

days. Since April, 1870, I have administered anæsthetics to 1144 patients: methylene in about 150 cases, ether in some 50, and chloroform in the remainder. I have never lost a patient. One ether case was in great peril; and about one in fifty of the chloroform cases exhibited dangerous symptoms.

It is an extremely difficult, and, I believe, almost impossible, matter for one to give chloroform in an interesting operation without taking an occasional look at the operation, and I fear that dangerous symptoms in fatal cases are, as a rule, not observed sufficiently early for treatment to be of avail. On Thursday last I gave chloroform to a healthy country girl of fourteen for the removal of a fatty tumour beneath the extensor muscles of the forearm. She had inhaled half a drachm, and was commencing the next when her face became dusky, her pupils dilated, pulse feeble, respiration shallow. I gently lowered the head, drew the chin away from the sternum, turned her slowly over on to the left side, and pressed firmly with my hand beneath the heart, and in a very short time her face regained its natural colour and her circulation and respiration their normal action. I resumed chloroform, but in a few minutes the dangerous symptoms returned, and the same measures were successfully resorted to. Chloroform was again given, and the perilous condition returned, and this time the respiration completely stopped. The measures for resuscitation were again successful. The operation was now almost completed, and I had no further anxiety about my patient, but gave a few whiffs of ether whilst the sutures were applied.

I have notes of several similar cases which I have treated by the above simple and ready method. Facial pallor or duskiness is usually the earliest symptom of danger, and on observing this I gently lower the head. If a good effect is not immediate, or if the respiration is failing, I raise the chin, and turn the patient over on to the left side. Galvanism I have never employed, and unless an assistant is at hand to use it whilst the above measures are being carried out, I think the battery is best out of the operating theatre. I fear many lives have been sacrificed from the *few minutes or moments* which must elapse before this instrument can be applied.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Leicester, August 7th, 1875.

FRANK H. HODGES.

DR. O'NEILL AND MR. F. J. CLARKE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I hope you will grant me the privilege of repelling a charge brought against my private character by Mr. F. J. Clarke in your impression of the 7th instant. The writer of the letter, with a well-feigned show of injured innocence, and with a kind of special pleading, endeavours to show that I, a medical man, have no right to interfere with his practices simply because he owes me a three years' bill for medical attendance, the payment of which he is seeking to evade. Mr. Clarke, as might have been expected, is wroth with me for having procured the analysis of his so-called "blood mixture," and, of course, looks out for motives, which he imagines he has found in my medical bills. At the time of his writing to THE LANCET he was perfectly well aware of my expressed intention to proceed against him for the non-payment of my fees, and that all the necessary information was in the hands of my solicitor, to whom he had easy access. When the indebtedness to me was first incurred there was expressed thankfulness and promises to pay when in a position to do so. Next came forgetfulness, and finally denial. I am extremely sorry that I should have to rebut a personal attack of this kind in THE LANCET, but it gives me an opportunity of thanking the Editor of this journal for the kindness and courtesy accorded to me, and also to thank my many professional friends, many of whom are personally unknown to me, for their approbation and sympathy. I may say, in conclusion, that the motives attempted to be fastened on me had nothing to do with my procuring the analysis. Since the so-called Blood Mixture came into anything like notoriety, which is only during the last few years, I felt that something should be done, but my thoughts never assumed a definite shape until lately.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Lincoln, Aug. 9th, 1875.

WILLIAM O'NEILL, M.D.

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE CLINICAL STUDY OF INSANITY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—With reference to the petition to the Colleges of the Lecturers on Insanity, I enclose, with his permission, a copy of a portion of a letter which I recently received from the Registrar of the London College of Physicians, for which I hope you will kindly make room, as the knowledge of the step the College of Physicians has taken may induce other examining bodies to follow suit.

I am, Sir, your faithful servant,

R. H. B. WICKHAM,

Hon. Secretary to the Lecturers on Insanity.
Borough Asylum, Cuxlodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Aug. 10th, 1875.

