

The meteorological record for the week ending December 24, in Boston, was as follows, according to observations furnished by Sergeant O. B. Cole, of the United States Signal Corps: —

Week ending	Barometer.	Thermometer.			Relative Humidity.				Direction of Wind.			Velocity of Wind.			State of Weather. ¹			Rainfall.		
		Daily Mean.	Daily Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	10.00 P. M.	Daily Mean.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	10.00 P. M.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	10.00 P. M.	7.00 A. M.	3.00 P. M.	10.00 P. M.	Duration, Hrs. & Min.	Amount in Inches.
Saturday, Dec. 24, 1887.																				
Sunday, ... 18	29.15	33.0	42.0	30.0	100.0	100.0	90.0	97.0	N.	W.	W.	36	16	23	R.	N.	O.			
Monday, ... 19	29.78	34.0	38.0	28.0	80.0	60.0	75.0	72.0	N.W.	N.W.	N.W.	26	24	18	O.	O.	C.			
Tuesday, ... 20	30.05	39.0	48.0	28.0	68.0	38.0	92.0	66.0	W.	W.	W.	11	6	5	C.	F.	T.			
Wednesday, ... 21	29.77	35.0	40.0	34.0	100.0	96.0	80.0	92.0	N.E.	W.	W.	12	6	12	R.	O.	C.			
Thursday, ... 22	29.76	27.0	36.0	21.0	79.0	61.0	73.0	71.0	W.	W.	W.	8	24	18	F.	F.	C.			
Friday, ... 23	29.94	21.0	27.0	15.0	69.0	59.0	55.0	64.0	N.W.	N.W.	N.W.	12	14	9	C.	C.	O.			
Saturday, ... 24	29.89	25.0	33.0	16.0	69.0	80.0	83.0	74.0	N.W.	E.	N.	8	8	4	F.	C.	O.			
Mean, the Week.	29.763	30.6						76.6											26½	.48

¹ O., cloudy; C., clear; F., fair; G., fog; H., hazy; S., smoky; R., rain; T., threatening; N., Snow; *T., trace of rainfall.

OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES IN THE STATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. ARMY, FROM DECEMBER 24, 1887, TO DECEMBER 30, 1887.

BAXTER, J. H., colonel and chief medical purveyor. Ordered to inspect the medical purveying depot at St. Louis, Mo. S. O. 296, A. G. O., December 23, 1887.

BANISTER, Wm. B., first lieutenant and assistant surgeon. Ordered to proceed to Fort Lowell, Arizona, and report to commanding officer for duty upon the arrival of Surgeon P. J. A. Cleary, at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. S. O. 135, Department of Arizona, December 20, 1887.

OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES IN THE MEDICAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

BIDDLE, C., passed assistant surgeon. Detached from the Marine Rendezvous, Philadelphia, and placed on waiting orders.

CLEBORNE, C. J., medical director. Detached as member of medical examining board December 31st, and ordered to Norfolk Naval Hospital, January 5, 1888.

BRADLEY, M., medical inspector. Detached from Naval Hospital, Norfolk, January 5, 1888, and placed on waiting orders.

CLARK, J. H., medical inspector. Detached from special duty at Portsmouth, N. H., and ordered as member of examining board at Washington.

SOCIETY NOTICES.

MASSACHUSETTS DENTAL SOCIETY.—At the meeting of the Massachusetts Dental Society, December 9, 1887, the following officers were elected: President, H. C. Meriam, Salem, Mass.; first vice-president, G. A. Gerry, Lowell, Mass.; second vice-president, R. R. Andrews, Cambridge, Mass.; secretary, G. F. Eames, 62 Trinity Terrace, Boston; treasurer, E. Page, Boston; executive committee, E. B. Hitchcock, A. H. Gilson, W. E. Page, J. K. Knight, E. C. Leach.

MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY, SUFFOLK DISTRICT.—THE SECTION FOR CLINICAL MEDICINE, PATHOLOGY AND HYGIENE will meet at 19 Boylston Place, on Wednesday, January 11th, at 7.45 o'clock. Papers: Dr. W. N. Bullard, "A Case of Cerebral Localization with Double Trephining." Drs. E. H. Bradford, J. J. Putnam, and Morton Prince will open the discussion. Dr. George B. Shattuck, A case of "Hereditary Locomotor Ataxia (Friedreich's Disease)." Dr. Henry Jackson, "Fifty Cases of Scarlet Fever."

A. L. MASON, M.D., *Chairman.*
ALBERT N. BLODGETT, M.D., *Secretary.*

GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOSTON.—The annual meeting of the Society will be held at the Medical Library Rooms, No. 19 Boylston Place, on Thursday, January 12th, at 4 o'clock, P.M. Program: President's Annual Address, by Dr. H. C. White. Annual election of officers. A collation will be served after the exercises.

H. J. HARRIMAN, M.D., *Secretary.*

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made at the Carney Hospital, January 1, 1888: Dr. Drummey, Senior House Off-

cer; Dr. Walker Foley, Junior House Officer; Mr. J. P. Gaffney, Assistant Interne; and Messrs. W. S. Beaumont and Giblin, for out-patient assistants.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON MEDICO-LEGAL SUBJECTS.

The Medico-Legal Society of New York announces the following prizes for original essays on any subject within the domain of medical jurisprudence or Forensic Medicine:

1. For the best essay — one hundred dollars, to be known as the Eliot F. Shepard Prize.
2. For the second best essay — seventy-five dollars.
3. For the third best essay — fifty dollars.

The prizes to be awarded by a commission, to be named by the President of the Society, which will be hereafter announced.

Competition will be limited to active, honorary and corresponding members of the Society at the time the award is made.

It is intended to make these prizes open to all students of Forensic Medicine throughout the world, as all competitors may apply for membership in the Society, which now has active members in most of the American States, in Canada and in many foreign countries.

57 Broadway, N. Y. CLARK BELL, *Secretary.*

DEATHS.

Died in Wilmington, N. C., December 31, 1887, Edward Emerson Swallow, M.D., M.M.S.S., late of Waltham, Mass., aged thirty-four years.

In Haverhill, Mass., January 2, 1888, James Robinson Nichols, M.D., M.M.S.S., aged sixty-eight years.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

Wounds, Their Aseptic and Antiseptic Management. By David Prince, M.D., Jacksonville, Ill. 1887.

The Radical Treatment of Trachoma. By A. E. Prince, M.D., Oculist to Wabash Hospital and State Institution for Deaf and Dumb and Blind. Reprint.

Proceedings of the Connecticut Medical Society, 1887. Ninety-sixth Annual Convention, held at Hartford, May 25th and 26th. New Series. Volume III. No. 4. S. B. St. John, M.D., secretary.

Forms for Systematically Recording Observations and Results of Treatment in Affections of the Throat and Nose, Including Adjacent Associated Areas. By Scanes Spicer, M.D., B. Sc. London: H. K. Lewis. 1887.

Report of the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, including the Babies' Ward. Founded February 1, 1884. For the Year Ending May 1, 1887.

Medical Lectures and Essays. By George Johnson, M.D., F.R.S., etc. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1887.

Report of the Surgeon-General of the Army to the Secretary of War for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887. Washington. 1887.

The Treatment of Uterine Fibroids by Electrolysis. By W. E. Steavenson, M.D. Cantab., M.R.C.P., in charge of the Electrical Department at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Physician to the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1887.