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An ordinary meeting of the Council was held on June 9th, Mr. John Tweedy, the President, being in the chair.

It was resolved that diplomas of Fellowship should be issued to 16 candidates, two being postponed because the candidates were under age.

It was resolved that diplomas of the Licence in Dental Surgery should be issued to 46 successful candidates. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, it was resolved that rooms Nos. 1 and 4 of the museum should be painted and that the museum should be closed during August and September to permit of the painting being done.

A report was read from the committee on the Relations of the Medical Profession to the Coroner's Court. It was approved and entered on the minutes.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry Morris reporting the long and zealous services to the College as a member of the Council.

A New Invention.

A New Chloride of Ethyl Inhaler.

The accompanying illustration represents an inhaler for chloride of ethyl of my own design which I have used with marked success for the past 12 months. The following are some of the advantages which may be claimed for it: (1) direct and immediate contact with the chloride of ethyl vapour as there is no medium such as lint which is apt to get saturated and render the operation of the inhaler of no avail; (2) the absence of necessity for measurement and special bottles; (3) facility of manipulation, as the ordinary tube can be opened and slipped on in a second or two. A very short time is required for the induction of anesthesia; the average time is 30 seconds and it may be as short as 15 seconds. The average period of available anesthesia is one and a quarter minutes.

In administration the inhaler is placed firmly and closely over the patient's nose and mouth. (In dental cases a mouth prop or gag is placed in position before commencing.) The air valve is opened and two deep inspirations are allowed to fill the respiratory bag. The air valve is then closed and unconsciousness with full stertorous breathing will rapidly ensue. The inhaler is made by the Dental Manufacturing Company, 6 to 10, Lexington-street, London, W.


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