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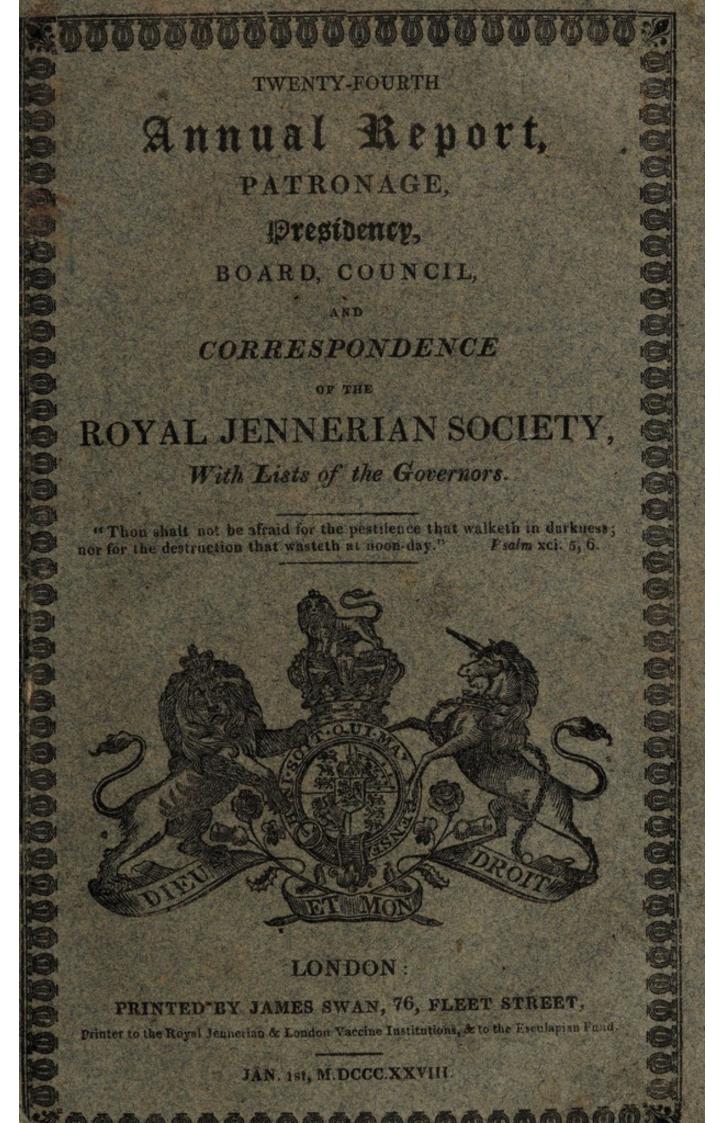
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Royal Dennerian Society,

FOR THE

EXTERMINATION OF THE SMALLPOX,

BY THE

EXTENSION OF VACCINATION.

PATRONISED BY

HIS MAJESTY, THE ROYAL FAMILY,

HIS MAJESTY'S MINISTERS,

MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT,

The Hon. the EAST INDIA COMPANY,

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

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"Thou shalt not be afraid for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day." Psalm xci. 5, 6.



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OBSERVATIONS ON VACCINATION.

From the different modes of applying the lancet in Inoculation, some little varieties in the appearance of the pock, and some little difference in

the time of the appearances, are produced.

If the inoculation be effected by an extremely slight, superficial puncture, a small red spot is produced, which, for three or four days, will only have the appearance of the bite of some small insect. At the end of a week, there will generally be only the appearance of a small vesicle; and the pock will be a day or two later than usual in the exhibition of all its

different appearances.

The pock, through all its stages, will preserve a circular form, spherical or orbicular in the beginning, but, as it acquires its full dimensions, becoming flattened, and even hollow or depressed, on its summit. At this period the pock, at its circumference, is generally considerably elevated; sometimes, even, in a small degree overhanging its basis. But it sometimes happens, that, under the characteristic inflammation, the tumified, indurated part, surrounding the pock, is almost, or altogether, as much elevated as the margin of the pock, which then resembles a circular plane or depression, on the elevated, inflamed, indurated areola.

If, on application of the lancet, any considerable incision be made, the pock, in its circumference, puts on a shape corresponding with the form of the surface of the cutis, which had been denuded, or had the cuticle sepa-

rated from it in the inoculation.

In the central part of the pock a slight ulceration and formation of pus takes place; so that the continuity of cells, which constitutes the structure of the pock, instead of forming a spheroidal congeries, takes on an annular form, surrounding the drop, and sometimes more deeply-seated mass of pus in the centre, produced by the wound from the lancet, at the time of the inoculation.

