

some time previously; and that the impurity of the water such as it was in January, appeared to have been caused, partly by the floods of that month, and partly by the fact that the companies concerned were carrying on very important works of alteration and improvement.

**PUBLIC HEALTH.**—Mr. Stansfeld brought in a Bill to amend the laws relating to Public Health.—Sir C. Adderley obtained leave to bring in a Bill for consolidating and amending all the laws on Public Health and Local Government for England and Wales, exclusive of the metropolis.

*Tuesday, February 20th.*

**THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACTS.**—Sir J. Pakington asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he had received two memorials in favour of the Contagious Diseases Acts, one of them signed by nearly a hundred members of the medical profession residing in London, and the other signed by about twelve hundred members of the same profession; and, if so, whether he would lay those memorials upon the table.—Mr. Bruce said the fact was that there was only one memorial, but there was a series of signatures. One portion of it had reached him some time ago with eighty-seven signatures, and since then he received another portion of it with one thousand additional signatures. He would produce the document if it were moved for.

**INTOXICATING LIQUORS.**—Sir R. Anstruther obtained leave (in committee of the whole House) to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and he postponed any explanation of the details of the measure until the motion came to be made for its second reading.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS.**—The following notices have been given. Mr. Birley: Bill to extend to the whole of Sunday the present restrictions on the sale of beer and other fermented or distilled liquors.—Viscount Crichton: To call attention to the present state of the law relating to arterial drainage in Ireland, consequent upon the passing of the Land Act of 1870; and to ask if it is the intention of the Government to propose any amendment to the existing Drainage Act (26 and 27 Vic., c. 88), to facilitate the carrying out of arterial drainage and improvement of land in that country. [An early day.]

**SECOND READINGS.**—The following days have been appointed for the second readings of the several bills mentioned. *Wednesday, March 6.* Infant Life Protection Bill, Adulteration of Food and Drugs Bill.—*Thursday, March 7.* Public Health Bill, Public Health and Local Government Bill.—*Thursday, March 21.* Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.

## OBITUARY.

JOHN TAYLOR, DRUM, M.D., COUNTY MONAGHAN.

DR. TAYLOR died after a lingering illness on December 22nd, aged 56, at his residence in Drum, County Monaghan. In addition to a very extensive private practice, Dr. Taylor held for thirty-five years the office of Dispensary Physician, a position which he worthily filled. The large concourse of people of all ranks and of every denomination which followed his remains to the family burying-place, testified to the respect and esteem in which he was held by all classes of society.

J. JONES, M.R.C.S., BRYNAMAWM, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. Jones, which took place at his residence, Tirbach, on February 5, 1872, at the age of 48. He was an active, skilful, and successful surgeon; and it is not too much to state that the neighbourhood, in which he for many years resided, have suffered an irreparable loss. To the poor he was kind and liberal, and to all his patients a true and worthy friend. His remains were followed to their last resting-place, Cwmmaman Cemetery, on February 9th, by hundreds, many of whom wept bitterly after their much beloved doctor.

HENRY CHARLES ROBINSON, M.R.C.S. Eng.

MR. H. C. ROBINSON, son of Captain Bethel Robinson, was born in 1807 at Parkhurst Barracks, Newport, Isle of Wight, where his father's regiment was quartered. He began his medical career in 1828, and had an extensive practice for some years. He held parochial appointments for nearly thirty years; seven years as district surgeon in St. Pancras, and upwards of eight as medical officer to St. Pancras Infirmary, and nearly fourteen in Mile End Old Town. He has left eight children to mourn his loss. He died on January 8th, aged 64 years.

CHARLES SIDEY, L.R.C.S. ED., EDINBURGH.

MR. SIDEY died at his house, in Hanover Street, Edinburgh, on December 17th, after a few hours' illness, at the age of 75. He had been laboriously engaged in practice for more than half a century. Mr. Sidey retained the homeliness in externals, along with the genuine practical shrewdness, characteristic of former times; and he had been the valued friend of Abercrombie, Alison, and Syme. At the same time, he followed the advances in professional knowledge up to the present day. In the treatment of diseases of children and in operative midwifery he was successful, and stood high in the estimation of his brethren. With the exception of short practical observations at the meetings of medical societies, Mr. Sidey never, so far as we know, contributed to the literature of his profession, but was one of the first to point out the erysipelatous nature of puerperal fever. His whole energies were devoted to a large and laborious practice. He was essentially "the family doctor." He was ever deeply interested in his patients, more especially fond of children, utterly unselfish, grudging no trouble, and sparing himself no fatigue, even among the poor—always ready and cheerful, with keen perception, abundant common sense, and such an experience as only a long and laborious professional life could give.

GEORGE FRANKS, M.R.C.S. ENG.

MR. FRANKS, of Manor Road, Forest Hill, who died lately, became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1839, having been a licentiate of the Apothecaries' Society in 1829. He studied at the united Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals. He was for many years Surgeon to the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children, and a Vice-President of the Royal South London Dispensary, of which institution he was one of the founders. He was also during the Crimean war Honorary Surgeon to the Central Association for the Wives and Families of Soldiers. He was the author of a treatise on Gonorrhœa and Gleet, and of one on Cholera and Diarrhœa. His age at the time of his death was 68. He had retired from his practice on account of ill-health for the last five years. He died suddenly of heart-disease.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.**—At an extraordinary meeting of the College, on Monday, February 19th, the following gentlemen, having conformed to the bye-laws and regulations, and passed the required examinations, were granted Licences to practise physic, including therein the practice of medicine, surgery, and midwifery.

Baber, Edward Cresswell, M.R.C.S., Thurlow Square  
Hammond, Robert E., M.R.C.S., Booth Street East, Chorlton-upon-Medlock  
Kiddle, John Nelson, M.R.C.S., Guy's Hospital  
Ticehurst, Charles Sage, Carlisle Parade, Hastings  
Tweedy, John, University College Hospital  
Bland, George, who passed his examination in Medicine, October 1871, and has obtained a recognised qualification in Surgery.

**UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.**—At the examinations for Degrees in Medicine, held this month, the following candidates were successful.—Doctors of Medicine.

Bradshaw, William H. D.

Nason, John William W.

**Bachelors in Medicine.**

Browne, Valentine Edward

Thornhill, Hayman

Kelly, Thomas J.

Walsh, Samuel

Maddock, William

Woodhouse, Stewart

Mease, Andrew Leslie

**Master in Surgery.**

Ferguson, William Claudius

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, February 15th, 1872.

Armstrong, Edward John, Wiesbaden  
Price, Hugh Pugh Jones, Hulme, Manchester  
Sloan, Ebenezer Erskine, Lisburn, Ireland  
Smith, George Francis Firby, Northampton

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their first professional examination.

Anderson, William Henry, St. Mary's Hospital  
Boddy, Evan Marlett, Guy's Hospital  
Johnson, Cottingham Greaves, St. Thomas's Hospital

As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.

France, Joseph, Rotherham  
George, John, Kidderminster