

portion of recent softening with consecutive hæmorrhage, which was evidently the immediate cause of death. The back of the hands, and that part of the feet which were constantly exposed (as the man, who was a beggar, wore only slippers without any socks), were the seat of erythematous swelling, and in some places denuded of the epidermis, as if removed by phlyctenæ, and the Malpighian layer was entirely exposed. The other parts of the body which are constantly exposed, such as the face and neck, also bore evident marks of the local action off the sun and air.

The treatment consists of removing the causes, and placing the patient in as favourable a condition as possible, administering at the same time good wine, tonics, and proper substantial food. Pharmaceutical agents are of little use in these cases, but prophylactic measures are invaluable, particularly where the disease is endemic, and where, for want of a just appreciation of its nature, thousands of human beings are carried off annually. These measures, however, M. Béhier declares are not in the province of medical men, they belong more to governments; and to that science which, up till now, has proved of so little use, and to which they have given the name of "political economy." But, continued M. Béhier, if medical men cannot of themselves improve the social condition of their fellow creatures, it is, nevertheless, their duty to fearlessly point out to those in power what is due to the people under their rule; and, if the rulers would only try to meet the wants of the masses, it would reflect more to their credit and bring them more glory than that achieved by arms. M. Béhier then added that, should the medical men fail in their philanthropic efforts, they should, with the authority due to their special knowledge, persevere in their good work; and the accomplishment of their exalted duties ought to make them more and more love their profession, which is unquestionably the noblest of all human callings. Be proud, he concluded, of such a profession, and if you would only cultivate it with dignity and honour, you may hold up your heads with any potentate, as you will have rendered as much, if not greater service, to the cause of humanity.

Among the English and other foreign ladies prosecuting their studies for the medical profession in Paris, there is a Mrs. Lawson, an English lady, who has just successfully passed her first preliminary examination, for the doctorship, in company with a French lady, named Madame Danel. Mrs. Lawson, it will be remembered, obtained only a short time ago the degree of Bachelor of Sciences, which is one of the requisites for the candidature of a M.D.

M. Littré, you will be glad to hear, is much better.

## OBITUARY.

### ROBERT PENTLAND, Esq., F.R.C.S.I.

On the 17th of June, passed away one of the best operators and most successful practitioners among Irish provincial surgeons, in the person of Robert Pentland, Esq., of Drogheda. Apprenticed to the late celebrated Abraham Collis, he passed the examination for the Letters Testimonial of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and became a Licentiate of that body in the year 1818, having been for six years resident pupil in Stevens' Hospital, under the supervision of his distinguished master and most of the other greatest surgeons of the Irish metropolis then alive, all men of celebrity and attainments. Within a short period after obtaining his qualification, he was elected surgeon to the County Infirmary at Drogheda, which post he continued to hold until death removed him from office, in the fifty-sixth year subsequent to his appointment. Throughout this long period of official life he commanded an extensive practice, attending all the leading families of the Counties of Meath and Louth, carrying with him the unceasing and heartfelt esteem of all classes of the community. Beloved by the poor, the welcome guest at all times of the rich, and respected by all for untiring professional zeal, urbanity, and kindness in every relation of life and unbounded hospitality, to his brother practitioners he exhibited that unselfishness and cordial feeling, which rendered him a favourite among them all. As a surgeon, he displayed great manipulative dexterity, and combined the talents of a sound surgical opinion and a successful operator. At the completion of his fiftieth year of office, as surgeon to the infirmary, the governors presented him with a handsome address, and purse of six hundred sovereigns, in appreciation of his long and arduous services. He obtained the Fellowship of the College of Surgeons in Ireland, in the year 1826, and for many years had a seat on its Council. He was also surgeon to the County Louth Militia. By the removal of Robert Pentland, Irish provincial surgery has lost an accomplished ornament and a kind and generous friend.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen was admitted as a member of the College on July 31st.  
Curnow, John, M.D., Mère Court Chambers.

The following gentlemen were admitted licentiates of the College on July 31st.

Barnard, Edward Charles, Tamworth Road, Croydon.  
Bedford, Robert, Hereford Road.  
Romford, Gerald, King's College Hospital.  
Curtis, Arthur, Alton, Hampshire.  
Davis, Harry, Callington, Cornwall.  
Deakin, Charles W., Kingston Grange, Hereford.  
Dodd, Alexander R., Westbourne Terrace Road.  
Drake, Arthur, Stratford.  
Dyer, John, Guildford Street.  
Eskell, Maurice, Grosvenor Street.  
Fowler, Breame, Castle Street East.  
Gillingham, Alfred, Guy's Hospital.  
Godrich, Alfred, Fulham Road.  
Goodchild, John, Heathfield House, Ealing.  
Gray, Frederick A., Charring Cross Street.  
Green, James, Landport, Portsmouth.  
Haig, Percy de Haga, Gilstone Road.  
Harvey, Charles W., University Hospital.  
Hartridge, Gustavus, Shrewsbury.  
Keatley, Charles R. B., St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Kitchen, Charles F. H., Ogilvie Street, Manchester.  
Lawrence, George E., Claverton Street, Bath.  
Lindsay, William B., Camden Road.  
Millar, William, Cathcart Road.  
Morris, Sydney, Hayes, Kent.  
Murphy, John F., Ardavinia, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth.  
Osler, William, Stanhope Street.  
Reid, Alexander, Towlaw, Darlington.  
Risdon, George O., Charlwood Street.  
Sobey, Arthur L., West London Hospital.  
Symons, John, Manor Villas, Hackney.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, 7th August, 1873.

Clift, Martin Luther, Central Street.  
Godrich, Alfred, Fulham Road.  
Risdon, George Owen, Charlwood Street, Pimlico.

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his primary professional examination.

Little, Henry Selby, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following candidates were successful at the competitive examinations held at London in February, and at Netley in August, 1873, after having passed through a course at the Army Medical School, Netley, and will receive commissions as surgeons in Her Majesty's Navy.

Order of Merit	Names	Studied at	Number of marks gained; max. 6900.
1.	Wellings, B. W.	Glasgow	4485
2.	White, R. D.	Dublin	4350
3.	Leech, J. R.	Cork	4335
4.	Wilson, J.	Belfast	4185
5.	Madders, H. J.	Cork	4180
6.	Lucas, E. A.	Dublin	3675
7.	Sproule, R.	Dublin	3521
8.	Godding, C. C.	London	3355
9.	Browne, S.	Belfast	3137
10.	Flood, A.	Dublin	2795
11.	Harrison, H. B.	London	2770
12.	Fitzgerald, M.	Dublin	2730
13.	Hamilton, S. F.	Do.	2413
14.	Magrane, C. W.	Do.	2402

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ALCESTER UNION, Warwickshire—Medical Officer for the Bidford District: £55 per annum.  
ASTON UNION, Warwickshire—Medical Officer for the Deritend District: £60 per annum.  
AUCHTERGAVEN, Perthshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £32 per annum. Applications to Thomas Wyllie, Chairman.  
BIRKENHEAD URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health, £250 per annum, without private practice. Applications, 19th inst., to Ambrose Waln, Clerk to Improvement Commissioners.  
BOURNMOUTH GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, August 28th, to the President, care of J. G. Douglas, M.B.  
BROMFORD, HEREFORD, LEDBURY, LEOMINSTER, AND WEOBLEY RURAL SANITARY DISTRICTS—Medical Officer of Health: £500 per annum for three years, without private practice. Applications, 19th inst., to T. Llanwarne, Esq., Hereford.