

"MY DEAR BEETSON,—I was very sorry indeed to see in the Gazette that you were removed from your appointment. It came like a thunderclap on me. It is not for me to inquire why you have been so dealt with, but all I can say is *we shall never have a better Superintending Surgeon*, nor one who gave more satisfaction to all the Medical Officers in the Division: however, I trust this cloud may soon blow over, and the horizon be bright and clear again."

Here is a communication from Dr. Clementson, Zillah Surgeon, Tinnevely:—

"MY DEAR DOCTOR,—With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo, I beg to state, as far as one holding lately a subordinate position may be permitted to do so, that officially you have always been careful to see that both I and my subordinates conducted our duties efficiently, and according to the rules of the service; and, in the matter of periodical returns, any incorrections were immediately brought to our notice."

The *Madras Daily Times*, in an article quoted in the *Indian Lancet* for April 1st, takes the side of Dr. Macpherson; and informs us that "Mr. Beetson was removed from his appointment and allowed to remain out of employment, until he had served for the highest rate of pension, when he finally retired from the public service."

**THE AFFINITIES OF VACCINE MATTER.** The old question as to the identity of grease in horses with vaccine has lately been revived at Toulouse. Dr. Fontan, in a letter to the *Union Médicale* of last Tuesday, states that there has lately been in that city an epizootic of grease, characterised by the presence of pustules. At the veterinary school there, the udders of cows have been inoculated with the matter from these pustules, with the result of obtaining fine pustules of cow-pock. From these cows, thirty children have been vaccinated; in all the operation has succeeded, so far as regards the production of characteristic pustules, and in none have there been any constitutional symptoms. A public commission has been appointed to follow out these experiments.

**PROSECUTION FOR ILLEGAL PRACTICE IN FRANCE.** On February 9th Mlle. M. Bressac was condemned, for illegal practice, by the Tribunal of Correctional Police at Lyons, to pay two fines of 15 francs each, together with 1000 francs to the medical men who had brought the action, and to be imprisoned two days. Against this decision she appealed to the Imperial Court at Lyons; founding the appeal principally on the fact that her prescriptions had been fortified by the signature of a medical man. The Court, however, confirmed both the decisions of the tribunal.

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.** On Monday, June 4th, a paper will be read, entitled "Suggestions towards a better method of observing Epidemics." By J. N. Radcliffe, Esq.

#### HEALTH OF LONDON—MAY 26TH, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week .....	{ Boys.. 812 Girls.. 838 }	1680 .. 1087
Average of corresponding weeks 1840-58 .....	1406 ..	1133
Among the causes of death were—	bronchitis, 81; pneumonia, 48; phthisis, 171; small-pox, 24; scarlatina, 26; measles, 51; diphtheria, 8; hooping-cough, 33. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 157, being 1·6 below the corrected average.	
<b>Barometer:</b>		
Highest (Mon.) 30·208; lowest (Sat.) 29·208; mean 29·850.		
<b>Thermometer:</b>		
In sun—highest (Wed.) 130·8 degrees; lowest (Fri.) 105·7 degrees.		
In shade—highest (Wed.) 70·5 degrees; lowest (Mon.) 45·3 degrees.		
Mean—50·0 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs. + 4·8 degrees.		
Range—during week, 31·2 degrees; mean daily, 24·7 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 67.		
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0·20.		

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENTS should always enclose their names to the Editor; not for publication, but in token of good faith. No attention can be paid to communications not thus authenticated.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

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