

In answer to the opening sentence of Captain Hall's manly, sound, and courteous letter, I may say that, in so far as the "direct method" may have become a "public" question, it is due entirely to the spontaneous and disinterested action of medical officers of the Royal Humane Society. In answer to various inquiries respecting the "direct method," I may say that, outside of the original prize essay, no illustrations of it have yet appeared in any medical journal. This culpable negligence I am preparing to atone for, and will present them at as early a date as the varied engagements of a visitor will permit.—Faithfully yours,

BENJAMIN HOWARD.

Scientific Club, Savile-row, April 18th, 1878.

"POISON IN THE NURSERY."

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The letter on the above subject in your last week's issue directed my attention to violet powder as the cause of a recent outbreak of erysipelas affecting four infants under my care. Inquiry confirmed my suspicions, as in each case the source of the powder was the same; and of two specimens I procured for analysis, each showed an adulteration with white arsenic of more than 20 per cent. The important nature of these facts leads me to ask your insertion of this letter, in the hope that it may direct attention to a previously unsuspected source of infant danger.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

FRED. E. COCKELL, Jun., M.R.C.S.

Forest-road, Dalston, April 24th, 1878.

WIMBLEDON SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—A paragraph appeared in your paper of last week, stating that scarlet fever was rife in a large school at Wimbledon. This having been copied into other papers has caused alarm to several of the parents of our pupils, and is calculated to do us injury. Will you kindly afford us an opportunity of stating that the school at Wimbledon is not "Wimbledon School," that we have not had a single case of scarlet fever for more than three years, and that the fever at the school alluded to has entirely passed away.

We remain, Sir, your obedient servants,

JOHN M. BRACKENBURY,

CHARLES J. WYNNE,

Head Masters.

Wimbledon School, Surrey, April 17th, 1878.

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON AND THE SCOTCH CORPORATIONS.

OUR correspondent at Glasgow writes:—The Duke of Richmond has, it is understood, communicated with the Scotch Corporations, and intimated to them that they must amalgamate to form a Conjoint Board somewhat similar to the one proposed for England. He has further stated that unless this is done voluntarily a clause will be inserted in the Bill making the combination compulsory. A meeting of the representatives of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, with those of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, met in Edinburgh on Wednesday last to discuss the communication. The result, stated generally, was as follows:—The conference declined to entertain the project of amalgamation voluntarily unless the universities were included in the scheme. It thought that the corporations would not exist more than five years if the proposal were adopted as submitted.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.—

The annual general meeting of this Association will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, on Tuesday, May 7th, at 3 P.M., when several matters of interest to the members of the Poor-law Medical Service will be discussed. After the meeting the members will dine together. Gentlemen who intend to dine are requested to send their names as early as possible to J. Wickham Barnes, Esq., Hon. Sec., 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—

At a quarterly meeting of the Council on the 18th inst. the following Members were elected to the Fellowship of the College, under Section 5 of the Charter of the 15th Victoria, relating to Members of twenty years' standing:—

Fayrer, Sir Joseph, K.C.S.I., M.D., F.R.S., Granville-place; diploma of membership dated July, 1847.

Pemberton, Oliver, F.R.C.S. Ed., Temple-row, Birmingham; April, 1847.

The following gentlemen, having passed the required examination for the diploma, were duly admitted Members of the College on the 16th and 17th inst.:—

Andrew, J. Edward, L.S.A., Victoria, Australia.
Annand, George, M.D. Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia.
Atkinson, John Mitford, L.S.A., Winchester.
Ball, W. Montague, L.S.A., Camden-road.
Bennett, W. C. Storer, L.R.C.P. Lond., George-street, W.
Berry, F. Haycraft, Amwell-street.
Burt, Alfred, L.S.A., Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
Buxton, A. St. Clair, L.R.C.P. Ed., Shepherd's-bush.
Claburn, Tom George, Norwich.
Clark, C. A. Dagnall, Twickenham.
Clarke, Richard, L.S.A., Henton, Oxon.
Clarke, T. Furze, L.S.A., Richmond, Surrey.
Colenso, R. John, Phillimore-gardens.
Evans, E. Prichard, Llanfabon, South Wales.
Fardon, E. Ashby, Droitwich.
Flood, F. Pultney, Leeds.
Gabb, C. Baker, L.R.C.P. Ed., Hastings.
Gilbert P. Francis, L.R.C.P. Ed., The Vicarage, Cripplegate.
Giles, B. Farady, L.S.A., Canonbury.
Griffith, W. S. Anderson, Sandridge, Herts.
Henderson, Cecil, Clifton, Bristol.
Hetherington, G. Haynes, L.S.A., Uxbridge.
Higgs, Alfred, Leicester.
Lavis, H. J. Johnston, Stalbridge, Dorset.
Lockwood, C. Barrett, L.S.A., Stockton-on-Tees.
Lowson, David, M.D. Aberd., Huddersfield.
Nicholson, J. Edward, Tours.
Pearse, T. Frederick, L.R.C.P. Lond., Finborough-road.
Pinching, W. Wyatt, L.R.C.P. Ed., Gravesend.
Powell, Arthur Ernest, L.R.C.P. Ed., Norwich.
Prichard, J. Edward, Clifton, Bristol.
Rendall, S. Morton, Torquay, Devon.
Sayer, Thomas, Swaffham, Norfolk.
Skelding, H. John, L.S.A., Bayswater.
Sylvester, G. Holden, Tunbridge.
Takaki, Kanehiro, Tokio, Japan.
Wride, F. George, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Oxted, Cheshire.

Of the 47 candidates examined on the above-mentioned days, 27 passed to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners and obtained their diplomas; 9 passed in Surgery, and when qualified in Medicine will be admitted Members; and the remaining 11 failed to satisfy the Court, and were referred for six months' further professional study. Ten candidates who had passed in Surgery at previous examinations, having subsequently obtained medical qualifications recognised by the College, were also admitted Members.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on April 18th:—

Burnie, William Gilchrist, Bradford, Yorkshire.
Reckitt, John Dennis Thorpe, Wainfleet, Lincolnshire.
Smith, Kenneth Rawlings, Oak Villa, Stamford-hill.
Wells, Charles, Hillside, Stowmarket.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.—The following gentlemen, having passed the required examination, obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine on April 18th:—

Codrington, Oliver, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Fort Pitt, Chatham.
Colby, Wm. Taylor, M.R.C.S.L., L.S.A., Malton, Yorkshire.
Eteson, Alfred, M.R.C.S., Watford, Herts.
Grose, Samuel, F.R.C.S., Staff-Surg. R.N., Melksham, Wilts.
Hall, Frederick, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., Leeds, Yorkshire.
Hicks, Henry, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Hendon, Middlesex.
Macgowan, Alexander Thorburn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., Clifton, Bristol.
Whalley, Wm., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., L.M., Bradford, Yorkshire.
Wotton, Henry, F.R.C.S., L.S.A., Kensington.
Wynter, Hugh Bold, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Wandsworth-common.

At the same time, the degrees of M.B. and C.M. were obtained by the under-mentioned gentlemen:—

Mackay, John Sutherland, M.A., Edinburgh.
Rea, John Henry, L.R.C.P. & S. Ed., L.M., Belfast.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—The following examiners in the Faculty of Medicine for 1878-1879 were elected at the meeting of the Senate, held on Wednesday last:—Practice of Medicine: W. H. Dickinson, M.D., and Charles Murchison, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.—Surgery: John Cooper Forster, M.B., and W. S. Savory, M.B., F.R.S.—Anatomy: