

## MEDICAL NOTES IN PARLIAMENT.

*Patent Medicines.*

IN the House of Commons on Friday evening, the 12th inst., on the order for going into Supply, Mr. Warton called attention to the sale of patent medicines, especially those containing chloral and other dangerous ingredients, and recommended that the traffic should be placed under greater restrictions. He advocated—first, a label upon all patent medicines indicating that the Government stamp was no guarantee of their quality; and next, a greater check upon the dispensing of poisons through the medium of such medicines. Dr. Farquharson concurred in the opinion that further protection for the public was required. Many accidents had taken place in consequence of the sale of poisons under the guise of patent medicines. Mr. Hibbert, on behalf of the Government, was not prepared to give a decided opinion as to the continuance of the present system of selling patent medicines, but the question was worthy of consideration. He agreed that it should be made clear that the Government stamp afforded no guarantee of genuineness, also that medicines containing poison should be so labeled. The subject then dropped.

*Army Hospital Corps.*

IN Committee of Supply, on the vote of £300,800 for the Army Medical Department, Sir R. Loyd-Lindsay expressed an opinion that the Army Hospital Corps was not working satisfactorily. He also suggested that a large number of female nurses should be engaged for hospital duty. Mr. Childers, in reply, said he was not satisfied with the reports which reached him as to the efficiency of the Army Hospital Corps, and he would inquire into the subject. The vote was agreed to.

*Coffee Mixtures.*

ON Monday, in reply to Mr. Redmond, it was stated by Mr. Gladstone that the Revenue Department were not aware of any patent rights in coffee mixtures which would be annulled by the new Budget proposals, but if there were any such rights they should be brought under the notice of the department.

ON Tuesday, petitions in favour of the Union Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill were presented from the south of Ireland branch of the British Medical Association, and the parish of Clonakilty.

ON Wednesday, a petition in favour of the Infectious Diseases Notification Bill was presented from Sheffield, and one against the measure from Dewsbury. The second reading of both the English and Irish Bills was deferred for another week.

*Lanarkshire Lunacy Asylum.*

ON Thursday, Mr. Anderson asked the Home Secretary if the Committee of the Lanarkshire District Board of Lunacy had selected a site for a new asylum thirty-six miles distant from Glasgow, notwithstanding that a large proportion of the inmates would necessarily belong to Glasgow; and whether, seeing that site would involve much cost in travelling, and both cost and inconvenience to friends visiting the inmates, he would have the matter reconsidered before the site was finally adopted.—Sir W. Harcourt said he had that morning received a communication from the Lanarkshire Board to say that they would postpone any further measures in reference to the proposed site until other sites had been examined. He did not know that he had any power in the matter, but he quite concurred in the advisability of reconsidering the question of the site.

**CLINICAL HOSPITAL, CHEETHAM.**—In announcing, at a late meeting of the Committee of Management of this hospital, the receipt of the bequest of £2000 under the will of the late Mr. Gottschalek, the treasurer stated that in order to perpetuate the memory of the donor it had been decided to invest the whole of the legacy in some suitable security, to be called the "Gottschalek bequest."

THE Finance and Improvement Committee of the City Commission of Sewers have recommended the bestowment of a gratuity of £450 on Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, the medical officer of health, for extra services in connexion with the carrying out of the provisions of the Artisans' Dwellings Act.

## Medical News.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—At the last meeting of the Council the following gentleman was elected a Fellow of the College:—

Edwardes, Thomas, Llansaintffraid, Oswestry; diploma of membership dated May 8th, 1885.

