

other course could have been followed if the extension of the mischief from the use of the milk was to be promptly put a stop to. From the legal point of view we are unable to state what were the limits of Mr. Smith's duty. No case has been before us which would help us to a decision in this matter. The question in its legal aspect should be addressed to the Clerk of the Sanitary Authority, or, if he be not a lawyer, to the Local Government Board. It is highly desirable that all the actions of a sanitary authority and its officers should be kept within the letter of the law, but in face of a danger so great as that described by Mr. Smith, the medical instinct can scarcely be expected to rest quiet until the legal niceties of the case are settled, and happily the popular instinct usually accepts without question the medical view.—ED. L.

"HOW SMALL-POX IS SPREAD."

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In reference to the letter in last week's LANCET, I regret that Mr. T. W. Lacey should not have communicated with the hospital authorities before rushing hastily into print and idly explaining how small-pox is spread. I beg to say, as one of the committee of the hospital at Stockwell, that in no case is it possible that a patient can be seen unless in the most urgent danger, and then only the nearest relative is written to and allowed to see the case. A book is kept at the lodge, in which the names of semi-moribund cases are registered, and this is corrected day by day; and again a paper is put into the hands of each visitor, warning them of the risk they run, and advising revaccination previous to entering the hospital,¹ &c. Does Mr. Lacey imagine that infectious hospitals could exist if friends were not allowed to enter? Or would he prefer that all visitors should be carbolised, and so reveal to their neighbours the fact that they had just returned from an infectious hospital? Believe me, Sir, that I state a fact when I say that in no hospital existing is more care taken than at Stockwell to prevent indiscriminate visiting, and for the utter destruction of excreta before entering the sewers, and disinfection of clothing and body-linen, and that the letters sent from the hospital are all exposed to a potent system of disinfection.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SOPER,

Member of the Metropolitan Asylum Board.

Clapham-road, S.W., Dec. 3rd, 1877.

P.S.—Will you allow me to state one or two further particulars? The friend of the patient stayed in the ward only ten minutes, and when leaving, asked the porter if she might bring in a few grapes. This request was *exceptionally granted*, and she within a few minutes came back with the grapes, took them to the ward, and at once retired. I may further add that a special over-all kind of dress was put upon the visitor—this being the custom—and before leaving she was made to wash her hands in carbolic solution. These dresses are daily disinfected. A meeting of the committee of the Asylum Board has been held to-day, and the result will, I feel sure, do much to allay the alarm occasioned by visiting infectious cases, as the precautions to be adopted will be made much more stringent.—W. S.

Dec. 4th, 1877.

¹ STOCKWELL HOSPITALS.—The Committee hereby give notice to the friends of patients that they run great risk in visiting the hospitals, unless they have been previously properly vaccinated. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that persons not thus protected, who have been allowed to see relatives lying dangerously ill in the hospitals, have themselves caught the disease and died; no person, therefore, should attempt to enter the wards of the hospital without having been revaccinated; and the Committee recommend all persons residing in a house where a case of small-pox occurs, at once to call on the public vaccinator, whose address may be obtained from any of the parish officers. In the public interest, it is necessary to limit the visiting of patients to the nearest relatives or intimate friends of persons lying dangerously ill, and even then the Committee would urge such persons not to enter the wards unless they have been properly revaccinated; and these visits, which can only be made by permission of the Medical Superintendent, must be strictly limited in their duration.—By order of the Committee, W. F. JEBB, Clerk.—February 3rd, 1872.

Medical News.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—The following are lists of the candidates who have passed the recent Examinations:—

M.D. Examination.

Archer, Herbert Ray, St. George's Hospital.
Hetley, Henry, Guy's Hospital.
Hoar, Charles Edward, King's College.
Hunt, J. W., B.S. (Gold Medal), University College.
Jameson, Leander Starr, B.S., University College.
Kidd, Walter Aubrey, B.S., Guy's Hospital.
* Ord, William Miller, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Rigby, James Arthur, Guy's Hospital.

LOGIC AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY ONLY.

Ashby, Henry, Guy's Hospital.
Bogg, Thomas Wemyss, University College and Manchester Royal Infirmary.
Burton, Samuel Herbert, B.S., University College.
Firth, Charles, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Morley, Thomas Simmons, Guy's Hospital.

* Obtained the number of marks qualifying for the Medal.

M.S. Examination.

Pepper, Augustus Joseph, University College.

B.S. Examination.

FIRST DIVISION.

Symonds, Charters James, Guy's Hospital.
Verco, Joseph Cooke, M.D., St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

SECOND DIVISION.

Bury, Judson Sykes, University College.

Second M.B. Examination for Honours.

MEDICINE.

FIRST CLASS.

Smith, Herbert Urmson (Scholarship and Gold Medal), St. Thomas's Hospital.
† Horrocks, Peter (Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital.
Symonds, Charters James, Guy's Hospital.

SECOND CLASS.

Tirard, Nestor Isidore Charles, King's College.

OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.

FIRST CLASS.

Tirard, Nestor I. C. (Scholarship and Gold Medal), King's College.
Symonds, Charters James (Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital.
Smith, Herbert Urmson, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Gristock, William, University College.

SECOND CLASS.

Barrow, Albert Boyce, King's College.
Sedgefield, Arthur Roblet Wyatt, King's College.
Stevenson, Leader Henry, Guy's Hospital.
Horrocks, Peter, Guy's Hospital.
Giles, George Michael James, St. Mary's Hospital.
Goodchild, Francis, St. George's Hospital.

FORENSIC MEDICINE.

FIRST CLASS.

Tirard, Nestor I. C. (Scholarship and Gold Medal), King's College.
Symonds, Charters James (Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital.

SECOND CLASS.

Sedgefield, Arthur Robert Wyatt, King's College.

THIRD CLASS.

Equal { Smith, Herbert Urmson, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Stevenson, Leader Henry, Guy's Hospital.
Joll, Boyd Burnett, University College.

† Obtained the number of marks qualifying for the Scholarship.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine and received certificates to practise on Nov. 29th:—

Blackburn, Herbert Belasyse, Selham, Sussex.
Couzens, Charles, London Hospital.
Gamble, Ernest Langwith Gompertz, Grantham.
London, Arthur Jermyn, Margaret-street.

The following gentlemen also passed the Primary Professional Examination:—

Frederick William Ellison, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Alten Kingsley Hoets and Edwin Charles Warren, London Hospital; William Alfred Philipps, Guy's Hospital.

DR. J. H. HAMMOND, of Preston, has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for Lancashire.

THE Council of University College, London, have awarded the Sharpey Physiological Scholarship to Mr. Patrick Geddes.

DR. EAMES, medical superintendent of the Cork* District Lunatic Asylum, gave last week the first of a series of lectures on "Insanity, its causes and treatment," in the Queen's College, Cork.