His Royal Highness enjoyed splendid health in the Terai—strong, energetic, and full of vigour. Game of all sorts abounded. Our correspondent writes:—"His Royal Highness is sunburnt, and rather slighter than he was. He rides, hunts, and shoots right well, and I think enjoys the sport and the circumstances attending it greatly." Our last communication from Cairo, of 27th ultimo, refers to the Indian part of the Prince's travels as being over, and his Royal Highness homeward bound, "in first-rate health; so are all the suite, and so are the elephants, tigers, bears, &c." The Prince, after going to Alexandria, proceeds to Malta, then to Gibraltar, where great preparations are being made for his reception, and it is expected that his Royal Highness will be in this country somewhere about the 10th of May. There is now no room for any reasonable doubt that the Prince of Wales will return altogether stronger and in better health than when he first set out; and as to the tour itself it has been a great success, and will, it is confidently expected, prove, in a political respect, of great advantage. We cannot but feel that Sir Joseph Fayrer has had a most arduous, responsible, and anxious task, and he is specially to be congratulated on having had the courage of his opinions, in resisting pressure from without and in advising the Prince so faithfully and skilfully as he has done. Now that we know from official returns how great and extensively cholera prevailed in certain districts in India, it is abundantly evident that Sir Joseph Fayrer was perfectly right in the judgment he exercised.

ROYAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, EPSOM: ANNUAL DINNER.

THE annual dinner of the Royal Medical College was held on Thursday, March 30th, at Willis's Rooms; the Earl of Egmont in the chair. The meeting was a most pleasant one socially, whilst from the long list of additional subscriptions announced by the secretary, Mr. Freeman, during the evening, we hope that it was also a financial success. The noble Chairman made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the charity, and Mr. Henry Hancock, the Treasurer, strongly recommended the claims of the orphans and widows of our profession to universal sympathy. Mr. Hird dwelt on the excellent system of education carried out at the College, and especially on the great encouragement given to the study of scientific subjects. He also pointed with pride to the increasing success of the scholars in the various examinations at the Universities, at the Civil Service, and elsewhere, on leaving the school. The health of the Head Master, Rev. Dr. West, was most enthusiastically received, and that gentleman, in responding to the toast, paid a graceful compliment to his colleagues at the College for the efficient manner in which they had seconded his efforts to make the teaching of the school complete. Dr. West also alluded to the physical education of the boys, and stated that though cricket was not their strong point, owing to the unfavourable nature of the Epsom ground, they more than held their own at football. He concluded by making a special appeal of his own for subscriptions towards building a five-court, which is greatly wanted. We hope the generous members of our profession will respond to this appeal, and enable Dr. West to erect a court before the commencement of the next five season. We may add that five is one of the few games that exercises the upper as well as the lower limbs, and ought therefore to be encouraged in every school. We were glad to hear from Dr. Jones and Dr. Barnes, the medical officers, that the school has been free this half-year from zymotic disease, and we hope, now that the system of supervision which they suggested is to be carried out, that the health of the school will be generally improved.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—Professor Humphry has given notice that his course of lectures on the Muscular System of Man and other Vertebrates will commence on Wednesday, May 3, at 1 P.M., and be continued on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Members of the Anatomical class and students not requiring certificates may attend without fee.

Correspondence.

"Audi alteram partem."

MEDIAN LITHOTOMY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The median operation having been almost entirely discarded by most of the London surgeons," I, who occasionally perform it, am much gratified by the perusal of the statistics of this operation undertaken by the surgeons to the Leicester Infirmary, and heartily congratulate them on the results obtained.

With regard to the selection of a method of lithotomy by an individual surgeon, I believe this will often depend upon his education—i. e., the method which he has been in the habit of witnessing, or which it has been his custom in early life to adopt. Hitherto I have been in the habit of selecting for the median operation patients in whom I believed the stone to be comparatively small. The result, therefore, of the practice of the Leicester Infirmary is the more worthy of attention and possible adoption, as the twenty cases recorded, with only one death, were not selected. It may be said, and perhaps justly, that the experience of twenty cases is not sufficient for the establishment of a rule of practice; but although the result of only twenty cases is recorded, yet the antecedents of this operation were so favourable as to lead to its invariable performance during the years 1874 and 1875.

