-Pacha, situé entre Kadikoy et Scutari, sur la côte d'Asie; il contient 1,000 et quelques lits; plus la grande caserne de Selimié, presque attenant à cet hôpital, qui peut contenir 15,000 hommes de troupes. Le service anglais laisse à désirer sous le rapport des médicaments et des médecins et chirurgiens. Ce qu'ils appellent *surgeon* ressemble aux officiers de santé français de l'ancien régime. Sur les réclamations des journaux anglais, le gouvernement s'est ému, et tout récemment il a envoyé quelques chirurgiens et quelques drogues; mais c'est encore très imparfait. Ce qui manque, c'est une bonne organisation."

FRENCH PATRIOTISM. Dr. Jules Cloquet, inspired by a generous feeling, has proposed to the Emperor to lend his country house, situated on the sea-shore, near Toulon, for the reception of officers of the army or navy wounded in the East. Louis Napoleon has written to Dr. Cloquet to say that he willingly accepts his offer, and congratulates him on the patriotic and charitable manner in which he proposes to employ his villa.

MEDICAL LIBRARY, OXFORD. The "Radcliffe", at Oxford, the medical library of the University, was favoured with something new on the 9th inst. Dr. Acland, the successor of Dr. Kidd, entertained about 500 of the *élite* of the colleges, to arrange the new museum shortly to be erected in this city.

SURGEONS FOR THE ARMY. In consequence of the great number of medical men required for our army, the Court of Examiners of the College of Surgeons find it necessary to meet three times a week to examine gentlemen producing the Director-General's warrant to proceed to the East.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES, IN SCOTLAND. Under the Act 17 and 18 Victoria, cap. 80, for the establishment in Scotland of a system of Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, the Sheriff of Mid-Lothian has divided the city of Edinburgh, within the Parliamentary bounds, into the following districts:—1. District of Dean, Boroughmuirhead, and Morningside; *Registrar*—John Thomson, Session Clerk of St. Cuthbert's Parish, 14, Lothian Road. 2. District of Newington and Grange; *Registrar*—Joseph Morrison, 50, Clerk Street. 3. District of the Castle and Portsburgh; *Registrar*—Thomas Heriot, Forrest Road. 4. District of St. Giles; *Registrar*—G. C. Adams, High Street. 5. District of Holyrood and Canongate; *Registrar*—John Hunter, 163, Canongate; *Assistant-Registrar*—Peter Beattie, Inspector of Poor, parish of Canongate. 6. District of Calton and Bonnington; *Registrar*—Andrew Balfour, Broughton Street. 7. District of Heriot and Warristow; *Registrar*—David Beaton, Sessions Clerk of the city of Edinburgh. The portion of the parish of St. Cuthbert's, which is beyond the Parliamentary bounds of the city of Edinburgh, has been united with the district of Dean, Boroughmuirhead, and Morningside; and the portion of the parish of Canongate, similarly situated, has been united with the district of Holyrood and Canongate. The burgh of Leith has been divided into two districts—North Leith and South Leith. A coloured map, showing the registration districts of Edinburgh and Leith, is published by Messrs. W. and A. K. Johnstone, 4, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh. We trust that the system of registration which has been adopted in Scotland will enable some light to be thrown on the local condition and other circumstances connected with the fevers which so frequently prevail in some parts of Edinburgh.

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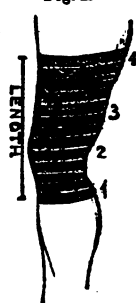


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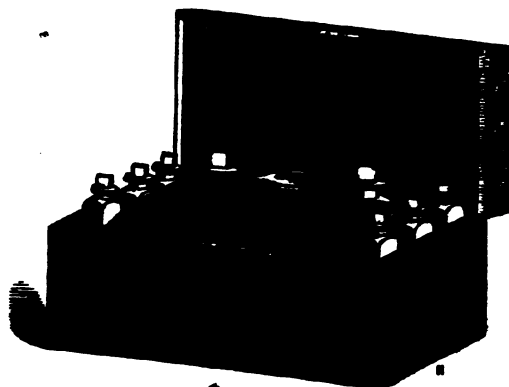
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