manent army medical service, which is said to arise partly from the uncertainty as to the future pay and status of the Army Medical Department which exists at this moment.

I have every reason to acknowledge the readiness with which the civil profession has volunteered to aid the army in its necessities during war.

I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,
Alfred Ebsworth, Esq." S. HERBERT.

CURIOUS INSTANCE OF DISLOCATION OF THE HUMERUS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The following case having come under my notice, I have forwarded the particulars for insertion in your columns.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
Cirencester, July, 1858. HORACE S. HOWELL, M.R.C.S.

ON the evening of the 4th inst., a female, aged twenty-three, while walking, was met by a friend, with whom she shook hands, and immediately complained of severe pain in the right shoulder-joint, with inability to raise the arm, accompanied by a sense of syncope. On examination it was evident that she had sustained a dislocation of the head of the humerus into the axilla, which was readily reduced the head of the bone returning to its normal position with an audible snap.

HEREDITARY MALFORMATION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The following instance of hereditary malformation may be interesting to some of the readers of your valuable journal.

I am, yours faithfully,
Southernhay, Exeter, 1858. ARTHUR J. CUMMING, M.R.C.S.

William S—, aged eighteen, came to me with headache. On feeling his pulse, I found three fingers united throughout by skin—viz., the middle, ring, and little finger. Both hands were alike. The mother then held up her hands, which were similarly malformed. She had had seven children: no others malformed. Her uncle (father's brother) had the corresponding fingers in each hand similarly joined; and her paternal grandfather had the three smaller toes on each foot similarly united. The hands of the mother and son were otherwise well formed and very strong.

THE LATE DR. SNOW.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I trust that the profession will evince some public testimony towards the late Dr. John Snow. Who does not remember his frankness, his cordiality, his honesty, the absence of all disguise or affectation under an apparent off-hand manner. Her majesty the Queen has been deprived of the future valuable services of a trustworthy, well-deserving, much-esteemed subject, by his sudden death. The poor have lost in him a real friend in the hour of need.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
Bognor, Sussex, July, 1858. W. HOOPER ATTREE,
Formerly House-Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, &c.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.—At the usual quarterly meeting of the Comitia Majora, held on the 10th ultimo, the following gentlemen having passed the necessary examination, were admitted Licentiates of the College:—

Dr. SCOTT, Stratton-street, Piccadilly.
Dr. RADCLIFFE, Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square.
Dr. ROBINSON, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Dr. BRISTOWE, St. Thomas's-street, Borough.
Dr. COOTE, Gloucester-place, Hyde-park.
Dr. THOMPSON, Harley-street.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the Diploma, were admitted members of the College at the meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 9th inst.:—

BRAITHWAITE, JAMES, Leeds.
COWELL, GEORGE, Ipswich.

GASCOYEN, GEORGE EDWARD, Army.
HALL, NATHANIEL FRANCIS, Southwick, near Brighton.
INMAN, JOSEPH HAYTON, Sedburgh, Yorkshire.
NEWINGTON, ROBERT SAMUEL, Gondhurst, Cranbrook, Kent.
OLIVER, RICHARD OWEN, Dolgelly, North Wales.
POWELL, WILLIAM PETER, Liverpool.
TURNER, THOMAS, Leeds.
WINGATE, ROBERT, Hareby Spilsby, Lincolnshire.
WYER, OTHO FRANCIS, Leamington Priors.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on

Thursday, July 8th, 1858.

DRAKE, JOHN JEFFERY, Newton Abbot, Devon.
FORD, JAMES, Sandford, Devon.
GRACE, HENRY, Kingswood-hill, Bristol.
HEGINBOTHAM, EDMUND, Headcorn, Kent.
WALKER, HENRY, Walton, Yorkshire.
WALKER, THOMAS SHADFORD, Burslem, Staffordshire.

As an Assistant:

PRATT, ALBERT EDWARD, Bury St. Edmunds.

THE HARVEIAN ORATION.—The annual oration in honour of the great Harvey was delivered in the spacious library of the Royal College of Physicians, on Saturday the 10th instant, by Dr. Wood, one of the Fellows of the College. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, there was a good attendance of the distinguished in medicine and science, including a considerable number of the Fellows and Members of the College. The chair was occupied by the President, Dr. Mayo. The oration (as usual, in Latin) secured the sustained attention of the audience, being classically composed and eloquently delivered. The following were amongst the subjects referred to:—Harvey, independently of the discovery which had given an unfading lustre to his name, might be looked upon as the pattern of a thorough and liberal physician, as well as a great and good man, and his merits were only now beginning to be appreciated. The orator congratulated the profession and the College on the increased attention bestowed at the present time on the subject of the blood, more especially its physiology, contending that this, combined with sound and matured experience, was the only true and rational basis of the practice of physic. Alluding to some of the events of the past year relating to medicine, a well-deserved meed of praise was awarded to those members of the profession who had shown such courage and endurance, and had ever been ready in the exercise of their skill, during the dangers and almost unparalleled difficulties of the war in India. A feeling allusion was made to the Fellows of the College who had been removed by death from their respective spheres of usefulness during the past year, mention being made of the late Sir James Fellows, Sir C. M. Clarke, Sir J. McGregor, and Dr. Marshall Hall. Having denounced some of the prevailing "pathic" absurdities of the day, and expressed his disapprobation of certain kinds of practice on the part of some who were called "regular practitioners," the orator concluded with a high tribute to Jenner, who, like him they would honour on that occasion, had, under Providence, conferred such lasting and invaluable benefits upon mankind; and, lastly, to the illustrious Prince who had shown his appreciation of true greatness by presiding in that room on the occasion of the recent inauguration of the Jenner monument in Trafalgar-square. The oration terminated amidst warm and hearty applause.

PRESENTATION OF PLATE.—The Selby Mariners' or Duke of Clarence's Loyal Society,—the oldest benevolent institution in Selby,—established 1st March, 1792, held its annual festival on the 6th inst., at the house of Mr. George Dixon, the Bay Horse Inn, Broad-street. After the cloth was removed, the secretary read the report, which showed the Society to be in a very flourishing condition; and then the president, Mr. John Shaw, in a speech that was very much applauded, presented to Mr. John Burkitt, the medical officer of the Society, a beautiful, chaste, and massive silver pint, with the following inscription:—"Presented to John Burkitt, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.S.A., Lond., by the members of the Duke of Clarence's Loyal Society, Selby, for his valuable services and kind and unremitting attention as medical officer of the said Society. July 6th, 1858." Mr. Burkitt responded in a very neat and impressive speech.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF PARIS.—PUERPERAL FEVER.—For the last four months an animated discussion has