One circumstance which gives me a liking for this operation has not been noticed by Mr. Joseph Hunt, but is thus mentioned by me ("Operative Surgery," 2nd edition, p. 353):—"In more than one instance in which the author has performed this operation there has been perfect control over micturition throughout the period of recovery, and the patient enjoyed the luxury of a dry bed." This great desideratum, coupled with the experience of the Leicester Infirmary, published in THE LANCET of last week (March 18th), will, I trust, induce lithotomists to reconsider the method of operation.

I am, Sir, &c.,

Queen Anne-street, March 19th.

C. F. MAUNDER.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In relation to the interesting series of lithotomy cases at Leicester, published in your "Mirror" on March 18th, will you allow me to offer a single remark? It is impossible to draw trustworthy conclusions from statistics of lithotomy operations if the cases of children are mixed up with those of adults, as the operation is totally different in its results at the two extremes of life. It is impossible, in the interests of accurate surgical knowledge, to be too particular in relation to this matter. Thus, of the twenty operations reported, no less than thirteen were those of children, and of course without any death; while seven were those of adults, with one death. The inference drawn in the report is, that one death in twenty cases of stone showed a mortality of five per cent.; while the only legitimate inferences are, that, during the period named, seven adults had been operated on by lithotomy and one had died, and, further, that fourteen children had been cut without a death.

Of course, this number of adults is too small to afford any trustworthy inference, but, if it proves anything, it shows a mortality much greater than that which lithotripsy on adults affords. But if small numbers are to be adduced, the following facts, although much more numerous than those of the report, ought to be contributed towards the solution of this question. Since I have had the pleasure of assisting Sir Henry Thompson, that is a little more than the last fourteen months, I have held the staff for him in every case where he has performed lithotomy (lateral), comprising a series of eight adult males, one being eighty years of age. Every one of these made a good recovery, and (except one who recently died at seventy, a year after operation) is living at the present day. But during that time I have also assisted him in every operation of lithotripsy, comprising a series of thirty-six adult males, averaging not less than

sixty years of age. Of these all but three are living at this day. Two of the three died immediately after operation, one of pyæmia, and the other of renal disease; the third died soon after he reached home, so that of these forty-four adult males forty-one recovered, and forty are living now.

I leave your readers to judge whether the above statement has not a most important bearing on the question of treating adult cases of calculus (for about children there can be no difference of opinion), and whether it does not show that a judicious combination of lithotripsy and lateral lithotomy offers the most successful results that have ever been achieved.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Bulstrode-street, March 20th, 1876.

G. BUCKSTON BROWNE.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

The following gentlemen passed the Primary examination in Anatomy and Physiology, at meetings of the Board of Examiners, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last:—

