

for four years, and have voluntarily submitted themselves to a double examination. Would it be an improvement if the degree of M.D. were placed beyond the reach of any but a few comparatively wealthy students, and a virtual monopoly of teaching and examining given to the fellows of the medical corporations? I confess that for one I cannot think so; and yet, as appears to me, such would be the certain consequences if a Bill for Medical Reform, recently laid on the table of the House of Commons, were to become law.

I am, etc., J. ADAIR LAWRIE.

Glasgow, July 21st, 1855.

Erratum in Letter I, p. 687. For "28th Feb. 1594", read "1694".

## NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

\*In these lists an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association. That this department may be accurate, ample, and early in its information, the assistance of Members is requested.

#### BIRTHS.

- CARR, William, Esq., M.R.C.S.Eng., Surgeon to the Royal Kent Dispensary, the wife of—a son—at Lee Grove, Blackheath, on July 14th.
- DE WOLF, James R., M.D., the wife of—a son—at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 15th.
- DUNBAR, J.A., M.D., H.E.I.C.S., the wife of—a son—at 50, Moray Place, Edinburgh, on July 11th.
- HAINES, Robert, M.B., the wife of—a son—at the Esplanade, Bombay, on June 20th.
- MACKINTOSH, Dr., J. P., the wife of—a son—at Willunga, Adelaide, South Australia, on March 23rd.
- MARSHALL, John, Esq., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant-Surgeon to University College Hospital, the wife of—a daughter—at 10, Savile Row, on July 19th.
- PAGET, James, Esq., F.R.S., Assistant-Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the wife of—a son—at 24, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, London, on July 17th.
- WEBER, Hermann, M.D., Physician to the German Hospital at Dalston, the wife of—a daughter—in Finsbury Square, London, on July 21st.

#### MARRIAGES.

- ALLEN, James, M.D., Health Officer of Halifax, Nova Scotia, at St. George's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. C. Englis, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Uniacke, to ANNA MARIA, second daughter of the Rev. W. Y. PORTER, on June 25th.
- ARCHER, Lewis H., Esq., Surgeon, of Watton, Herts, at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, by the Rev. T. Beamer, to ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of — PETTIT, Esq., Brewer Street, Golden Square.
- MUDGE, John William, M.D., Madras Army, at St. James's, Piccadilly, by the Rev. James Aitken, M.A., to EMMA, widow of the late JAMES F. JOHNSTONE, Esq., Madras Cavalry, and daughter of Captain E. M. DANIELL, H.E.I.C.S., of Gloucester Square, Hyde Park, on July 21st.
- STEWART, William Ramsay, Esq., of the Medical Staff, at Gillingham, near Chatham, by the Rev. Dr. Page, to WILHELMINA, eldest daughter of the late WILLIAM PECK, Esq., Surgeon, of Chatham, on July 12th.
- TYLER, Edwin, Esq., Surgeon of the North Durham Militia, at St. James's, Paddington, by the Rev. C. Smalley, jun., to MARIA, daughter of the late T. W. BURT, Esq., of Westbourne Terrace.
- WILLIAMS, J. W. Hume, M.D., of Harcourt Street, Dublin, at Norton Fitzwarren, Somersetshire, by the Rev. G. Dance, to AGNES ANNE, daughter of the late T. M. CHARTER, Esq., of Lynchfield, Somerset, on July 10th.

#### DEATHS.

- ARNOTT, Archibald, M.D., formerly of H.M.'s 20th Regiment, at his residence in Dumfriesshire, aged 83, on July 6th. Dr. Arnott entered the army upwards of sixty years ago, and retired from active service in 1826. For a few years he was attached to the 11th Dragoons, but for a much longer period served with Her Majesty's 20th foot, on the Nile, in Calabria, Portugal, Spain, and Holland. He earned a medal with

clasp for Egypt, Maida, Vimiera, Corunna, Vittoria, the Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, and Toulouse. After the war, Dr. Arnott accompanied his regiment to St. Helena and India, and at the former station became the medical attendant of Napoleon Bonaparte. His professional ability, ingenuous character, and upright and dignified deportment as an officer and gentleman, secured for him the confidence, personal attachment, and sincere esteem of the late emperor. These sentiments were cordially reciprocated by the physician; and, on the part of the illustrious patient, were expressed by delicate attentions and lively marks of affectionate regard. In particular, shortly previous to his dissolution, Napoleon gave a very interesting testimony of his respect for Dr. Arnott, and grateful sense of the warm sympathy and indefatigable zeal with which he had laboured to mitigate the cruel sufferings which no art could heal. To use the words of one then on the island, "The emperor, on his death-bed, desired that a valuable gold snuff-box might be brought to him; and having, with his dying hand, and last effort of departing strength, engraved upon its lid with a penknife the letter 'N', he presented it to his kind and valued friend, as a parting memorial of his deep esteem and heartfelt gratitude." Besides this, Napoleon bequeathed to him 700 Napoleons, and the British government, to mark its approbation of his conduct, conferred on him £500. When the scene at last drew to a close, the patient expired with his right hand in that of Dr. Arnott. Dr. Arnott was almost the last survivor of those whose names will be handed down to posterity in connexion with the last days of Napoleon. His masculine and tenacious mind was to the last richly stored with recollections and anecdotes of the period. These the public would have read with interest; but, except a clear and distinct "Account of the Last Illness, Decease, and Post-mortem Appearances of Napoleon Bonaparte", published in 1822, he could never be induced to commit them to print. From the sphere of public duty, Dr. Arnott retired to his native parish, and there, on his paternal estate of Kirkconnel Hall, spent the evening of his days beneficially to the neighbourhood and honourably to himself.

- DOWLER, Thomas, M.D., at Devonshire Street, Portland Place, on July 11th.
- HINCHEN, Thomas William, Esq., M.R.C.S.Eng. 1843, and L.S.A. 1849, at East Harling, Norfolk, on July 3rd.
- POWELL, Henry, M.D., at 36, Finsbury Square, aged 48, on June 26th.
- PRIEST, Frederick, Esq., the late—ELIZABETH, only daughter of, at Burnham, Norfolk, aged 10 years, on July 21st. She survived her father only five weeks.
- SIBBALD, A., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon Turkish Contingent Force, at Cape Cunekoi, near Constantinople, of cholera, on June 26th.
- \*SINCLAIR, Duncan, Esq., Surgeon, of Halstead, Essex—MARY ELIZABETH, the wife of, on July 15th.
- WHITE, John Horsley, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon to the 3rd Regiment of Foot, in the Camp before Sebastopol, of fever after cholera, aged 28, on July 3rd.
- \*WILSON, William James, Esq., late Senior Surgeon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and President of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, at Tickwood, near Wellington, Shropshire, on July 19th. [Vide p. 603.]

ERRATUM. Mr. JOHN DAVISON, whose death was recorded at p. 690 of last number, was not 84 years of age, as stated. His age was about 40, we believe.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

- BALY, William, M.D., F.R.S., appointed Assistant Professor of Physic in the Medical School of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Dr. Baly is to deliver Clinical and other Lectures in Medicine, in conjunction with Dr. Burrows,

#### PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. Members admitted at the meeting of the Court of Examiners on Friday, July 13th:—

- CALLENDER, Michael James, Greenside, Durham  
 DUMAINE, Charles, Trinidad, West Indies  
 FULLER, Samuel, Army  
 HALL, John, Caroline Place, Haverstock Hill  
 HOLLAND, Henry Frederick, Godalming, Surrey  
 KIERNAN, Laurence, Australia  
 OGDEN, David Henry, Skipton-in-Craven  
 SIMS, William, Southampton