The following gentlemen, having passed the required examination for the Diploma, were admitted Members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on Monday last:—

Anderson, Daniel Elie, L.S.A., Mauritius.  
Banerjee, Mahendra Nath, L.S.A., Calcutta.  
Cadman, Arthur Wellesley, L.K.Q.C.P. Irel., Spondon.  
Case, William, L.S.A., Wells, Norfolk.  
Dearden, John Walter, L.R.C.P. Edin., Lowmoor, Yorkshire.  
Jones, John, L.S.A., Euston-road.  
Kenny, Frederick Hamilton, L.S.A., Norwich.  
Lipscomb, Arthur Augustus, L.S.A., Forest Hill.  
M'Dougall, H. A. Hosier, L.R.C.P. Edin., Winchester.  
M'Millan, John Furse, L.S.A., St. John's Wood.  
Russell, Michael Wm., L.S.A., Aberdare, South Wales.  
Scarth, Isaac, L.S.A., Stanghow, Yorkshire.  
Sinclair, John, L.S.A., Kingsclere, Newbury.  
Stoker, George, L.K.Q.C.P. Irel., Cheyne Walk.  
Watson, John Coatsworth, M.B. Aberd., Sunderland.

The following gentlemen were admitted Members of the College on Tuesday last:—

Allen, Frank James, B.A. Cantab., Shepton Mallet.  
Aslett, Geo. Stratton, L.R.C.P. Edin., Oaklands, Carmarthen.  
Berry, Harry Poole, Amwell-street.  
Booth, John Henry, Chesterfield.  
Buckell, William Robert, Romsey, Hants.  
Corner, Edward, L.R.C.P. Edin., Bath.  
Fox, Robert Fortescue, L.S.A., Stoke Newington.  
Green, George Richard, L.R.C.P. Edin., Modbury, Devon.  
Hosker, James Atkinson, Dalston.  
Hubbard, Frederick Edmund, Margate.  
Knowles, Herbert William, St. Helens, Lancashire.  
Martin, S. H. Cox, Kingston, Jamaica.  
Phillips, Henry Astley, L.S.A., Leinster-square.  
Skeek, Francis de Courcy, Barbadoes.  
Sloggett, Henry Maxwell, L.R.C.P. Edin., Godalming.  
Walker, John William, Wakefield.  
Waugh, Henry Dunn, Stockwell.  
Wilkin, Loftus Ralph, L.K.Q.C.P. Irel., Rathmines.  
Williams, R. D. Delahaye, Llansedy, Carmarthen.

The following gentlemen were admitted Members of the College on Wednesday last:—

Clegg, Joseph, Flixton, Manchester.  
Collins, Robert John, Mooretonhampstead.  
Davies, William, Llechwedd, Aberystwith.  
Hopkins, John Walter, Leeds.  
Moreton, John Smith, Tarvin, Chester.  
Wheatly, Arthur William, Brailes, Warwickshire.

The following gentlemen passed the Primary Examination in Anatomy and Physiology at meetings of the Board of Examiners on the 11th, 12th, and 13th inst.:—

William E. C. Musson, Reginald T. Bowden, Thos. M. Beale, Frank S. Barnett, Ernest Noad, Robert T. Featherstonehaugh, Edward S. Davis, Frederick W. Morison, Francis H. Thornton, Edmund A. W. Hope, Chas. E. Robbs, Harry H. Fisher, Edw. Vaughan, and Wm. H. Bell, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Sidney R. Alexander, Edmund K. Alderson, Frank W. Mawby, John Emery, and Francis R. Humphreys, Guy's Hospital; Philip M. Scatliff and Henry P. G. Elkington, St. George's Hospital; Frank Harvey, Fredk. J. Jaynes, and William Wise, Middlesex Hospital; Thos. W. Morgan, William H. Kelson, and John James, London Hospital; Duncan M'Arthur, Herbert T. Bury, and Edmund J. Sheppard, University College; Henry G. L. Stevens, Charing-cross Hospital; Harry H. Lovell, St. Mary's Hospital; Frank Verdon and Dina N. P. Datta, King's College; Herbert T. Crosby, St. Thomas's Hospital; George Greenwood, Westminster Hospital.

Of the 167 candidates examined during last week, 58 failed to satisfy the Board, and were referred for three, and 6 candidates for six, months' further anatomical and physiological study.