Alfred Patron, Montpellier; H. L. Gilbert, St. Thomas's Hospital; W. D. Wilkie, Melbourne; V. G. Webb, Glasgow; C. B. Carter, St. George's Hospital; W. W. Edwards, St. Mary's Hospital; J. E. Gofton, W. J. Sweet, C. M. Goyder, and I. M. Young, Newcastle-on-Tyne; H. Leak, W. L. Child, A. E. Chambers, and C. E. Graham, Manchester; D. B. Fraser and M. M. Tucker, Toronto; H. J. Skelding, A. D. Blackader, and W. F. Scott, McGill College, Toronto; A. Swann, J. H. Vinrace, G. J. Lloyd, S. A. Welch, and T. L. Hall, Birmingham; W. H. Owen, T. M. Porter, T. H. Beckerton, and C. E. Steele, Liverpool; G. Carter, E. C. Thompson, Perry Close, and J. D. T. Reckitt, Leeds; W. E. L. Batty, Liverpool; R. C. Birch, A. W. Cadman, F. Wilson, J. Deakin, W. F. Chadwick, J. T. Faulkner, and John Hodgson, Manchester; W. M. Ball, W. L. Batson, C. J. Bamber, G. H. Paterson; N. W. Bourns, A. W. Graham, C. J. Vhieland, C. B. Lockwood, and G. W. P. Denny, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; G. B. W. Messum, J. F. Tabb, M. J. Hart, E. J. Morley, T. W. Fuller, R. Parry, and A. E. Mayland, Guy's Hospital; R. P. Smith, M. P. M. Collier, J. L. Hall, W. E. Woodman, H. J. Michael, G. A. Macdonald, and J. Shaw, St. Thomas's Hospital; G. H. Hetherington, H. Pearse, M. A. Smale, St. Mary's Hospital; F. B. Fisher and G. A. Batchelor, London Hospital; A. A. Lendon, J. S. N. Boyd, and B. Pollard, University College; L. A. Hine, A. S. McCausland, E. A. Fardon, and J. McDougall Stewart, Middlesex Hospital; H. Elliott, Westminster Hospital; R. Margerison, F. N. Ozanne, E. Jennings, and W. A. Shann, St. George's Hospital; L. F. Cox, V. Matthews, and C. E. Baddeley, King's College; and J. M. Atkinson.

Of the 165 candidates admitted to the recent preliminary examination for the diploma of Member and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, 69 passed for the membership and 29 for the fellowship; the remainder were unsuccessful. The result has been communicated to all the candidates. The next preliminary examination will be held in September.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine and received certificates to practise on March 30th:—

Berdoe, Edward, Victoria-park-road.
Boodle, George Adolphus, St. George's-road, St. John's-wood.
Capon, Herbert James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Clark, John George, West Hartlepool.
Griffiths, Gilbert Saunders, Argyll-road, Kensington.
Prideaux, Thos. Engledeue Peganius, Glanville-place, Blackheath.
Sellon, John William Gore, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
Smith, William Henry, Sibsey, Lincolnshire.
Stelfox, John Brideoake, Middleton, near Manchester.
Thompson, Edmund John, Appleby Magna, Leicestershire.

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

John Alexander Brown, King's College; Ernest Langwith G. Gamble, St. Thomas's Hospital; Cesar Frederick Hawkins, London Hospital; John Cordy Keer, Guy's Hospital.

PROF. ANDREWS, of the Queen's College, Belfast, will, we understand, be the President of the British Association for next year.

HER MAJESTY has graciously sent an annual subscription of 100 guineas to the Seamen's Hospital (late *Dreadnought*), Greenwich. The Mercers' Company have given a donation of 50 guineas, and Henry Green, Esq., of Blackwall and Brighton, has expressed his desire to help the good cause by assisting the committee to raise the £5000 for which they have just appealed through the Lord Mayor, and has offered to contribute £100, providing nine others will give a like sum. Communications should be sent to the secretary at Greenwich.

Medical Appointments.

ANDREW, G., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S., has been appointed House-Surgeon to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, vice Gibbs, resigned.

APPLEBY, F. H., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Sutton-upon-Trent District of the Southwell Union, vice Buckley, deceased.

BIRD, P. H., F.R.C.S.E., S.Sc., has been reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Blackpool, Fleetwood, Kirkham, and Lytham Urban Sanitary Districts to the 29th September.

BROWN, Dr. J. C., has been appointed Public Analyst for Lancashire: £300 per annum, 6s. for each certificate, and reasonable travelling expenses when required to give evidence.

COCKSEGE, T. A. J., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Hindon District of the Tisbury Union, Wilts, vice Young, resigned.

COOMBER, F., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Fakenham District of the Walsingham Union, Norfolk, vice Damant, deceased.

ETHEREDGE, G. E. F., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer for the newly-formed Knightwick District of the Martley Union.

FROST, W. A., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Kensington Dispensary, vice Snell, resigned.

