gravely wrote me word back, we had got remarkably well out of the scrape, and to be quiet. I was not at all contented, but I could not move him. He is long since dead, and I believe with the most profound dread of both these potentates. Well, gentlemen, the matter ended thus; the English papers were full of our valour; our courage and our difficulties were the theme of every tongue, the humanity-men were even satisfied; the generals and staff officers obtained stars and ribbons, the officers commanding regiments, whether in or out of action, received medals, many of them were promoted, the regiments inscribed Albuhera on their colours in letters of gold; some few persons of inferior note, who had disappeared and had been reported dead, returned to life; the poor doctors alone got nothing. Do you wonder now, gentlemen, that a staff surgeon even might prefer a comfortable bed and a good dinner at Santarem or Abrantes, at Portalegre or at Elvas, to the field of Albuhera or the trenches of Badajoz?"

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. H.

THE CHOLERA IN THE WEST INDIES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Perhaps the following may interest some of the numerous readers of THE LANCET. Trinidad is at present suffering much from that great scourge, cholera, and in a letter from a lady, the wife of a physician, to her relative in this island, she states that the monkeys, both wild and those kept as pets, have suffered much from cholera; that persons travelling through the woods meet them in all stages of the disease; some dying, and some dead; those living showing symptoms of most malignant cholera. The lady also writes, that when, some time since, small-pox was prevalent there, it was observed that they suffered also from the disease. The husband of the lady is one of the first physicians in the island. It would seem, by THE LANCET, that the profession in England is coming round to the contagion doctrine, as regards cholera. The evidence for it possessing the property is, in my opinion, as strong as that regarding variola. St. Kitt's, within less, in some parts, than a mile from Nevis, has escaped, by carrying out most stringent quarantine regulations, and the authorities have therein shown their wisdom. We here have hitherto escaped, but whether we are destined to be visited by the epidemic, God only knows. Our quarantine is not as rigid as it ought to be. The governor (son of the late Sir James Macintosh) is a staunch non-contagionist, and with him (by law) and his privy council rest the formation and carrying out the quarantine regulations, instead of being controlled as they ought to be by a board of medical men.

I am, Sir, yours &c.,
JOHN FURLONGE, M.D., Health Officer, &c.

Antigua, October, 1854.

Medical News.

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 24th ult. :—

BIRD, SAMUEL DOUGAN, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
CORNER, FRANCIS MEAD, Whitby, Yorkshire.
DANIELL, CYRUS OCTAVIUS, Army.
DYMCK, WILLIAM, Willisborough, Ashford, Kent.
GROWSE, JOHN LAWRENCE, Bildiston, Suffolk.
HALL, JOHN, Sheffield Infirmary.
HAMMOND, EDWARD BECK, Ipswich.
LAWTON, SAMUEL, Sheffield.
NESFIELD, STEPHEN, Whithy, Yorkshire.
SARGINT, EDWARD HENRY, Australia.
SEITZ, HARTWIG LUDWIG CHRISTOPHER, Bombay.

At the same meeting of the Court, Mr. CHARLES EDWARD PLAYFAIR passed his examination for naval surgeon. This gentleman had previously been admitted a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, his diploma bearing date 28th of June, 1850.

At a special meeting of the Court on the 28th ult., Messrs.

BEAUFOY, CHARLES, Oxford,
CAMPBELL, EDWARD WILLIS, Woolwich,

having undergone the necessary examinations, were admitted Members of the College.

At another special meeting, on the 30th ult., Messrs.

MARSHALL, FRANCIS, Hackney.
MEYER, JOHN, India.

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

Thursday, November 23rd, 1854.

BALY, GEORGE, Warwick.
HICKMAN, JOHN LOCKLEY, Wolverhampton.
WATTS, WILLIAM EDWARD MOCKTON, Battle, Sussex.
WEST, HENRY ROGER, Clavering, Bishop's-stortford.
YORK, GEORGE BILLING, St. John's-wood-road.

FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATIONS.—The following were the questions on anatomy and physiology submitted to the senior candidates for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, at a meeting of the Court on the 28th ult. :—

1. The anatomy of the knee-joint, and the muscles and tendons around it.
2. The course of the arteries of the upper extremity, from the commencement of the subclavian to their termination in the fingers.
3. The muscles, nerves, and bloodvessels of the face.
4. The situation, structure, and function of the kidney.
2. The composition and chemical qualities of urine in health, and, as far as possible, in disease.
6. Describe the form, situation, and structure of the salivary glands, with the chemical qualities of their secretions.

The following were submitted to the junior candidates :—

1. Describe the medulla oblongata from its uppermost part to its junction with the spinal cord, distinguishing all the points in the medulla usually named, together with the nerves proceeding from it to their termination.
2. Describe the structure of the wrist-joint, together with the origin and termination of the muscles or tendons which pass in front and behind it.
3. Describe the larynx, its cartilages and muscles, ligaments and nerves, with the manner in which its functions are performed.
4. Describe the retina, its connexions, peculiarities, extent, appearances before and after death.
5. Describe the uterus, its ligaments, with their contents; the changes, as far as known, which take place in that organ from infancy to old age.
6. Describe the minute structure of the stomach and intestines, as connected with the physiology of digestion.

The following questions on pathology and surgery were submitted to the senior candidates, on the 30th ult., viz.—

1. The diseases of the testis, non-malignant, malignant, and their treatment.
2. The treatment of umbilical hernia in the female, when incarcerated or strangulated.
3. The application of caustics in cancer, when advisable, and to what parts?
4. The symptoms and treatment of internal hæmorrhoids by operation or otherwise, more particularly when complicated by a large descent of the internal membrane of the rectum.
5. Describe the distinction presumed to exist between the various kinds of syphilitic ulcers of the penis and their treatment.
6. Describe the first set of secondary symptoms.

The following were submitted to the junior candidates :—

1. Symptoms and treatment of rheumatic iritis.
2. In what cases of strangulated femoral hernia is it advisable to leave the hernial sac unopened? and describe the operation.
3. In what cases of mortification, impending or complete, of the extremities is amputation imperatively demanded, with the preceding symptoms?
4. What operation is to be done on the calf of the leg in the case of a wound of one of the great arteries, the injury of which cannot in the first instance be accurately determined?
5. What is the best manner of amputating the thigh at the hip-joint when the soft parts are much injured in the vicinity? and name all the parts to be divided.
6. The symptoms and treatment of calculus vesicæ in the female.

MARISCHAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY, ABERDEEN.—The following Medical Degrees were conferred during the Autumn Examination Term, after the usual examinations, viz. :—The degree of M.D. on THOMAS MATHER ASHTON,