

## NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

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many and great objections. Instead of the present very limited competition for prizes, the teachers would have power to institute a comparison of the relative merits of all the students in the school.

"The plan of frequent compulsory and practical examination, it is true, is not adopted in the case of students of other professions. It may be remarked, however, that many of the Colleges in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, finding that the University examinations are insufficient to insure regular study, even under the system of discipline and tutorial instruction which characterise an university education, now insist on sessional or annual examinations. And your memorialists deem that such a test of real solid acquirement may be more readily dispensed with in other professions, since the fitness of those engaged in them is more open to general criticism, and ignorance is more readily detected and exposed.

"Your memorialists trust that the statements and suggestions which they have now taken the liberty to lay before your Court may be thought worthy of meeting with its consideration, and that your Court may be induced to take steps effectually to remedy the evils herein set forth, which their conviction of the importance of the subject has induced them to bring under its notice.

"ROBERT TEMPLE FRERE, *Chairman.*  
"CAMPBELL DE MORGAN, *Secretary.*"

**INJURIES FROM PARTICLES THROWN OFF IN MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.** The Society of Arts has issued the following circular:—

"Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce,  
Adelphi, London, 2nd April, 1855.

"SIR,—The Council of the Society of Arts propose to publish after the close of the present session a report on the inconveniences and injuries to health arising from the dust, fluff, flue, grit, filings, or other small fragments thrown off in manufacturing processes. The plan of the report will be like that 'On Injuries to the Eyes,' published in the Journal of the Society of Arts of January 12th, 1855. The Council trust you will aid their efforts by answering as fully and accurately as you can such of the accompanying questions as your experience may enable you to reply to.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"P. LE NEVE FOSTER, *Secretary.*

"1. What occupations have you known to be injurious from the dust, fluff, flue, grit, filings, or other fragments thrown off?

"2. What particular parts of such occupations are injurious or most injurious?

"3. What classes of persons are most affected by the deleterious agents above named, either in consequence of their age, habits, health, sex, or other peculiarity?

"4. What has been the nature and progress of the injuries to health which you have personally known to follow the occupations pointed out?

"5. Have you seen in use any contrivances or treatment for obviating the bad effects complained of? Have they been successful? And, if not, what has been the cause of failure?

"6. Can you suggest any contrivances which might be tried for the above purpose? and can you furnish or refer to models and drawings of the same?

"7. Can you refer to or furnish any statistical details on the above subjects?"

**INLAND VALES FOR INVALIDS.** A correspondent of the *Lancet* a short time since says: "I happen to have wandered about in search of health to many of the famous resorts for invalids, both on the continent and in this country; and, after finding the east wind every where abroad, without English comforts indoors to defend myself from it—after being chilled in the summer by the drizzle of the sea-coast, and shivering in the winter at Bath, Leamington, Cheltenham, and elsewhere—I stumbled, by chance, and with no sanitary foresight of my own, on a spot precisely such as you have described in your article as likely to be the most salubrious—'an inland mountainous district, with a westerly exposure, and protected from the east and north winds'—and found there, among the mountains of Cumberland, a climate in all respects more grateful than any I had met with in the south. I had trial for some years, both as an invalid and after recovering my health, the climate in question, and have been long so convinced of its great superiority to most of those resorted to by invalids, that I have often urged upon me-

dical men the importance of making its virtues known to the profession at large. Few members of the medical profession, however, who have made the subject of climate their study, are acquainted with the Cumberland mountains, except as summer tourists; and most of them with whom I have conversed think of the country as a hyperborean region, uninhabitable in winter except by the aborigines—a land of mist and showers, surrounded by mountains sheeted in snow from October till May—quite unacquainted with the fact, that within the embraces of these rugged hills lie scenes of fairy beauty and sheltered sunny nooks such as the invalid may in vain search for elsewhere throughout England. At Ambleside, Grasmere, and perhaps especially on the breast of Skiddaw, where there is a rich sheltered slope, called, by Gray the poet, 'the sweetest nook in all the lakes', protected from the east by Latrigg, and from the north by Skiddaw, looking forth to a scene of lakes, and plains, and tumultuous mountains, unrivalled for beauty and grandeur, there may be found localities better adapted to many invalids than any of our sea-coasts or great watering places, and with which, for an invalid of English habits, no continental resort can be compared."

