

Medical Miscellany.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, on the corner of Madison Avenue and Seventieth Street, New York, was opened with appropriate services on the 10th of October. The hospital is ready to receive patients of every country, tongue and creed. The trustees call for an endowment of \$250,000; of this sum \$50,000 had been subscribed before the dedication; at this meeting, the President, James Lenox, Esq., offered to give \$125,000 toward the endowment fund, on condition that a similar amount should be subscribed by others.

PROF. T. GAILLARD THOMAS.—The statement that this gentleman has resigned the chair of Obstetrics in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York is denied by the Secretary of the Faculty.

NEW INSANE ASYLUM IN CALIFORNIA.—The Commissioners, appointed for the purpose by the Legislature of California, have selected a site near Napa City for a branch Insane Asylum. The estate comprises 208 acres of land, with fine sites for buildings, and good facilities for water supply, sewerage, &c. The State has appropriated nearly \$800,000 for the erection of buildings.

CHICAGO MEDICAL REGISTER.—Drs. T. Davis Fitch and Norman Bridge have given the profession of Chicago and vicinity a handy little volume, containing all the information which a medical man needs concerning hospitals, institutions and the like in that city. The *Medical Register* has now become a fixed fact in every city where it has once been established—every active professional man requires it as much as he does his scalpel or his stethoscope—and we bespeak for the *Chicago Register* a ready sale and the success which it richly deserves.

GALVANO-EMESIS.—Dr. Fox, of Birmingham, England (*Brit. Med. Jour.*, Nov. 2, 1872), has successfully employed galvanism for the purpose of producing emesis in two children poisoned by fungi mistaken for mushrooms. In these cases he applied one of the poles to the top of the œsophagus and the other to the epigastrium, using the interrupted current. Vomiting was immediately produced in both cases, and a quantity of the poisonous fungus ejected.

Dr. Albert Reynolds, of Clinton, Iowa, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane at Independence.

The present Boston Board of Aldermen having refused to establish a Board of Health, the citizens propose to elect a healthy Board of Aldermen.

LA GAZETTE OBSTETRICALE has been started in Paris, under the editorial care of Prof. Verrier.

THE CHINESE FOOT. The Chinamen, to appear in easy circumstances, are in the habit of wearing ridiculously long finger-nails; from one or two inches to half a foot, which require shields to protect them from injury.

Very few bare-footed persons are to be seen in Peking. The beggars, devoid of everything else, are seldom destitute of shoes.

Long toe-nails are impossible. They must be pared even to the quick, to prevent injury and severe pain from the shoe, the continued pressure and friction of which often cause serious troubles, suppuration, and even destruction of the bones.

The Chinamen admit the absurdity of their small shoes, but custom, fashion, and the dread of innovation are too strong even for celestials.

CORRECTION.—On page 368 of this volume, 1st column, 11th line, for "H. Palmer" read *J. C. Palmer*.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—Pathology, Diagnosis and Treatment of the Diseases of Women. By Graily Hewitt, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.P., &c. Second American from the third London Edition. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. 1872. Pp. 751. (From A. Williams & Co.)

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.—Consumption and the Breath Re-breathed: A Word with Reviewers. By Henry MacCormac, M.D. London. 1872. Pp. 12.—Third Annual Catalogue of the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, with Plan of Instruction. Worcester. 1872. Pp. 23.—Questions in Surgery. By William Warren Greene, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the Medical School of Maine, &c. Portland. 1872. Pp. 179. (From the Author.)

DIED.—At Marblehead, 25th inst., Dr. H. H. F. Whittemore, 42 years 9 months, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1852.

Deaths in sixteen Cities and Towns of Massachusetts, for the week ending Nov. 16, 1872.

Cities and Towns.	No. of Deaths.	
Boston	147	Fitchburg 2
Charlestown	21	Newburyport 6
Worcester	14	Somerville 5
Lowell	16	Haverhill 4
Milford	4	
Chelsea	5	
Cambridge	16	
Salem	4	
Lawrence	13	
Springfield	4	
Lynn	10	
Gloucester	4	
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Prevalent Diseases.

Consumption	44
Typhoid Fever	25
Pneumonia	18
Diphtheria and Croup	12
Scarlet Fever	10

There were twenty-eight deaths from smallpox in Boston and four in Charlestown.

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Secretary of State Board of Health.

DEATHS IN BOSTON for the week ending Saturday, November 23d, 151. Males, 71; females, 80. Aneurism, 1—bronchitis, 3—disease of the brain, 4—cyanosis, 1—cancer, 1—cholera infantum, 1—consumption, 22—convulsions, 5—croup, 2—diarrhœa, 1—dropsy, 2—dysentery, 1—diphtheria, 1—epilepsy, 1—erysipelas, 2—scarlet fever, 6—typhoid fever, 9—gangrene, 2—gastritis, 1—disease of the heart, 4—intemperance, 2—disease of the kidneys, 2—congestion of the lungs, 1—inflammation of the lungs, 9—marasmus, 6—old age, 3—paralysis, 1—pleurisy, 2—peritonitis, 1—puerperal disease, 1—rheumatism, 1—scrofula, 1—smallpox, 47—stomatitis, 1—whooping cough, 2—unknown, 1.

Under 5 years of age, 46—between 5 and 20 years, 21—between 20 and 40 years, 50—between 40 and 60 years, 18—above 60 years, 16. Born in the United States, 83—Ireland, 36—other places, 32.