

MARRIAGES.

- BUHÔT—WATTLEY.**—On the 1st of Dec., 1869, at Scarborough Church, Tobago, the Honourable W. I. Buhôt, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., and A.D.C. to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to Elizabeth Woodley Wattlely, eldest daughter of his Honour the Chief Justice.
- HOWSIN—BELL.**—On the 25th ult., at Little Eaton, Derby, E. A. Howsin, M.D., of Newton-le-Willows, to Louisa Sarah Bell, daughter of the late R. J. Bell, Surgeon, of Reedness.

DEATHS.

- BRIGHT.**—On the 1st inst., at Cheltenham, Emily, widow of the late George Augustus Campbell Bright, Esq., formerly Garrison Surgeon, Bangalore, India.
- COLEMAN.**—On the 25th ult., at Henley-on-Thames, W. T. Coleman, M.D., aged 70.
- DALSTON.**—On the 24th ult., Thomas Dalston, Surgeon, of Brough, Westmoreland, aged 49.
- DICKINSON.**—On the 27th ult., at Leamington, Wm. Binley Dickinson, M.R.C.S.E., formerly of Macclesfield, aged 80.
- HARDY.**—On the 23rd ult., Wm. Thos. Sampson Ingram Hardy, M.R.C.S.E., of Albany-road, Camberwell, aged 67.
- LEAMON.**—On the 24th ult., E. F. Leamon, M.R.C.S.E., of Tavistock.
- THOMSON.**—On the 24th ult., at Hammersmith, Charles Thomson, M.D., of the Bombay Medical Service.

Medical Diary of the Week.

Monday, Feb. 7.

- ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10½ A.M.
- METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—2 P.M. General Monthly Meeting.
- ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**—8 P.M. Mr. Oakley Coles, "On the Mechanical Treatment of Deformities of the Palate produced by Syphilis."
- SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.**—8 P.M. Mr. Thos. Beggs, "On the proposed Extension of the Contagious Diseases Act in its Moral and Economical Aspects."
- MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.**—8½ P.M. Lettsomian Lectures: Dr. Tilbury Fox, "On the Pathology and Treatment of Eczema, and, incidentally, the Influence of Constitutional Conditions in Skin Diseases." Lecture III.

Tuesday, Feb. 8.

- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10½ A.M.
- GUY'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—3 P.M. Prof. Humphry: "On the Architecture of the Human Body."
- ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.**—8 P.M. Ballot.—8½ P.M. Dr. F. B. Nunnely, "On the Action of Citrate and Acetate of Potash and of Spiritus Etheris Nitrosi on the Urine in Health."—Mr. L. S. Little: "Case of Gold Plate with Artificial Teeth Swallowed, detected in Stomach, and removed."

Wednesday, Feb. 9.

- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10½ A.M.
- MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1 P.M.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- LONDON HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.**—7 P.M. Annual Meeting for Election of Officers.—8 P.M. Oration, by Mr. Thomas Bryant.
- ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY.**—8 P.M. Anniversary. President's Address and Election of Officers.

Thursday, Feb. 10.

- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10½ A.M.
- ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1 P.M.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—3 P.M. Prof. Odling, "On the Chemistry of Vegetable Products."

Friday, Feb. 11.

- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10½ A.M.
- WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—8 P.M. Dr. W. B. Carpenter, "On Temperature and Life in Deep Sea."
- CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.**—8½ P.M. Dr. Gee, "On Scarlet Fever in the course of Bright's Disease."—Mr. Paget, "On Cancer following Ichthyosis of the Tongue."—Dr. Brunton (communicated by Dr. Sanderson), "On Angina Pectoris treated by Nitrite of Amyl."—Dr. Anstie: "The Nitrite of Amyl in Angina Pectoris."

Saturday, Feb. 12.

- ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 9½ A.M.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, SCHO-SQUARE.**—Operations, 9½ A.M.
- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.**—Operations, 10½ A.M.
- ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 1½ P.M.
- CHARING-CROSS HOSPITAL.**—Operations, 2 P.M.
- ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—3 P.M. Mr. Scott, "On Meteorology."

