into some of the Spanish journals. Trusting that you will be able to give this letter a place in your issue of Saturday next,
I remain, yours obediently,

ROBERT BELI, M.D.

Lynedoch-street, Glasgow, Oct. 14th, 1878.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I am directed by the Treasurer, Mr. Ald. Stone, to forward to you the enclosed statement, with a request that it may appear in the next edition of THE LANCET.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

Oct. 10th, 1878.

FRED. WALKER, Steward.

Plan for providing Refreshments for Out-Patients and Casualties.

The Out-Patient Department of St. Thomas's Hospital is very extensive, and the advice of the medical staff in attendance in this section of the hospital is much sought after by a very large number of persons, the total attendance of out-patients and casualties during the last year being nearly 140,000; but this does not represent the total number of applicants for out-patient letters, as many of these are not considered fit cases for hospital treatment. It requires the daily attendance, for many hours, of a large staff to examine and prescribe for these patients, some of whom come from considerable distances, and are necessarily detained at the hospital, waiting their turn, in rotation, for medicine, &c., after being prescribed for by the medical staff. It frequently happens that these patients have left home hurriedly, without taking proper nourishment, and become faint from exhaustion before leaving the hospital. In view of this the Treasurer and Committee have made arrangements for supplying them with refreshments—say tea, coffee, milk, rolls, cakes, &c.—at a small fixed charge, so that such as require it may obtain a simple meal at a small cost, and thus remove the excuse they now have of resorting to public-houses for food and drink before returning home. Somewhat similar arrangements have been adopted at Guy's Hospital.

Obituary.

ARTHUR BROWNE STEELE, L.K.Q.C.P.I., M.R.C.S.

MR. STEELE was the son of a practitioner at Stoke Ferry, Norfolk, in which town he was born in 1820. He received his medical education at St. George's Hospital, where he was fortunate enough to be one of the dressers to Sir Benjamin Brodie. He commenced his career in Liverpool as resident surgeon to the workhouse. He afterwards became one of the parochial district officers, and it was in the performance of his duty that he caught typhus fever, from which he suffered severely. In 1849 he was appointed surgeon to the Bluecoat Hospital and to the Ladies' Charity. The latter office he held for twenty years, attending during that period a large number of difficult and dangerous labours among the poor. In 1869 he became one of the surgeons to the Lying-in Hospital; and in 1876 he was appointed obstetric physician to the Royal Infirmary. Mr. Steele was a hard-working, conscientious practitioner. By diligence he raised himself from the position of general practitioner to that of consultant in obstetric medicine. He took a deep interest in the politics of the profession, and was for years one of the most active members of the British Medical Association. His intellect was essentially logical and forensic rather than inductive. Few could equal him as a speaker in his orderly arrangement of facts and arguments; and it can scarcely be doubted by those acquainted with him that he might have made a really distinguished position for himself as a public speaker if he had chosen any of the professions in which oratory is an essential qualification. For twenty years he lectured with success on midwifery at the Liverpool School of Medicine, and at most professional gatherings he was chosen as one of the prominent speakers. Since 1863 he suffered from renal mischief, of which he died October 9th, 1878. He leaves three daughters and three sons, two of whom are in the medical profession.

The funeral took place on Saturday, at Southdown Cemetery, and was attended by about eighty medical practitioners, besides other mourners.

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Oct. 10th:—

Harris, Frederick Alfred, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Monté, Peter, Young-street, Kensington.

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

Charles Pardey Lukis, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; John Jones Charing-cross Hospital.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the October examinations the following obtained the licences in Medicine and Midwifery:—

Isaac Ashe, James George Beaney, John Joseph C. Burgess, Joseph Henry Irvin, Richard Williams.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND.—The following degrees were conferred at Dublin Castle on the 11th inst.:—

DOCTOR IN MEDICINE.—First Honour Class: James H. Gibson, Lysander Maybury, C. Yelverton Pearson. Second Honour Class: Edward Little, Stephen Little, John F. Tushy, William Whitford. Unclassed: T. Gelston Atkins, Charles Warke Allison, Theophilus Bacon, Alfred Constantine Bennett, Henry Bingham, Daniel Burdon, John Thomas Collier, Patrick Oswald Considine, William Fleck, Alfred Osmond Geoghegan, Robert Evans Hadden, Charles Hall, James P. Hanrahan, John J. Hartnell, J. Courtney Haslett, William R. Henderson, Francis Thomas Henston, Richard Jennings, John Reid Johnston, Alfred Henry Keogh, Charles Kevin, Pershouse William Langley, Andrew T. Love, Joshua Lytle, Brien Sarsfield M'Dermott, John M'Kinlay, William M'Namara, Edward Magner, Thos. H. May, Daniel O'Connor, Daniel Riordan, William Rowney, William Smyth, James Steel, William Stokes, James Wigmore, Ralph Worrall.

MASTER IN SURGERY.—T. G. Atkins, Theophilus Bacon, Alfred C. Bennett, Daniel Burdon, John William Byers, Patrick Maurice Carleton, Isaac C. Dundee, William Fleck, James Hill Gibson, R. Evans Hadden, James Hanrahan, John Joseph Hartnell, John Courtney Haslett, Wm. Robert Henderson, Francis Thos. Henston, Richard Jennings, John Reid Johnston, J. Martin Kennedy, Alfred Henry Keogh, Charles Kevin, Pershouse Langley, Edward Little, Stephen Little, Andrew Thos. Lowe, Joshua Lytle, Brien Sarsfield M'Dermott, Isaac Crawford M'Learn, William M'Namara, Edward Magner, Lysander Maybury, Daniel R. O'Connor, C. Yelverton Pearson, William Rowney, William Whitford, James Young.

THE will of Mr. J. B. Burroughs, F.R.C.S. Eng., of Clifton, has been proved under £90,000.

DR. A. J. MACKINTOSH has received the sum of £12 7s. from the Local Government Board for efficient vaccination in his district (sixth time).

THE North Bierley Guardians have completed a new Infirmary to accommodate seventy-two patients, at a cost of about £9000.

THE second Sunday in November has been appointed for the annual collections for the hospitals in Dublin.

MR. GEORGE W. W. FIRTH, F.R.C.S. Eng., senior surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, died on Monday, after a few hours' illness, from heart disease.

THE Leamington Medical Officer of Health (Mr. Joseph S. Baly) reported to the last meeting of the Watch Committee of the Urban Sanitary Authority that there was not a single case of infectious disease in the town.

THE Sheffield Town Council have passed a resolution to apply to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the borrowing of £13,000 for the erection of an Infirmary for infectious and contagious diseases.

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—Mr. Joel Harrington Douty has obtained the Entrance Scholarship of £25, and Mr. Walter E. Wynter that of £20, both tenable for two years.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Mr. P. P. Whitcombe, of Epsom College, has gained the scholarship in Natural Science; Mr. C. S. Spong, also of Epsom College, the exhibition in Natural Science; and Mr. U. K. Dutt, the extra scholarship in Natural Science.

SMALL-POX IN IRELAND.—Although decreasing considerably in Dublin and Belfast, the disease is spreading to a certain extent in other parts of the country, more especially in Galway and Westmeath. In the former locality twelve deaths have been registered during the past four weeks.