

the domestic comforts of ordinary citizens as well as the regularity of life promoted by wholesome discipline.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,

Custom House, July, 1876.

WALTER DICKSON, M.D.

* * By an accident the decimal point between the numbers 3 and 6, in our abstract of last week, became obliterated in the process of striking off. Dr. Dickson cannot have observed the space between the figures.—ED. L.

THE DRESS OF THE POLICE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Permit me respectfully to call your attention to the absurd and unhealthy practice, enforced by the Police authorities, of clothing the constables of Great Britain, in the hottest period of the year, in thick, heavy broadcloth, admirably suited, but not just at present, for an expedition to the North Pole, and of fastening their necks with tight-fitting black stocks, which attract heat, impede natural respiration, and debilitate the constitution of the strongest. At the time I am writing the thermometer stands at 120° in the sun. Imagine the sufferings of our town and country policemen, who may, in the course of their duties, be called upon to walk ten or twenty miles a day; and they dare not unbutton their coats or relax their suffocating black chokers without an order from head-quarters. Pray, Sir—to use a familiar expression of our Premier—endeavour to educate our police rulers in the spirit of this simple truth, “that there is a time for all things,” and that it is cruel in practice and at variance with sanitary principles to clothe working men in the summer with the same garments which they use in winter. My experience tells me that working men and women, be their labours great or little, know when to put on a warm dress, and when to exchange it for a cooler; and why it should be supposed that our policemen are incapable of judging of the effects of weather, and why a light serge coat and summer trousers should predispose them to fever and rheumatism, I am at a loss to understand; for this is the line of argument adopted by absolute lovers of routine “for wishing matters to remain as they are.” A word in season by you in support of my suggestion would ensure ultimately the means of giving comfort and relief to nearly 30,000 fine, brave fellows who are now sweltering and weakened by excessive perspiration.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. ARTHUR KINGLAKE,

Taunton, July 17th, 1876.

Magistrate of the County of Somerset.

Obituary.

SIR JAMES LOMAX BARDSLEY, M.D.

By the death of Sir James Bardsley, which we briefly announced last week, Manchester has lost one of its most prominent citizens, and the profession a distinguished member. Sir James was a native of Nottingham, where he was born in 1801. He received his education in Scotland, studying at the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and graduating Doctor of Medicine of the former University in 1823. Soon after, he settled in Manchester, where he was fortunate enough to secure the appointments of physician to the Infirmary, and lecturer on the Practice of Medicine, &c., at the School of Medicine. He speedily established a good connexion in the town. In 1853 he received the honour of knighthood, at the same time that a similar distinction was conferred upon a London physician, Sir John Forbes. He continued to fill the appointment of physician to the infirmary for many years, and when, in consequence of his arduous private engagements, he resigned, he received at the hands of the Board of Management a well-merited recognition of his diligent and valuable services during the period he had been connected with the institution.

Sir James enriched medical literature with contributions of proved and acknowledged merit, some of which are of

permanent value. In 1850 he was elected president of the Manchester Medico-Ethical Association, an office which he held for some years. Although he was a justice of the peace and a deputy-lieutenant for the county, he seldom took any part in public affairs. In private life the deceased was greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends. “It would not be correct,” says one who knew him, “to attribute to him great intellectual acquirements; for he did not possess them. What distinguished him was the possession of good common sense and sound judgment rather than deep learning. He was essentially a practical man.” For some years Sir James, conscious of failing health, had gradually reduced the extent of his work, and during the last twelve months had not engaged in any medical labour. He had been slowly sinking for some time, and more than a week before his death all hope of his recovery was abandoned. He died from disease of the heart, having at the last suffered greatly.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen were admitted Licentiates on July 18th:—

Batchelor, Henry Thomas, Worcester, Cape of Good Hope.
Bowen, Alfred Longmore, Guy's Hospital.
Buckell, Leonard Martin, Romsey.
Collenette, Frank de Beauchamp, Guernsey.
Fisher, Stephen Henry, London Hospital.
Footner, John Bulkley, Bethlem Hospital.
Gibbes, Cuthbert Chapman, Surbiton.
Hames, George Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Hancock, John Gatchell, Downshire-hill.
Harvey, William Yeo, Stanhope-street.
Hayes, Francis George, Cathcart-road.
Jackson, Robert Alexander, Notting-hill-square.
Kirtikar, Kanoba Ranchoddas, Euston-square.
Lang, Henry Charles, Berners-street.
Makuna, Manikji Dosabhai, Norman House, Prince of Wales-road.
Morshead, Ernest Garstin Anderson, Salcombe Regis.
Perry, Edward Verdon, St. George's Hospital.
Pronger, Charles Ernest, Crawley, Sussex.
Rees, David Valentine, London Hospital.
Ritchie, John Lichtenstein, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Sawtell, Tom Henry, River-street.
Sellon, John William Gore, Budleigh Salterton.
Upton, Alfred, Halton-road.
Vernon, Mark Henry Herbert, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Verrall, Thomas Jenner, Dane's-inn.
Walker, George, jun., Cottenham, Wimbledon.
Williams, William Henry, Grafton-street, Fitzroy-square.
Woodward, Frederick Edward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The following candidates having passed in Medicine and Midwifery, will receive the College Licence on obtaining a qualification in Surgery recognised by this College:—

Eve, Frederic Samuel, Lady Margaret-road.
Lithgow, Thomas George, Kensington-park-road.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed the Primary Examination in Anatomy and Physiology, at meetings of the Board of Examiners on the 14th, 17th, and 18th inst.:—

C. A. Everest and S. V. Theed, Guy's Hospital; D. Williams, A. Blair, J. Homes, J. E. Pritchard, J. H. Oldroyd, H. E. Davis, A. A. Robinson, W. E. Davies, W. H. Copley, A. D. Maitland, A. H. Robinson, W. G. Burnie, J. O. Connor, and C. D. Briggs, University College; G. Shaw, Westminster Hospital; E. M. Harrison, J. Brown, H. C. Rowbotham, E. S. Pattison, and H. Hoole, Charing-cross Hospital; W. J. Jolliffe, L. A. Cantin, A. Weakley, H. D. Halliday, J. B. Rusher, A. Hepburn, and G. A. Farrer, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. Norman and P. Warwick, St. George's Hospital; R. B. Bothamley, A. J. Jefferson, and J. R. Lunn, St. Thomas's Hospital; P. F. Solomons, Calcutta and St. Thomas's Hospital; W. R. Scroggie, Bombay and St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. F. H. Bottrell and H. C. Allinson, King's College; A. J. Bisdee, St. Mary's Hospital; M. E. Ling, J. S. Nicholl, and G. H. Harvey, London Hospital; M. J. Verdon, Liverpool and King's College; and E. G. Betts, Middlesex Hospital.

Of the 147 candidates examined during the last and present week, 51 failed to satisfy the Board of Examiners, and were referred for three months' further anatomical and physiological study.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine and received certificates to practise on July 13th:—

Blackman, Josiah George, Southampton.
Blakie, John Robert, Oswestry, Salop.
Goodsall, Frederick Walter William, Dryland-road, Canonbury.
Mears, William Pope, Bromley, E.
Phillips, Alfred, The Ferns, Primrose-hill-road.
Roberts, John Thomas, New Romney, Kent.
Tunley, John, Mayfield Ashbourne, Derby.
White William Robert, King's College Hospital.