

NEW DISPENSARY AT CARLISLE. The first stone of a new Dispensary at Carlisle was laid on September 17th. The ground floor will comprise patients' waiting-room, consulting-room, drug-room, entrance and staircase to the apothecary's house, yard behind the building, and the requisite appurtenances. The upper floor will be occupied by the apothecary's apartments, and committee-room, complete. The exterior character of the building will be Italian. The edifice is to be built of Prudham stone. Previously to lowering the stone, copies of each of the local papers, with a number of coins, were wrapped in lead and placed within a square aperture in the centre, and enclosed within a metal plate bearing the following inscription:

"Carlisle Dispensary. This foundation stone was laid by John Waldie, late treasurer and secretary to the institution, September 17th, 1857, George Mounsey, Esq., being mayor of Carlisle, and the Very Rev. Francis Close, D.D., dean; Thomas Barns, M.D., Gustavus Evans, M.D., Matthew John Rae, M.D., and the Rev. William Rees, A.M., constituting the building committee; John Laver, secretary and treasurer; George Johnstone Langford, surgeon and apothecary; John Hodgson, architect; Richard Wright, builder; Cameron and Briggs, carpenters."

Mr. Waldie gave an interesting history of the progress of the Carlisle Dispensary since its original foundation in 1782.

POISONING BY ACONITE IN MISTAKE FOR HENBANE. A case of accidental poisoning occurred last week, which resulted in the death of the wife of Dr. Trotter, a physician residing in Old Elvet, Durham. It appears that Mrs. Trotter, for some time past, had been suffering from *tic douloureux*; and during some conversation Dr. Trotter had upon the subject with Mr. Robson, a surgeon of the same city, the latter recommended a liniment containing tincture of aconite. At the time, Dr. Trotter mentioned the repugnance or dislike he had to aconite, in consequence of his wife some years ago having nearly taken it through mistake for some other medicine. He, however, got the liniment made up and applied it to the face of Mrs. Trotter; but its beneficial effects not being apparent, he went to Mr. Robson's surgery to get some tincture of henbane for her. Mr. Robson was in the surgery at the time, and states positively that Dr. Trotter asked for tincture of aconite, which he took from a bottle containing the tincture, which was securely fastened and corked; while, on the other hand, Dr. Trotter asserts as positively that he asked for tincture of henbane. The tincture was administered during the day to the deceased by Dr. Trotter, under the firm impression that it was henbane; and after taking it she complained of sickness, and vomited. She, however, fell asleep, and at night, feeling somewhat better, Dr. Trotter administered another dose of the tincture, which speedily brought on increased sickness, and led the deceased to remark that she wondered if any mistake had arisen on the part of Mr. Robson. Dr. Trotter went and called up Mr. Robson during the night, and on asking what he had given him during the morning, the melancholy truth was elicited, Mr. Robson replying that he gave him aconite as asked for. On Dr. Trotter returning home, the deceased was suffering from all the symptoms concomitant to poison, and in a short time afterwards she expired. An inquest was held on the body on October 1st, and the following verdict was returned: "That the deceased came to her death by a dose of aconite administered by mistake; but how the mistake occurred there is no evidence to show."

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A correspondent, referring to our remarks upon Dr. Barrow, informs us that every schoolboy ought to know that he was "the most profound thinker of the age." Of course we did not require to be informed who Dr. Barrow was: our remarks merely pointed out the absurdity of placing him as the companion of Bacon and Newton. Dr. Barrow was undoubtedly a profound thinker; but even profound thinking is comparative, and we still think that he was not *quite* worthy to stand between two of the most illustrious men England has produced.

The Report of the Meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch is in type, and will be inserted next week.

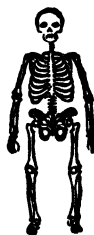
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2. Medical Anatomy. By *Francis Sibson, M.D., F.R.S. Fasciculus V. London: John Churchill. 1857.
3. Life: its Relations Animal and Mental. An Inaugural Dissertation. By J. Dickson Bruns, A.M., M.D. Charleston: 1857.
4. Human Osteology: comprising a Description of the Bones: with Delineations of the Attachments of the Muscles: the General and Microscopic Structure of Bone and its Development. To which is added, a Brief Notice of the Unity of Type in the Construction of the Vertebrate Skeleton. By Luther Holden, F.R.C.S. London: Churchill. 1857.
5. Report of the Surgical Staff of the Middlesex Hospital to the Weekly Board and Governors, upon the Treatment of Cancerous Disease in the Hospital, on the Plan introduced by Dr. Fell. London: John Churchill. 1857.
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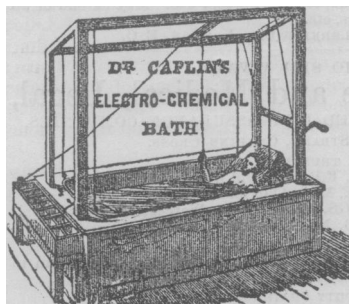
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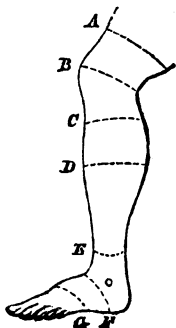
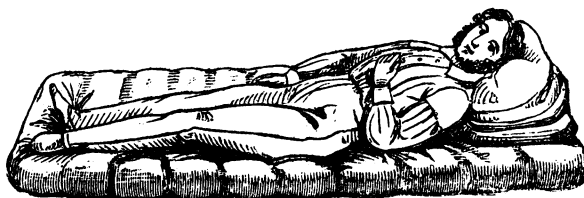
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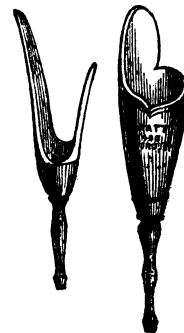
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