

compound fracture of both the bones of the fore-arm ; not comminuted.

Now these two cases occur in young and healthy youths, and the chances of restoration and recovery in them, compared with a man of 30, is as 20 to 1 in favour of youth.

A skilful surgeon, John Bell, managed the following case, and I have seen worse accidents recover without amputation, than the above cases.

A slater fell from the top of a house ; had his life saved by alighting upon his *right hand*. Luxation of one rib. The radius was terribly shattered. The wrist-joint was burst with great violence ; the hand hung on one side, and turned, as it were, upon a point ; the small end of the ulna projected through the wound, and the hand looked as if spitted on this bone ; the hand was shortened by the manner in which the radius had yielded, for it was shattered and broken into small fragments, and so violently was the hand distorted, that the head of the radius was turned out at the wound. Along with the radius, one of the carpal bones projected through the wound ; quite separated.

Treatment.—I cut off the end of the radius, took up the bleeding arteries, snipped away the carpal bone, for it hung by a rag of tendon, and laid the flat inside of the fore-arm upon a splint ; made a stitch in the lacerated skin of the wrist, and finished by laying a large flat sponge, just a little moistened in spirits, upon the open part of the wound. This closed the laceration so smoothly, that almost the whole of the integuments adhered. The part which failed was the contused part ; it suppurated and did well. This man was three months under this able surgeon's care, owing to a knotty swelling which surrounded the wrist, which was very hard to discuss ; but at the end of that time he could use his hand pretty freely, and, what was little to be expected, the joint also was restored. He recovered the rotation of the radius, as well as the bending motion of the wrist, and now he finds his hand perfectly useful and strong for work.

Would to God J. Bell had had the two unfortunate boys under his management, for if he could not *certainly* have saved their arms, at any rate he would have given them a *chance*. It is to be hoped that a fuller detail of those cases will be given in your *LANCET*, to rescue the hospital from the exposé which these boys' friends might occasion, by coming into court for some compensation equivalent to their loss.

JUSTICE.

May 23d, 1832.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.*

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., a numerous meeting of the students and their friends took place in one of the theatres, to witness the distribution of prizes to those gentlemen who had been successful candidates at the previous examinations of the medical classes.

The chair was filled by Dr. Lushington in the absence of the Duke of Sussex, who was prevented attending.

The business of the meeting was opened by Professor Thomson, who read the report of the medical professors for the session, in which he stated that the medical school had answered the expectation formed by his colleagues and himself, two hundred and fifty-two students having attended the medical classes during the session.

The following were the successful candidates :—

Principles and Practice of Medicine.

Professor ELLIOTSON.

Gold Medal—James Wearne, of St. Ives, Cornwall.

1st Silver Medal—J. Storrar, of London.

2nd ditto—John P. Wall, of Ross, Herefordshire.

Anatomy—Prof. QUAIN.

Gold Medal—J. R. Noble, of Hawkeshead, Lancaster.

1st Silver Medal—George Houlton, of Killingholme, Lincolnshire.

2nd ditto—C. Nossoc, of London.

Practical Anatomy.

Mr. R. QUAIN, *Demonstrator.*

Gold Medal—W. Rayner, of Castlemoat, Lincolnshire.

1st Silver Medal—W. K. Wright, of Bristol.

2nd ditto—J. Bartlett, of Great Bedwin, Wilts.

Surgery—Prof. S. COOPER.

Gold Medal—R. Lanyon, of Camborne.

1st Silver Medal—W. Rayner, of Castlemoat, Lincolnshire.

2nd ditto—David Hartley, of Bristol.

Midwifery—Prof. DAVIS.

Gold Medal—G. P. Gill, of London.

1st Silver Medal—W. Rayner, of Castlemoat, Lincolnshire.

2nd ditto—J. N. Hudleston, of London.

* We have delayed publishing this list, in consequence of not having been before furnished with a correct account of the successful students. — Ed. L.

Materia Medica—Prof. THOMSON.

