

amendment was withdrawn, and the House determined to disagree with the Lords' amendment.

The remaining amendments were then considered and agreed to, and a Committee was appointed to draw up reasons for disagreeing with one of the Lords' amendments, and to confer with their Lordships on the subject.

LUNATICS (SCOTLAND) ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Lords' amendments to this Bill were considered and agreed to.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.

On the consideration of the Lords' amendments to this Bill, Mr. COWPER said the principal amendment introduced in the House of Lords was a clause for the protection of homœopaths. [*A laugh.*] Recently, the officers of the University of Aberdeen, in examining a candidate, asked whether, if he obtained his degree, he was prepared utterly and solemnly to renounce the practice of homœopathy. The candidate declined to give such a pledge; and a clause had been introduced in the other House providing that if any College of Physicians or Surgeons, or any University, should impose any tests or conditions upon any person who presented himself for examination, the Privy Council should be empowered to issue an order restricting the degrees or diplomas of such body from entitling any person to be registered under this Act so long as those conditions were maintained.

Lord ELCHO wished, before this Bill left this House, to say that he thought it on the whole a very liberal and just measure. The subject had now for thirty years been under the consideration of Parliament, and if they had now succeeded in passing a good Bill, he believed it to be mainly owing to the conciliatory spirit shown by the Home Secretary. [*Hear, hear.*]

Mr. BRADY also wished to express his belief that the conduct of the right honourable gentleman deserved the warmest thanks of the profession, which would remember with gratitude his efforts to settle a question that had puzzled successive statesmen for the last thirty years. [*Hear, hear.*]

The Lords' amendments were then agreed to.

Medical News.

SEA FISH. A few days ago M. Coste communicated a paper to the Academy of Sciences, in which he stated that, with the aid of the Minister of Public Works, he had been enabled to create a kind of marine observatory at Concarneau (Finistère) for the purpose of studying the habits and instinct of various sea fish. A terrace has been formed on the top of a house on the quay, with reservoirs arranged like a flight of steps. The sea water is pumped up to the topmost reservoir, and thence flows down slowly, after the manner of a rivulet, 50 centimetres in breadth, along all the other reservoirs, which together form a length of about 80 metres. This length is divided into 95 cells by wire-net partitions, which, allowing free passage to the water, yet prevent the different species of fish from mingling together. By this contrivance each kind lives separate, enjoying its peculiar food and habits. Having described this apparatus M. Coste gave an account of the results of his observations. Some species, such as the mullet, the stickleback, etc., grow perfectly tame, will follow the hand that offers them food, and will even allow themselves to be taken out of the water. The turbot swallows fish of a much larger size than would appear compatible with the apparent smallness of its mouth. The pipe-fish form groups, entwining their tails together, and remaining immovable in a vertical position, with their heads upwards. When food is offered them they turn round on their backs to receive it. This is owing to the position of the mouth, which is placed under a kind of beak, and perpendicular to its axis. The crustaceous tribes have also furnished much matter of observation.

HEALTH OF THE TROOPS IN INDIA. All over the North-West the troops are being housed, and operations cease until the fierce heat has a little abated. The sun has been more deadly than the enemy. As if to try the endurance of Englishmen to the utmost, the season has been such as has not been known since 1833. Those who know Bengal will understand it when I say that on the 15th inst. one clergyman in Calcutta buried 48 Englishmen, chiefly sailors. In one ship the captain, chief mate, and 26 men had all apoplexy at once.

Nine men from Fort William were buried one morning from the same cause. Her Majesty's 19th, at Barrackpore, who are nearly all under cover, and who are most carefully looked after, have 200 men unfit for duty from immense boils. Colonel Stratton, of Her Majesty's 77th, just arrived from Australia, marched his men to Dumdum, eight miles, with their stocks on. An hour after he and his instructor in rifle practice were both dead of apoplexy. All over the country paragraph after paragraph announces the deaths of so many men at such a place from apoplexy. Fortunately the rains are setting in, and in a month it will be comparatively cool.

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The Report of the Reading Branch, and other articles, are unavoidably deferred.

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A LICENTIATE. Licentiates of the Edinburgh College of Surgeons, and of the Glasgow Faculty, are entitled under the new act to register, and to recover charges for general professional attendance.

Mr. Wood's paper has been received: and will appear at the first opportunity.

L. M. Our Associate will find, in the report of Professor Christison's speech at the dinner, the particulars relative to the not very creditable attempt of the Colleges to destroy the Medical Bill by the insertion at the last moment of a clause by which their old exclusive privileges would have been confirmed. The profession have to be thankful to the watchfulness of Members of this Association for the defeat of this attempt at the last moment.

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