The Primary Examination in Anatomy and Physiology, which commenced on March 31st, was brought to a close on the 13th inst. The total number of candidates examined was 619, of whom 457 were successful. The number examined during the corresponding period in 1881 was 543, of whom 380 passed.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.—

The following gentlemen have been elected Members (or been made M.R.C.P.E.) of the College:—

Addis, Philip, Iver, Bucks.  
 Dixey, Arthur Crosbie, Burton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire.  
 Duncan, John Thornton, Stamford, Lincolnshire.  
 Dunkley, William Wilberforce, Coventry.  
 Elias, Thomas Atkinson, Southport.  
 Fenton, Frederick E., Ealing.  
 Fernandes, Alexander Salvador Sabina, Mangalore, India.  
 Fraser, Fredk. Wm. Dyce, M.B., Chester-street, Edinburgh.  
 Grosvenor, George Fox, M.D., London.  
 Harris, William, Norwich.  
 Lovell, William Day, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.  
 Lycett, John Allan, M.D., Wolverhampton.  
 Parker, Hibbert Sullivan, Putney.  
 Parkinson, Richard Thomas, Manchester.  
 Ritchie, James, M.B., Northumberland-street, Edinburgh.  
 Simpson, Walter Samuel, Worthing, Sussex.  
 Smith, George Daniel, M.B., Leith.  
 Steele, Warwick Charles, London.  
 Storrs, Arthur, Bury St. Edmunds.  
 Sutton, Thomas, Manchester.  
 Taylor, William Charles Everley, Scarborough.  
 Vacher, Francis, Birkenhead.  
 Williams, Henry Clarence, Manchester.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on May 11th:—

Dyson, Herbert Jekyl, Tyndale-place, Islington.  
 Fox, Robert Fortescue, Lordship-terrace, Stoke Newington.  
 Jones, Owen Clayton, Philpot-street.  
 Potts, Walter Alfred Beavor, Amersham, Bucks.

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed the Primary Professional Examination:—

Alfred Munckton, University College; Arthur Joseph Carter, Guy's Hospital; Arthur Wm. G. Thomas, Charing-cross Hospital; Thomas Harry White, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

**PROFESSOR PIROGOFF** is stated to have left property at his death equal in value to about £73,000.

The Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital and the Wolverhampton Eye Infirmary have each benefited to the extent of £1000 by the will of the late Mr. Edward Pugh.

**UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—There have this session been eight new entries for the full course at this College, making the total entries of full students for the year thirty-nine. There have been six new entries for part of the curriculum, making a total of forty students who have this year entered here for the Degrees in Medicine.

**THE BRUSSELS M.D.**—At the recent examination for the degree of M.D. of the University of Brussels, Mr. Herbert Collier, L.R.C.P. Lond. and Edin., M.R.C.S., and L.S.A. Lond., came out first with "grande distinction" in the first doctorate, first with "distinction" for the second doctorate, and, finally, first with "grande distinction" for the third doctorate, which carried with it the degree of the University.

**THE METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL.**—The Lord Mayor, presiding at the anniversary festival of this charity on the 8th inst., said the hospital had arrived at a new era in its history. It was driven from Devonshire-square, where it was formerly located, by the railway company, which required its site. It removed to Bishopsgate-street, and was driven away by the railway company again. To compensate them for these removals the railway company had given them £25,000, which formed the basis of a fund for the erection of a new hospital, but there would be little use in erecting a new hospital unless the annual subscriptions were not only kept up, but increased. Mr. Joseph Fry, in proposing "The Stewards," said they were in treaty for a site, and intended to erect a new hospital to accommodate 150 patients. In the course of the evening a list of subscriptions was read amounting in the aggregate to nearly £2000.

**THE NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.**—At the last monthly meeting of this Association, a letter was read from Dr. Armstrong, hon. sec. of the Northern Counties Association, referring to the proposed joint memorial of the associations with reference to the supply of the official reports of the Local Government Board, stating that his Association would sign the memorial. Dr. Vacher, hon. sec., exhibited a portable air-impurities extractor. It consisted of two cylinders, each furnished with a tap and one fitting within the other, the outer acting as a stand and receiver to the other. The capacity of the

smaller cylinder is 1000 cubic centimetres. This is filled with water and communicates above with a glass tube terminating in a brass trumpet mouth which screws off and on. The narrow opening of the mouth is about one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter, and just behind this within the glass tube is a small metal holder for receiving a thin piece of glass coated with gelatine. On opening the tap of the cylinder air is drawn through the trumpet mouth, replacing the water in the cylinder, and all the contained impurities are deposited on the glass slip, and can then be examined under the microscope. The instrument is applicable for the collection of specimens of the air in the wards of hospitals, in overcrowded dwellings and sick rooms.

