

who was down about a week since. This led to the remark by the Bench, that the certificate was signed, "T. F. Theed, for self and E. Llewellyn"; and that it was very unlikely that, if Mr. Llewellyn signed the certificate, he would sign it by writing Theed's name first; but it bore every symptom of the writing being that of the defendant. Mr. Barnett contended that the professional title related to Mr. Llewellyn only, and must be read in certificates in the singular number, as "Member of the Royal College", and not as "members". He also contended that Theed never held himself out to be registered. The magistrates overruled Mr. Barnett in all his objections, and convicted the defendant in the mitigated penalty of forty shillings and costs, or, in default, one month's imprisonment; at the same time intimating to the defendant that the smallness of the fine was out of consideration for his circumstances. Mr. Barnett said he should apply to the magistrates for a case for the opinion of the court above; and it was understood that the case was to be prepared and submitted to the magistrates. The magistrates intimated to the defendant that his connexion with a duly registered practitioner would not save him from the penalty indicted by the Medical Act.

ROYAL APPROBATION OF MEDICAL ENERGY. In July of last year, Surgeon-Major Pessoa was appointed to the direction of the hospital connected with the depôt for recruits at Mafra (Lisbon). He applied himself at once to improve the organisation of the hospital, and increase its capabilities for receiving patients. His endeavours in this direction were witnessed by the King of Portugal, who was in the daily habit of visiting the hospital; and, in September last, His Majesty presented to Senhor Pessoa the work of Krocq on fractures, with the following autograph inscription:—"To Surgeon-Major F. L. C. Pessoa, of the general depôt for recruits, in testimony of esteem for the zeal displayed in the performance of his duties. (Signed) D. Pedro V." The *Gazeta Medica de Lisboa* for April 16th, in recording the circumstance, observes that in the narrative there are comprised a series of acts worthy of praise; the surgeon major devoting himself to his mission, the members of the royal cabinet aiding him, and the monarch animating them and the patients by his presence, and rewarding good services.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. The lectures will be resumed on Tuesday, May 1st, by Professor Quekett, who will deliver lectures on the Component Parts of Animals and Vegetables, and continue the same on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock. Professor Hilton will conclude the course by giving six lectures on the Influence of Rest in the Treatment of Disease.

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE. Extensive additions are being made to the school buildings of the Middlesex Hospital; in a great measure necessitated by practical tests to which the candidates for the various diplomas are now submitted. A new chemical theatre, a laboratory for the class of practical chemistry, and a room for histological and microscopical investigation, are in course of erection. The space occupied by the present library will be added to the museum; and the existing chemical theatre will be converted into a library. These alterations are being carried out with the approbation and by the co-operation of the Weekly Board of the Hospital; the Chairman, Mr. Michael Smith, taking an active part in promoting this, as well as all other improvements which tend to increase the efficiency of the Middlesex Hospital as an educational establishment. We understand that it is proposed to add to the body of purely technical lecturers a professor of modern languages, in order that every facility may be given to those students who may desire to continue their general education during their residence in London.

HEALTH OF LONDON—APRIL 21st, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.		Deaths.
During week	{ Boys.. 923	{ 1757	.. 1407
	{ Girls.. 834	{	
Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58	1685		.. 1180

Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 157; pneumonia, 73; phthisis, 181; small-pox, 20; scarlatina, 26; measles, 33; diphtheria, 11; hooping-cough, 61. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 253, being 55 above the corrected average.

Barometer:
Highest (Mon.) 30.133; lowest (Sat.) 29.605; mean 29.926.

Thermometer:
In sun—highest (Tues.) 104.0 degrees; lowest (Thurs.) 58.0 degrees.
In shade—highest (Mon.) 61.0 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 30.8 degrees.
Mean—12.3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4.0 degrees.
Range—during week, 30.0 degrees; mean daily, 18.7 degrees.
Mean humidity of air (saturation = 100), 76.
Mean direction of wind, N.E.—Rain in inches, 0.07.

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