

value of his services from the eccentric but kind-hearted surgeon, who, about the year 1826, appointed him Demonstrator of Anatomy at St. Bartholomew's. On the death of Mr. Abernethy, the Anatomical Lectures fell into the hands of a successor who claimed the emoluments of those given by Mr. Skey, in consequence of which he resigned, and, associating with him Drs. Todd, Hope, Marshall Hall, Pereira, and Mr. Kiernan (now the only survivor), established the Aldersgate Street School of Medicine. Here he lectured for ten years, his audience being largely increased by many of the St. Bartholomew's men, who preferred his lectures on surgery to those of Lawrence. About this time he was elected Surgeon to the Charterhouse. He was offered the appointment of Surgeon and Professor of Surgery at King's College on condition that he would resign them in three years. This he declined, and the negotiations fell to the ground. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1843; in 1848 he was returned by the Fellows to a seat in the Council, and in 1850 delivered the Hunterian Oration. Mr. Skey was in 1852 Professor of Human Anatomy and Surgery at the College. In 1855, he was elected a Member of the Court of Examiners, and in 1863 became President. In 1843, he was invited to return to St. Bartholomew's and accept the Chair of Anatomy, Mr. (afterwards Sir William) Lawrence retaining that of Surgery, and Mr. (now Sir James) Paget that of Physiology. It was not until after holding the appointment of Assistant-Surgeon for about a quarter of a century that he was elected full Surgeon, when, after nine years, he retired, having reached the age of sixty-five years.

On the formation of a Committee to inquire into the Prevention of Contagious Diseases in the Navy and Army, Mr. Skey was appointed Chairman, Mr. Spencer Smith, Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, another Member of the Council of the College of Surgeons, acting as Secretary. The result of the deliberations of the Committee, which sat for about eighteen months, was the passing of the Contagious Diseases Acts. For his valuable labours on this occasion Mr. Skey obtained the honour of C.B.

Mr. Skey was a valuable contributor to the advancement of professional knowledge, and a paper on Muscular Fibre, published in the *Transactions* of the Royal Society, obtained for him the Fellowship. He was the author of works on *The Venereal Disease, on Operative Surgery, and on Hysteria*. He published also Lectures on the *Prevalent Treatment of Disease, and on the Relative Merits of the two Operations for Stone*. He was also a frequent writer in the medical and other journals.

The immediate cause of death was ulceration of the intestines; and at the close, when the pain was excessive, he bore it with indomitable courage, supported by the presence of all his family, with the exception of one son, who had to join his regiment a few hours before the close of his father's career.

ROBERT WINSTANLEY, M.R.C.S., WIGAN.

THE late Robert Winstanley, whose death occurred on August 17th, was born in the neighbourhood of Wigan, and received his medical education first with Dr. Latham, of that town, and subsequently at Glasgow, Edinburgh, and King's College, London. He became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and a licentiate of the Apothecaries' Hall, in 1857. He practised in Wigan, where he held several public appointments, and where, by his genial disposition and affable manner, he gained the esteem of a large circle of acquaintance. Failing health obliged him, in 1869, to give up his profession, and to seek for a more suitable climate abroad; but his disease (phthisis) had made such progress that the benefit he derived was but temporary. The immediate cause of death was hæmorrhage from the rupture of a blood-vessel in the lungs. He was in the thirty-ninth year of his age, and unmarried.

THOMAS BALLE FORSTER, M.D., R.N.

DR. THOMAS B. FORSTER died at Plymouth on August 20th, aged 47. He entered the Royal Navy as an assistant-surgeon in October 1847, and served on the Pacific Station successively in Her Majesty's ships *Asia, Nereus, and Decatur*, until September 1851, when he joined Her Majesty's ship *Plover*, at that time engaged in arctic service. On his arrival in England, he volunteered to return to Behring's Straits, and was appointed to Her Majesty's ship *Rattlesnake*, to which ship he was attached for upwards of three years. In April 1857, he was appointed assistant-surgeon of Her Majesty's Dockyard at Keyham, Devonport, which position he held until March 1870, when he retired from active service.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, August 29th, 1872.