Gold Medal—Francis Taylor, of York.

1st Silver Medal—M. Forster, of Holywell, Bedfordshire.

2nd ditto—G. Allarton, of Warwickshire.

Chemistry—Prof. TURNER.

Gold Medal—D. B. Meek, of London.

1st Silver Medal—Henry Cook, of Hampstead.

2nd ditto—A. M. A'Beckett, of London.

Comparative Anatomy—Prof. GRANT.

Gold Medal—D. W. Nash, of Bristol.

Silver Medal—J. Storrar, of London.

Medical Jurisprudence.

Professors THOMSON and AMOS.

The Prize—P. H. Chavasse, Birmingham.

Botany—Prof. LINDLEY.

Gold Medal—R. B. Hinds, of London.

Silver Medal—J. H. Rogers, of London.

Each gentleman having received from the President the honour awarded to him, the President, in a short and excellent address, testified the pleasure he felt on the present occasion, in distributing the rewards of merit. He proceeded to state that the Council felt, equally with the professors, the necessity for a hospital, and he might say things were in such a situation now, that it would not be long before they had one. The situation seemed greatly in want of one, being surrounded by a densely-populated neighbourhood; and it was only reasonable to conclude, that the benevolence of the public would assist their efforts in such humane intentions. He concluded by exhorting the students to preserve the same honourable course which had this day gained them distinction, and they would do honour to the school to which they were attached; so by their assistance, and the broad principles on which the institution was founded, the University of London must prosper.

PRIZES TO THE MEATH HOSPITAL PUPILS.

On Saturday, the 28th of April last, the annual distribution of premiums to the medical students of the Meath Hospital took place, when premiums were awarded to the following gentlemen, by Dr. Graves and Dr. Stokes, physicians to the hospital.

1st premium, Mr. Alfred Hudson.

2nd ditto Mr. Thomas Purefoy.

3rd ditto Mr. — Fullaker.

No pupil can obtain a premium at this hospital who has not been engaged in taking cases and making daily clinical reports to the attending physician for at least six months. By this means tolerably constant attendance, at least, is ensured.

FILTHY STATE OF DISSECTING ROOMS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—You have so often shown yourself to be the student's friend, and the corrector of mismanagement and abuse in the public schools of this metropolis, that I do not hesitate to appeal to you upon a subject which may appear to some to merit but little notice, but which to me and to many of my fellow-students is an intolerable nuisance. I allude to the filthy state of some of the anatomical schools, but more particularly the one in Little Windmill-street. Upon entering the dissecting-rooms, the museum, &c., the nose is assailed by a "compound of villanous smells" not to be described. Is this to be wondered at, when putrid animal matter may be seen in every corner dragged by the rats (which abound in this building) even from the dissecting tables? As to a mop or a broom it would be a perfect *rara avis* in this establishment. I should be sorry to be considered as more fastidious than my brother students, but I do say, that the health of the pupils ought to be considered, and therefore that there should be a plentiful supply of water, and that the utmost cleanliness should be observed. Trusting to your kindness in permitting this short letter to appear in your journal,

I am, Sir, your very humble Servant,

A WEST END PUPIL.

DR. KNIGHT'S PAPER, PAGE 300.

The Editor has been requested to add the following note to Dr. Knight's account of "Three cases of Incipient Cholera," published at page 300 of the present number of THE LANCET. The note reached us too late to be appended to the paper itself:—

"In all the cases the urine was nearly, if not wholly, suppressed, not more than two or three tablespoonfuls having been voided, from the commencement of violent vomiting till its cessation from the effect of the alkaline salt, which in one case was in about ten hours."

CORRESPONDENTS, &c.

The letter of *Mr. Sharp* can only appear on the cover, and must be accompanied by a London order for payment.

We shall shortly review the work, some points in which are so sharply handled by *Testor*. For that reason we make no use of his letter.

Medicus. A part of the list appears in another form. For more than this we have not space.

A Constant Reader. The remainder of the letter is a pure advertisement.