THE NEW ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

THE Report of our Commissioner on the new Hospital of St. Thomas, Stangate, is in type, but is unavoidably postponed until next week.

Notes, Short Comments, and Answers to Correspondents.

CLINICAL TEACHING.

WE lately published an account of the internal economy of the great hospital at Vienna, and its resources for study. A few words might have been added on the industry of its professors, by way of comparison with a large proportion of the clinical teachers of the London schools. The crowd of students who attend Oppolzer's, Skoda's, and other clinics in the wards at eight o'clock in the morning, is a proof that the information obtained is felt to be worth the trouble of coming for it; and as the professor sets out with the idea that it is his business to teach, and not simply to get round the wards, it is easy for each individual to be sure of carrying away some piece of knowledge with him. Then, if he wishes to study skin diseases, he goes to Hebra's lecture-room, where the professor and the patient, like Van Amburgh and the lion, are enclosed in the centre of a convenient theatre; and while the patient stands on a table with his entire cutaneous surface displayed, the professor walks round him, and exhibits his "points" to the audience. If he visits the eye clinic, he finds a set of wards specially fitted up, and profits by the instruction of Professor Jäger. In the "sections-kammer" he sees assistant-teachers, with attendants to do the rough work, carrying out careful and systematic pathological observations under the personal superintendence of Rokitsansky. In the obstetrical department, where children come into the world at the rate of twenty per diem, he has unequalled opportunities of witnessing the complications of labour, and dealing with them himself, under the direction of Professor Braun and his deputies. Besides all the public opportunities in these and other departments, the student who wishes to work up any special subject, such as the use of the ophthalmoscope or laryngoscope, or to go through any operative course, can join one of the classes of the numerous "privat-docenten," and for a very moderate fee obtain in a short time an amount of practice which he would look for in vain in London. It is much to be wished that a complete and effective system like this, or like those which prevail in Paris or Berlin, could be introduced in the schools attached to our large hospitals. There can be little doubt that as soon as the required alteration of the law has been made, and students are allowed to seek their knowledge where they can get it on the best terms, schools which rely on their reputation rather than on the excellence of their teaching must go to the wall. The well-wishers of St. Bartholomew's, for instance, whose effectiveness and reputation have been so much damaged by death, resignation, and misgovernment, cannot wish anything better for its interest than an importation from some foreign school of the element of systematic clinical teaching. The medical side of the staff, which has been left by recent losses without a distinguished man—without even a single F.R.S.—is strongly interested in fortifying itself. Fathers of possible pupils, before they commit themselves to paying the high fees and extras required by this school, will note with some interest the use made of the present vacancy in the staff, and augur thence well or ill for the chances of improvement.

L.K.Q.C.P.—Our correspondent is very kind in dogmatically informing us that we are wrong. If he will consult the current Medical Directory, he will see that the College does not repeat the statement, that by the Charter of William and Mary it is empowered to give the title of Doctor. It has wisely accepted the clear ruling of the Master of the Rolls. The case of the licentiates is a very irritating one, and they have good ground to be dissatisfied with their College in misleading them. The title of Doctor of Physic is not known in law, as far as we are aware.

Dr. Lowe's paper on "Gastrotomy" (with cases) shall be inserted.

THE BOTTLING OF WINES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Seeing that you have contributed much to the health of the people by analysing the various wines which cheer us, you will, I have no doubt, supplement your services by calling attention to the proper bottling of wines.

I have two serious complaints to make on this subject. The first and most important has reference to the person employed in bottling, and the second relates to the bottle itself.

I am just now animated with disgust that an excellent bottle of wine, for which I pay 3s. 6d., is utterly spoiled—rendered, in fact, nauseous in the extreme by being slightly tainted with *balsam of copaiba*. There is no doubt about it. Other bottles from the same stock are not so tainted, and this is not the first time that I have been obliged to throw away valuable property on the same account. Of course I shall not deal with the same merchant again; but this may not prevent the recurrence of the evil.

Many bottles are now made with the necks larger than the mouths, so that the cork does not fill up the gorge; air gets in, and the wine gets, as it is I believe professionally called, "pricked"—that is, sour.

I remain, Sir, yours, &c.,

February, 1870.

T. W. C.