**OWENS COLLEGE.**—The draft scheme for the management and regulation of the fund bequeathed by Mr. Robert Platt for the foundation of scholarships in connexion with the study of Physiology has been prepared by the Charity Commissioners as trustees. There are to be maintained out of the yearly income under the trust two scholarships, to be called the "Platt Physiological Scholarships," each of the annual value of £50, or of such less sum as the income shall pay. The authorities may, however, in case of accumulation of existing funds, or accretion of fresh capital, raise the value of the scholarships. Each scholarship will be offered for competition in alternate years, care being taken that one of them may be open in each year. They can be competed for, in addition to Owens students, by persons who do not attend the College laboratory; but one condition of tenure is that the holder shall, for the first year, study in that laboratory, and in the second, in such other laboratory in Europe as the Council shall determine. In case the scholarships, or one of them, are not, for some satisfactory reason, bestowed in any year, the Council have the option of giving two exhibitions, value £15 each, at the end of the summer session of the medical department of the College, together with the £50 scholarships, these being entitled respectively the "Junior" and "Senior" Platt Exhibitions.

## Medical Appointments.

*Intimations for this column must be sent DIRECT to the Office of THE LANCET before 9 o'clock on Thursday Morning, at the latest.*

- BRADSHAW, OSWALD G. D., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.,** has been appointed Clinical Assistant to the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, vice R. Se, resigned.
- CARSON, STEWART, jun., M.B., C.M.Ed.,** has been appointed Medical Officer for the Southern District of the Halthwistle Union.
- CASEY, EDWARD, M.B., C.M.Aber.,** has been appointed Medical Officer to the Irlam and Cadishead District of the Barton-on-Irwell Union.
- COTTON, CHARLES, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.,** has been appointed Surgeon to the Admiralty Sick Quarters at Ramsgate, vice J. B. Thomson, M.R.C.S., resigned.
- FISHER, FREDERICK C., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Medical Officer for the King's Langley District of the Hemel Hempstead Union.
- FLYNN, EDMOND F., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.,** has been appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Sunderland Infirmary, vice Whitehouse, promoted.
- GREAVES, CHARLES AUGUSTUS, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S.,** has been appointed Medical Officer to Her Majesty's Prison, Derby, vice Baker, resigned.
- GUTTERIDGE, EDWIN PARKER, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Medical Officer for the St. Peter's District of the Maidon Union, vice May, resigned.
- HACKMAN, LEONARD K. H., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Medical Officer to the Provident Dispensary of the Royal Portsmouth Portsea, and Gosport Hospital.
- HAMMOND, THOMAS, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the West Riding Lunatic Asylum.
- HYNES, WM. HENRY, L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed.,** has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Workhouse of the Ennis Union.
- IRWIN, TIMOTHY WARREN, L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed.,** has been appointed Medical Officer to the Rosscarbery Dispensary District of Cork, vice Callanan, resigned.
- KING, HENRY WILLIAM, M.D., C.M.Ed., M.R.C.S.,** has been appointed House-Surgeon to the Chester General Infirmary, vice Woodward, resigned.
- MIVART, F. ST. GEORGE, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.,** has been appointed Surgeon to the City Dispensary.
- OAKLEY, ADAM R. H., L.R.C.P.Ed.,** has been elected Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Victoria Dock District Dispensary.
- UBSDELL, HENRY, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Medical Officer to the Rattery and Staverton Districts of the Totnes Union.
- VOISEY, C. B., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Crumpsall Workhouse Hospital, Manchester.
- WHITEHOUSE, J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed.,** has been appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Sunderland Infirmary.
- WOOLLETT, SIDNEY WINSLOW, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** has been appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Banstead Asylum.