

usual business of the Council, an adjournment should take place to enable the various committees to meet and prepare their reports.

After a short conversation this course was agreed to, and the Council adjourned, to reassemble for a short time at half-past five for the transaction of formal business. The sittings will be resumed this day (Friday).

PUNISHMENT DRILL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR.—Will you allow me to enter my protest against the introduction of a system of punishment drill into our public and other schools? I should regard such an innovation as a very disastrous one.

For some years past I have been endeavouring to persuade some of our school authorities to introduce drilling as a regular part of every boy's training, and I have urged that time for this purpose should be abstracted from that which is now allotted (in excess, as I think) to cricket and football. With the highest respect for these latter games, which I believe especially tend to make English youths what they are, it appears to me that they signally fail to give good carriage or to encourage a good style of walking. As a rule, I venture to assert that the average public school boy has a careless gait, and walks heavily with rounded shoulders. Let anyone walk from Windsor to Eton and observe for himself, and he will find this statement but too true. I do not wish to see our boys adopting the style of young German lieutenants, but I would direct attention, by way of comparison, to the Woolwich cadets, whose superior gait is simply the result of regular drilling in addition to athletics. There can be no question as to the special advantages attainable by drill, and I am confident that if a whole school had to undergo the system there would be no objection on the part of the boys. At present this matter is treated in a most narrow manner by school authorities, who practically make drilling as distasteful as possible by allowing it to certain boys as a set-off against games. This is most unkind and unwise, but I am confident that a change will ensue before long, and I look forward to the time when every public school boy will add to his other training some knowledge of drill. That the drill-master should ever be a terror to English boys is, I hold, a grievous matter, and the suggestion is as unwholesome as it is unpatriotic. For the purpose of punishment, let the curtailment of cricket or football enjoyment be held out, but let no stigma be attached to drilling.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

DYCE DUCKWORTH, M.D.

Grafton-street, Piccadilly, W., May 22, 1876.

POISONING BY TARTAR EMETIC.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR.—The lamentable case of Mr. Bravo, which is now causing so much excitement in the public mind, may be some excuse for bringing before the notice of your readers a parallel case which occurred in my own family. In the summer of 1849, the nursemaid, after a drive on a very hot day, experiencing great thirst, requested my assistant to supply her with an effervescent draught. Being short-sighted, he overlooked three bottles containing tartaric acid, and substituted from two to three scruples of tartarized antimony, and this the nurse hastily swallowed. Fortunately, being within a minute's call, I had several urgent messages sent to me to go home immediately, when I found her in great agony. Violent vomiting had already taken place; there was great contortion of the features, livid countenance, and clammy sweats. The vomiting continued incessantly for more than twelve hours, the bowels were violently acted upon, but at this distant date I am unable to remember the character of the motions; but I do recollect that part bloody sputa were expectorated.

The treatment I adopted was similar to that which has been carried out in the case of Mr. Bravo, with the exception that no injections were used. After a few weeks she recovered her usual state of health, and she remained

in my service for two years after, when she died of slow fever.

Although during this last attack she had no pressing enteric symptoms, there was a lingering impression in the minds of herself and her relatives that she had never entirely cast off the effects of the poisonous dose.

I remain, Sir, yours, &c.,

Hanover-square, Leeds, May, 1876.

THOS. FOSTER SAGAR.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND. —

The following gentlemen having passed the required examination for the diploma, were duly admitted Members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on Thursday, the 18th inst:—

Barrow, Charles A. G., Woolwich, Kent.
Buckell, Leonard M., Romsey, Hants.
Dick, Arthur E., Halesworth, Suffolk.
Hasleden, Robert, L.S.A., Bolton, Lancashire.
Hookham, Paul, Oxford.
Moullin, James A. M., Porchester-terrace, Bayswater.
Orr, James W., L.S.A., Pembrley, Bedford.
Pickering, Charles F., Exeter.
Smith, Gerard H., Blackheath, Kent.
Thompson, Edmund J., L.S.A., Appleby Magna.
Turner, Walter P., L.S.A., Stamford, Hythe.
Twining, Alfred H., Walthamstow.
Ward, Alexander, Upper Norwood.
Webster, John, L.S.A., Market Deeping, Lincoln.

Of the 74 candidates examined on the 16th, 17th, and 18th inst., 16 failed to satisfy the Board of Examiners, and were referred for six months' further professional study.

The following gentlemen passed the first part of the Professional Examination for the Fellowship on Tuesday and Wednesday last:—

H. E. Juler, St. Mary's Hospital; R. J. Godlee, University College; E. A. Birch, Manchester; G. S. Harpur, and W. A. Frost, St. George's Hospital; J. F. C. H. Macready, H. F. Weiss, A. B. Anderson, and W. B. Clarke, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. Treves, London Hospital; J. Mackern, Guy's and Aberdeen; H. G. Lowe, Birmingham; T. E. Hayward, P. A. Steedman, and R. H. A. Schofield, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; W. Lane, J. C. Uthoff, and R. S. Wainwright, Guy's Hospital; B. J. Newmarsh, T. F. H. Smith, and W. J. Milles, King's College; G. E. Turner, St. George's Hospital; H. S. Bott, Manchester and University College; J. Cantlie, Charing-cross Hospital; W. Alexander, Liverpool; J. S. N. Boyd and D. J. Williams, University College.

Twenty-seven candidates failed to satisfy the Board of Examiners, and were referred for six months.

The following is a programme of the lectures to be delivered by Professor R. Brudenell Carter, F.R.C.S., commencing on Monday, June 5th:—Lecture I.: On Ophthalmology in its Relation to General Surgery. Lecture II.: On Glaucoma. Lecture III.: On Iridectomy and its Uses. Lecture IV.: On Iritis and Sympathetic Ophthalmia. Lecture V.: On Cataract Extraction. Lecture VI.: On Strabismus.

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

Badeock, George Sainthill, Camberwell-green.
Simpson, James Herbert, Pontefract.

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

Hemming, William Douglas, King's College.
Lake, William Wellington, St. Thomas's Hospital.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. William Watson Dove, who has for a long time held the appointment of assistant medical superintendent at the Somerset County Lunatic Asylum, has been presented by the officers of the institution with a handsome dining-room clock, in massive black marble setting, inlaid with malachite, with gilt dial. On the base of the clock is a gilt plate bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to William Watson Dove, Assistant Medical Officer of the Somerset County Lunatic Asylum, by the officers, attendants and servants, in token of their respect and regard. May, A.D. 1876."

WALSALL.—At the last quarterly meeting of the Walsall Town Council the expediency of adopting the Artisans' Dwellings Act, 1875, in the borough was urged by the Mayor, on the ground that a deplorable state of things existed in certain parts of the town which was a disgrace to its authorities. The accumulation of filth in over-full middens was described as so great that the medical officer