

DR. KANE, THE ARCTIC VOYAGER. Our American advices state that a despatch had been received in New York by Mr. H. Grinell, conveying sad intelligence of the intrepid Dr. Kane. The despatch comes *via* Mobile, and is as follows:—

"Havannah, February 13th, 1857.

"Dr. Kane is still alive, but he can't last through the day. His mind keeps right. He has just left his friends, and bidden his countrymen farewell.

"W. MORTON."

Mr. Morton has been Dr. Kane's faithful servant and steward for the last seven years, and accompanied him twice to the Arctic regions. Dr. Kane is thirty-four years of age. His disease is of a scrofulous nature, arising from scurvy and exposure during his northern explorations. His life has four times been almost despaired of—once in Egypt, from an attack of plague; once in Africa, prostrated by the African fever; once in the Mediterranean, with lock-jaw; and he was dangerously wounded in the Mexican war, while carrying despatches for General Scott between Vera Cruz and Mexico. (*Times*.)

DISPENSING OF MEDICINES BY HOMEOPATHIC PRACTITIONERS. The Imperial Court of Bordeaux, in November last, decided, in respect to a case brought before it, that the infinite small doses of homeopathic medicines had no active power which could bring them under the control of the law regulating the sale of drugs in France. An appeal against this decision having been brought before the Court of Cassation at Angoulême, it was there ruled that homeopaths have no right to dispense their own medicines, but that they must confine themselves to prescribing, and have their medicines furnished by druggists keeping open shops.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS and other COMMUNICATIONS for the JOURNAL should be directed to the private address of the Editor, 39, Curzon Street, May Fair.

TO CONTRIBUTORS. The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others, would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers *always* deter the reader from commencing them, this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

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NOTICE.—DR. WYNTER will feel obliged if the Associates will address all Post Office Orders in payment of Subscriptions, to the Publisher, MR. THOMAS JOHN HONEYMAN, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W. C., "Bloomsbury Branch"; and he would also feel obliged by their sending all communications respecting the non-receipt of the Journal, to the same address; as both these matters are out of the province of the Editor.

A STUDENT is recommended to make the best use of the opportunities afforded him of acquiring such a knowledge of his profession as shall obviate embarrassment in emergencies. A clear knowledge of principles, and sound common sense, are the best guides of every medical man. But, if our correspondent wishes to have a portable book which he may use to refresh his memory in difficult cases, we would recommend to him "Shaw's Medical Remembrancer," published by Churchill.

A VILLAGE DOCTOR, whose letter on Professional Charges appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of February 7, will much oblige by forwarding his name and address to the Editor. A letter for the "Village Doctor" has been forwarded to the Office of the JOURNAL, but his address, formerly given, has unfortunately been mislaid.

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL PRACTICE. The subjoined Circular has been forwarded to us. Dr. Eadon's condescension in consenting to extend the benefits of Homeopathy to the working classes, at low charges, will no doubt be duly appreciated.

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among others, asks us the following questions. "If the smoke does not enter the lungs, how is it that I have seen it come from an opening in the trachea as long as the pipe was kept in the mouth; and where does the black sputum come from in miners and others who are exposed to dust and smoke". In answer to the first part of this question, we must confess that we have never had the opportunity of seeing the smoke coming from an opening in the trachea; and with respect to the second, it answers itself; it is the coal dust of the atmosphere which enters the lungs and blackens the sputum, the tobacco smoke having nothing to do with it. The sputa of colliers, who never smoke, is just as black as that of those who do. Our correspondent again asks, "What does your statement of its consumption in the Asylums prove, except that it is has become necessary from abuse, and the habit cannot be abandoned all at once; does it not lead to the presumption that a many of the patients have smoked away their senses, and thus been sent to the Asylums to be cured?" The answer to this question is simple. Women preponderate in Lunatic Asylums, and women, as a rule, do not smoke.

W.B. Our series of Articles on the "Diseases of Special Occupations" will commence next week, with a Paper on the "Grinders' Disease", by our Associate, Dr. J. C. HALL, of Sheffield. It will be continued weekly.

Communications have been received from:—DR. J. C. HALL; DR. J. BALLARD PITT; MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; MR. JOHN BURROWS; DR. G. GODDARD ROGERS; MR. J. S. GAMGEE; MR. H. W. RUMSEY; DR. DAVID NELSON; MR. GEORGE GREAVES; DR. EDWARD SMITH; MR. WILLIAM MITCHELL CLARKE; DR. W. O. MARKHAM; MR. T. HOLMES; MR. THOMAS PAGET; DR. LITTLE; DR. F. BRITTON; DR. H. REID; DR. HALFORD; DR. SIEVEKING; DR. MCWILLIAM; MR. ARTHUR B. RYE; DR. RADCLIFFE HALL; MR. E. McDERMOT; MR. W. H. WINCHESTER; DR. SLOANE; and MR. LUTPON.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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

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2. Clinical Lectures on Certain Diseases of the Urinary Organs: and on Dropsies. By Robert Bentley Todd, M.D., F.R.S. London: Churchill. 1857.
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4. The Anatomical Remembrancer or Complete Pocket Anatomist. Fifth Edition. London: Churchill. 1857.
5. Cranial Presentations and Cranial Positions: suggestions Practical and Critical. By *R. U. West, M.D. pp. 60. W. Mackenzie, Paternoster Row, London.
6. Address to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, delivered on the taking the Chair of the Society, December 17th, 1856. By *James Miller, F.R.S.E., Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. pp. 16. Edinburgh: Murray & Gibb.
7. The Monogenesis of Physical Forces: a Lecture delivered at the London Institution on February 18, 1857. By Alfred Smeee, F.R.S. London: Longmans. 1857.
8. Statistical Society of London. First Report of the Committee on Beneficent Institutions. 1. The Medical Charities of the Metropolis. London: John William Parker & Son. 1857.

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