Blake, John French, Galway, Ireland
Eagar, Robert Taylor Sumner, Sheffield
Paterson, Robert Haldane, Brigg, Lincolnshire
Waghorn, Albert Richard, Anerley

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

Highton, Thomas, St. Thomas's Hospital
Knowles, Edmund, St. Mary's Hospital
Squire, William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Travers, Otho Robert, Guy's Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

- ALDERBURY UNION, Wilts—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 3: £120 per annum, and extra fees.
ALVERSTOKE UNION—Medical Officer for the Town District: £90 per annum, and extra fees.
DONEGAL UNION—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Dunkineely Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
EVESHAM UNION, Worcestershire—Medical Officer for the Workhouse: £30 per annum, and midwifery fees.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 1: £52 per annum, and extra fees.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 2: £50 per annum, and extra fees.
GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Assistant Dispenser.
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Vincent Square—Consulting-Physician.
LANCASTER INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, apartments, coal, gas, and attendance.
LIMERICK UNION, co. Limerick—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Annacotty Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Medical Officer to the East Dispensary.
LLANELLY, Carmarthenshire—Certifying Factory Surgeon.—Surgeon to the Llanelly Tin Plate Works, the Old Castle Works, and the Pottery Works.
MEATH INFIRMARY, Navan—Apothecary, Secretary, and Registrar.
METROPOLITAN DISPENSARY AND CHARITABLE FUND, Fore Street, Cripplegate—Physician.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—Two Entrance Scholarships: £25 and £20 per annum, for two years.
PLYMOUTH, Pride of Devon Lodge of Odd Fellows—Surgeon.
SALFORD and PENDLETON ROYAL HOSPITAL and DISPENSARY—District Surgeon: £80 per annum, board and lodging.
ST. GEORGE, Hanover Square—Medical Officer of Health: £350 per annum.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—Scholarship: £40 per annum for three years.—Exhibition: £20 for one year.
SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmunds—Physician.
SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: £80 a year, with £10 a year from each resident pupil, board, and residence.
TRINITY COLLEGE, Dublin—Professor of Anatomy and Chirurgery: £200 per annum, and fees.
WESTMINSTER GENERAL DISPENSARY, Gerrard Street—Physician.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the communication.

BIRTH.

COATHUPE.—On August 30th, at Manchester, the wife of *Edwin Wise Coathupe, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—

The Rev. Dr. Haughton, Dublin; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. Leared, London; Mr. Solomon, Birmingham; Dr. Parsons, Dover; Dr. Drysdale, London; Dr. Morell Mackenzie, London; Dr. A. Edis, London; Dr. J. W. Eastwood, Darlington; Dr. E. T. Wilson, Cheltenham; Mr. J. W. Groves, London; Mr. J. W. Langmore, London; Mr. Henry Morris, London; Mr. Lettis, Great Yarmouth; Mr. Forster, Plymouth; Mr. F. Owen, Leatherhead; Dr. Frederick J. Brown, Rochester; Dr. Cordwint, Taunton; Dr. Roden, Kidderminster; Mr. Dickinson, Cannes; Dr. Heywood Smith, London; Dr. Rushton Parker, Liverpool; Dr. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Mr. Beardsley, Grange-on-Sands; The Registrar-General of England; and The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Mr. E. Robinson, Leeds; B. B. B.; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Dr. Samelson, Manchester; Mr. J. Hughes, Middlewich; An Associate; Mr. Henry Arnott, London; Mr. Martin, Evesham; Mr. Pearce, Wellington; Dr. T. Ballard, London; Dr. Marsillac y Parera, Barcelona; Dr. Taylor, Nottingham; Dr. J. C. Murray, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. Steele, London; Mr. Longmore, Netley; Dr. Charles Creighton, London; Dr. Guy, London; Mr. Bryden, Uffculme; Dr. Moxey, Tottenham; Mr. Spurrier, Birch Hall; Dr. Trollope, St. Leonards-on-Sea; Mr. Bradley, Manchester; Mr. Hewitt, Manchester; Mr. Slaytor, Newton Abbott; Dr. Taylor, Nottingham; Mr. F. Workman, Reading; etc.