FURLONG, N., L.K.Q.C.P.I. and L.M., L.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Medical Attendant to the Royal Irish Constabulary at Enniscorthy and Oylgate, vice O'Rourke, deceased.

GEORGE, J. W., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer for the newly-arranged Leigh District of the Martley Union.

HALL, J. G., M.B., C.M., has been appointed a Medical Officer to the Aberdeen Dispensary, vice Paterson, retired.

HEDDY, W. J., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Surgeon to the Chelsea, Brompton, and Belgrave Dispensary.

HILLMAN, J., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been reappointed Medical Officer for the Wolverley District of the Kidderminster Union.

HODGES, G., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 2 District of the Bridgnorth Union, vice Davis, deceased.

HUGHES, E. T., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.F.P.S.G., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer to the Odd Fellows, Holyhead, vice Roberts, deceased.

KEER, G. E., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Plomesgate Rural Sanitary District, vice Ling, whose appointment has expired.

KNIGHT, A. A. H., M.D., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Keswick District of the Cockermonth Union, vice Tweddle, deceased.

LESLIE, L. G., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 2 District of the Narberth Union, and Medical Officer of Health for the No. 2 Sub-district of the Narberth Rural Sanitary District, vice Newsam, deceased.

MCCABE, Dr., of the Dundrum Lunatic Asylum, has been appointed a Medical Inspector under the Local Government Board, Ireland.

MACNAMARA, Prof. R., has been elected Surgeon to the Lock Hospital, Dublin, vice Morgan, deceased.

MILLSON, G., M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.L., Medical Superintendent of the Hampstead Asylum, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Northampton County Asylum, Northampton.

SCHÖN, J. E., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 4 District of the Bridge Union, Kent, vice Browning, resigned.

SELLS, C. J., L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer to the Guildford Union Workhouse, vice Eager, deceased.

SMALLEY, H., M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.L., has been appointed Assistant-Surgeon to H.M. Convict Prison, Chatham, vice Mayhew, transferred to H.M. Prison, Pentonville.

STEAR, H., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer to the Saffron Walden Union Workhouse, vice Welsh, resigned.

THURSFIELD, W. N., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., has been reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Atherham, Bridgnorth, Church-Stretton, Cleobury-Mortimer, Clun, Forden, Ludlow, Madeley, Newport, Shifnal, and Tenbury Rural, and Much-Wenlock and Tenbury Wells Urban, Sanitary Districts, at £300 per annum.

WATSON, W., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Lancaster Urban Sanitary District, at £50 per annum.

WHISTLER, W. McN., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed an additional Physician to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden-square.

WILLIAMSON, W. H., M.B., C.M., has been appointed Surgeon-Dentist to the Aberdeen Dispensary.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ADAM.—On the 30th ult., at Caterham, the wife of James Adam, M.D., of a daughter.

DAVIS.—On the 29th Feb., at Coimbatore, Madras Presidency, the wife of Surgeon-Major Wm. Farquhar Davis, M.D., F.R.C.S., of a son.

FAIRBANK.—On the 28th ult., at Moulsey House, Windsor, the wife of Thomas Fairbank, M.D., of a son.

GODWIN.—On the 30th ult., at Alexandra-road, Norbiton, the wife of Charles H. Y. Godwin, L.R.C.P.L., Army Medical Staff, of a son.

HALDANE.—On the 30th ult., at Braemar, the wife of Dr. William Haldane, of a daughter.

O'CONNOR.—On the 1st inst., at Welshpool, the wife of Bernard O'Connor, M.D., of a son.

ROPER.—On the 1st inst., at Granville Park, Blackheath, the wife of Arthur Roper, M.R.C.S.E., of a daughter.

TEEVAN.—On the 31st ult., at Portman-square, the wife of W. F. Teevan, F.R.C.S.E., of a son.

WINSLOW.—On the 30th ult., at Hammersmith, the wife of Henry F. Winslow, M.D., of a daughter.