[COPY.]

On the 19th July the following resolution was adopted at the Royal College of Physicians of London:—"That the Registrar prepare and submit a regulation to the College, 'That students who wish to qualify for the examination for the membership or licence of the College may substitute, if they so desire, a three months' course of clinical instruction in the wards of a lunatic asylum for the same period of attendance in the medical wards of a general hospital.'"

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—

At the last meeting of the Council the following Member was admitted a Fellow of the College:—

Poppleton Joe, L.S.A., Bradford, Yorks; diploma of membership dated Oct. 1838.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—The following is a list of the candidates who have passed the recent 1st M.B. examination:—

ENTIRE EXAMINATION.

FIRST DIVISION. — Fredk. Lucas Benham, John Topham Gadsby, George Courtenay Henderson, and Richard Shalders Miller, University College; James John Macwhirter Duobar and Francis Goodchild, St. George's Hospital; Thomas Ernest Hayward, Richard Lyddon, and Walter Eye, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; John Francis Nicholson, St. Thomas's Hospital; Arthur Bancks Prowse, Liverpool School of Medicine and St. Mary's Hospital; Harold Gilbertson Taylor and Fredk. Willcocks, King's College.

SECOND DIVISION. — James Blamey, James Wm. Bond, Henry Septimus Bott, Judson Sykes Bury, Claude Clarke Claremont, William Gristock, James Hudson, Christian Bernard Hunter, Alfred James, Boyd Burnett Joll, David Lloyd, John Mortimer, William Rumney Nicholson, Arthur Quarry Silcock, and Charles John Watson, University College; Charles Henry Cattle, Leeds School; William Edward Collins, St. George's Hospital; Henry Davy, Peter Horrocks, Montagu Lubbock, Edm. Howard Paddison, and Leader Henry Stevenson, Guy's Hospital; John Gilliot Garbutt, M.A., St. Mary's Hospital; William Pope Mears, London Hospital; Arthur Robert Wyatt Sedgfield, King's College; Wm. Frederick Shain and Joseph Wiglesworth, Liverpool School; J. Raglan Thomas and Hubert Poveaux Weiss, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Arthur Thos. Wilkinson, B.A., B.Sc., Owens College.

EXCLUDING PHYSIOLOGY.

FIRST DIVISION.—Howard Griffiths Lowe, Queen's College, Birmingham; Samuel Thomson Plumbe, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

SECOND DIVISION. — Charles Edward Beever and William Henry Blake, University College; Alfred Edgar Drysdale, University College and Liverpool Infirmary; Waldemar Joseph Roeckel, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Herbert Urmsom Smith, St. Thomas's Hospital.

PHYSIOLOGY ONLY.

FIRST DIVISION.—Francis Richardson Cross, King's College.

SECOND DIVISION.—Samuel Ferguson Bigger, Liverpool Royal Infirmary; Henry Laurence Champneys and Alfred Finch, Guy's Hospital; John Benjamin Hellier, Leeds School of Medicine; Thomas Bower Smith, University College.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE. — The following is a list of candidates who were successful at both the London and Netley examinations recently held, having passed through a course of instruction at the Army Medical School, Netley:

Marks.		Marks.	
Charlesworth, H. ...	4261	Mapleton, E. A. ...	3976
Dorman, J. C. ...	4100	Kelsall, E. W. ...	3560
Le Mottée, G. H. ...	4014	O'Sullivan, D. ...	3435
Chester, W. L. ...	4006	Sharpe, C. E. ...	2933

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE. — The following candidates were successful at both the London and Netley examinations, recently held, having passed through a course of instruction at the Army Medical School, Netley:—

Marks.		Marks.	
Marsh, H. E. ...	4077	Lynch, A. R. ...	3148
Strickland, H. G. T. ...	3796	Dudley, J. ...	2843
Patterson, A. ...	3608	Sherlock, J. J. ...	2420
Ronan, M. ...	3393	Bookey, D. B. ...	2381
McAdam, J. A. ...	3255		