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

## The Medical Officer to a large

Union Workhouse, situated in the Country, is in want of a Qualified ASSISTANT, who will reside in the house, and have medical charge of the inmates in the absence of the Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with maintenance in the house. References as to moral character and professional attainments will be required. Address, G., care of Dr. CORMACK, 37, Russell Square.

## University &amp; King's College, Aber-

DEEN MEDICAL SCHOOL.—The WINTER SESSION commences on the first Monday of November, and terminates on the third Friday of April. INTRODUCTORY LECTURE on the first Monday of November, at Two o'clock p.m.

SUBJECTS AND LECTURERS.	HOURS.	FEES.
Midwifery—Dr. RAINY	8 to 9 A.M.	£3 8 0
Anatomical Demonstrations—Dr. REDFERN	12 to 1 P.M.	2 2 0
Chemistry—Dr. FYFE	10½ to 11½ A.M.	3 5 6
Materia Medica—Dr. RATTRAY	9 to 10 A.M.	3 3 0
Practice of Medicine—Dr. WILLIAMSON	1 to 2 P.M.	3 3 0
Anatomy and Physiology—Dr. REDFERN	2 to 3 P.M.	3 3 0
Surgery—Dr. KERR	3 to 4 P.M.	3 3 0
Institutes of Medicine (Physiology)—Dr. CHRISTIE	4 to 5 P.M.	3 3 0

## SUMMER SESSION.

Botany—Rev. J. C. BROWN	8 to 9 A.M.	£2 2 0
Practical Chemistry—Dr. FYFE	12 to 1 P.M.	3 5 6
Anatomical Demonstrations—Dr. REDFERN	2 to 3 P.M.	2 2 0
Medical Jurisprudence—Dr. REID	3 to 4 P.M.	2 2 0
Histology—Dr. REDFERN		
Natural Philosophy—DAVID THOMSON, M.A.		2 2 0
Natural History—Rev. J. LONGMUIR		

The Rooms for Practical Anatomy are personally superintended by Dr. REDFERN.

Students are required to matriculate within the first month of the Winter Session, and within the first fortnight of the Summer Session, and no certificate of attendance will be given without such matriculation. The Matriculation Fee for all the Classes is one sum of 5s. for the Winter, and one of 2s. 6d. for the Summer Session.

CHEMISTRY will be taught, as formerly, in King's College; and the other Classes in the Medical School, St. Paul's Street.

## ROYAL INFIRMARY.

The Hospital is open daily at 10 o'clock, A.M., and contains upwards of 300 beds. Separate Courses on CLINICAL MEDICINE and CLINICAL SURGERY are delivered in the Hospital twice a-week.

Physicians—Dr. DYCE, Dr. KILGOUR, Dr. W. WILLIAMSON, and Dr. NICOL. Surgeons—WM. KEITH, Esq., WM. PIRRIE, Esq., DAVID KERR, Esq., and AND A. J. LIZARS, Esq.

Ophthalmic Surgeon—JOHN CADENHEAD, Esq.

Lecturers on Clinical Medicine and Surgery—Dr. KILGOUR and WILLIAM KEITH, Esq.

Fee for the Medical and Surgical Practice of the Hospital, 1st year, £3 : 3 ; 2nd year, making perpetual, £3 : 3 ; or one sum of £5 : 5.

CLINICAL MEDICINE—for the first Course, £1 : 1 ; Subsequent Courses, £1 : 1 each.

CLINICAL SURGERY—for the first Course, £1 : 1 ; Subsequent Courses, £1 : 1 each.

DISPENSARY—The ABERDEEN GENERAL DISPENSARY, VACCINE, and LYING-IN INSTITUTION, is open to the Student on application to the Medical Officers. There are annually about 5000 patients, either prescribed for at the Institution or visited at their own houses.

LUNATIC ASYLUM—The Asylum contains about 240 patients. A limited number of Students are admitted to see the practice. Fee, for a Course of Three Months, £2 : 2.

Consulting Physician, Dr. MACROBIN.

Resident Physician and Superintendent, Dr. ROBT. JAMIESON.

The Library of the University contains about 55,000 volumes, and is free to all the Students of KING'S COLLEGE.

The Medico-Chirurgical Society possesses a valuable Medical Library of nearly 4000 volumes, and a Reading-Room, to both of which, and to all the privileges of Junior Members, Students are admitted on payment of £1 : 1 per year, becoming free Members after three payments.

FREDERICK FULLER, *Secretary.*

King's College, Aberdeen, September, 1855.