

CHURCH PARADE.

The Manchester Division of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps attended their first church parade at St. Matthew's Church on the 25th ult., when a special sermon was preached by Canon Kelly, honorary chaplain to the corps. At the review held on Saturday last by the Duke of Cambridge, the same corps marched out in most creditable style under the command of Surgeon Crockwell, and elicited some words of commendation from the Commander-in-Chief.

Oct. 4th.

LIVERPOOL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SCARLATINA AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

In consequence of a serious outbreak of scarlatina, the School for the Deaf and Dumb has been temporarily closed. Four cases were at once sent to the fever hospital of the workhouse, and subsequently six more. When Mr. Charles G. Lee, the surgeon to the institution, was first appointed some years ago, he found the sanitary arrangements most defective. At his suggestion most of these have been remedied, and little remains to be done to make the building as perfect in a sanitary sense as possible. This institution, which, though not a medical one, is of great interest to the profession, is under excellent management, and every opportunity is afforded to its afflicted inmates to receive a good education, and to be eventually enabled to earn their livelihood.

THE RECENT CASES OF HYDROPHOBIA.

As might have been expected, such an unusual occurrence as three fatal cases of hydrophobia occurring within so comparatively short a time, has produced a scare here. The order requiring all dogs in the street to be under control has been extended to all the neighbouring townships, and also to Bootle. No other cases have been reported.

THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Dr. Campbell Brown, the Professor of Chemistry, having been for some time located in the new laboratories, those formerly occupied by him have been added to the physiological laboratories, where, under the able superintendence of Dr. Larkin, physiology is now learned by the students in a most thorough and practical manner. Many improvements have also been made in the dissecting and anatomical rooms, where students can learn anatomy with every comfort and convenience. The rooms will be reopened to-morrow, between fifty and sixty students have entered their names, and an ample supply of subjects has been secured.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY.

The buildings are being rapidly taken down, and it is expected that the foundation stone of the new buildings will be laid on or about the 29th inst.

Liverpool, Oct. 4th.

BIRMINGHAM.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

A VIGOROUS appeal, signed by the Mayor and the secretaries of the Periodical Collections Committee, has just been issued. The proceeds this year fall by rotation to the Queen's Hospital, and the appeal sets forth in earnest terms the necessities of this deserving charity. When it is stated that the increase in the numbers over the last triennial period is over 28,000, and we learn that the estimated deficiency is £2500, it will be seen that there is a good case for urging the wants of the institution among the various places of worship in the town and district.

MUSHROOM POISONING.

A man, aged thirty-five, in apparently good health, partook of a hearty supper with a quantity of mushrooms. A few hours later he woke up complaining of abdominal pain,

vomited, and became insensible, dying at 4 o'clock in the morning. The doctor who was called in attributed the death to blood-poisoning caused by the mushrooms, which were probably decomposed. He stated that he had lately seen a case where similar symptoms were produced by eating mushrooms, adding that some people were particularly liable to ill effects from eating them. It is of importance that to be wholesome they should be fresh, and free from any mixture with fungi of similar appearance but of poisonous properties. It is highly probable that Saturday night suppers are often eaten hastily and accompanied by much drinking; for example, at the same time, an inquest was held upon the body of a man who had died from choking, a piece of raw meat an ounce and a quarter in weight being extracted from his throat after death.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The annual conversazione and distribution of prizes was held on the 3rd inst., and was largely attended. After the reception and address by the vice-president, Dr. Wade delivered an address, which was well received. The report stated that the number of entries at the commencement of last winter was 46, the number of students on the books of the College being 178; 36 passes had been obtained at the examination, 6 being at universities; at other examinations 98; making a total of 134. Since midsummer the intermediate examinations in medicine at the London University had been very successful with regard to this College, for of 7 who went up 5 passed in all the subjects. The year was also marked by the opening of the Eye Hospital and the Orthopædic Hospital to students for practice, which now took their place with the other hospitals and the Borough Lunatic Asylum for teaching purposes. The requirements of professional knowledge are thus amply rendered accessible to all who desire them.

CHURCH CONGRESS.

At the neighbouring town of Wolverhampton the assembly of the Church Congress excites a large and widespread interest. From a medical point of view the profession may be congratulated on the fact of the Mayor of Wolverhampton belonging to their ranks. The dignity of his office has been well represented in the reception given to the members of the Congress, and by the appropriate manner in which he has shown that the position of the two callings are united in the pursuit of the highest and best works.

NORTHERN COUNTIES NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

NO AMBULANCE.

AN inquest has been held on the body of a miner who died in a few hours after admission to the Durham County Hospital, having been severely crushed by a fall of stone during his work; he sustained a fracture of the thigh and compound fracture of the left leg, and also fracture of the left arm. When admitted, the house surgeon, Dr. Collinson, found him in a state of collapse. It appeared that at the mine, there being no ambulance carriage at hand, he was placed on a stretcher in a coal cart, a mode of transit rather slow and rough for such injuries, the coal mine being several miles from the hospital. The coroner and the jury, however, seemed to think it a light matter, and that the unfortunate man had suffered no injury from the journey.

POPULAR LECTURES.

The season of popular lectures has set in here, and our professional brethren are well to the front in this matter, as they generally take up subjects which they well understand. Dr. Robertson of Newcastle gave an interesting and most instructive lecture last week on "Life in South Africa." Dr. Robertson was well qualified for the task; he possesses a full knowledge of the country for prolonged residence there, and it is no wonder that he was frequently applauded by a critical audience, who fully appreciated the abilities of the lecturer.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Oct. 4th.

A YOUNG man has died at Hamilton from injuries received about a week previously while playing in a football match.