Round the pock, there is, from an early period, a slight appearance of inflammation, which, on the circulation being quickened, exhibits the appearance of a throbbing, synchronous with the pulsations of the arteries producing it; but which is unaccompanied with pain: and, when about the tenth day of the inoculation, the disease is at its height, this efflorescence, or erythematous inflammation, forms a distinct kind of halo, or areola, which, in Europeans, is of a red or crimson tint; but which, in Blacks and people of colour, is simply of a darker hue than their own complexions.

This characteristic induration, which is always accompanied with a degree of symptomatic fever, seems the most infallible criterion of the vaccination being complete, as it takes place whether the pock have been preserved whole, or have been ruptured during its progress; and though, after its passing away, the pock is generally converted into a firm, peculiar kind of crust or scab, of a dark brown colour, the changes of the pock beginning at its centre; yet,

——it sometimes happens, from the matter of the pock having been freely discharged, that the characteristic crust is of a diminished size, and of a colour less intensely dark;

it sometimes happens that, from violence done to the pock, this

crust is altogether prevented, and ulceration takes place;

the areola disappeared,) that the pock, instead of drying and hardening into any thing like the peculiar crust or scab, has the character of some previously existing eruption dertermined to the part, and becomes infirm, or of loose texture, light-coloured and of irregular form, like a portion of concreted pus, whereby the previous eruption is often carried off. By a discharge from the part at such a time, other complaints are sometimes removed, as the excessive intolerance of light with which weak-eyed children are tormented, discharges from the ears, &c.

Under all these different appearances, the characteristic inflammation

having previously had place, the protection is complete.—J. W.

For Directions for using the Matter see the end of this Pamphlet.

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY

OF HIS GRACE

WILLIAM SPENCER CAVENDISH, DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

Marquis of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Baron Cavendish of Hardwick, Lord Lieutenant and High Steward of the county of Derby, K.G. D.C.L.

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS

OF THE

Royal Dennerian Society,

HOLDEN AT

Bond Court, Walbrook, Monday, 5th of February, 1827, VICE-PRESIDENT, DR. THOMAS KEY,

IN THE CHAIR,

The Minutes of the last General Court were read and approved.

The Minutes of the Board of Managers were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report was read, approved, and ordered to be printed, under the direction of the Managers.

REPORT.

THE silent, the never-ceasing stream of time has again brought us to that period that calls upon us, as the Managers of the ROYAL JENNERIAN SO-CIETY, to give an account of our Stewardship during the last year—a year more remarkable for its extraordinary circumstances and events, in the commercial, manufacturing, and financial concerns of this country than any that has preceded it.—Our life-saving bark, it is true, was exposed to the awful convulsion, but, under the benign auspices and cheering incentives of a generous public, our vessel was enabled to weather the storm, and not only

to communicate its blessings to the numerous inhabitants of this empire, but to every state, kingdom,

and empire in the world.

A circumstance that affords us much pleasure is, that our institution, which bears the name of the immortal Jenner, has been highly favoured by many of the inhabitants of the town of Cheltenham becoming Subscribers to its funds. It appears as if it were in compliment to the Doctor, who was regularly a resident of that annual resort of valetudinarians. We are also much pleased to see the names of many clergymen added to the list of Sub-This does the gentlemen of that profession much credit; and indeed they have it very much in their power to recommend the sovereign efficacy of vaccination to their parishioners. The efficacy of vaccination is no longer a hypothetical opinion;—its salutiferous virtues are well known to the medical profession—well known to the tenderest feelings of the maternal parent. Would there, we question, be any impropriety in the clergyman, when the infant is brought to have the holy ordinance of baptism administered, to enquire of the sponsors whether the child has been vaccinated, and, if not, to impress it upon their minds as a most important duty to be performed? The facetious Laurence Sterne observed, upon a certain occasion, "that they ordered these things better in France;" and we really think they do on the present subject, for it is there rendered imperative, that every child should be vaccinated; and, to render this still more conclusive, no youth is admitted to any of the public establishments, without having first undergone that simple, but most important, operation.

In the year 1825, the sad increase, as stated in the Bills of Mortality, of deaths by smallpox, (1299,) we believe, is the greatest number that has fallen victims to variolous contagion, in one year, since vaccine inoculation was first put in practice. It affords us unfeigned satisfaction, however, to declare, that the sad waste of human life has, this year, been reduced to considerably less than half the amount, being 503.—Who is it that can justly appreciate the value of the lives of 796 individuals saved, to a

state, in all their relative connections?

Among the subjects of gratulation, in our last Report, we had the felicitation to announce the prompt supply and most successful application of vaccine matter, which was transmitted by our Registrar and Deputy-Treasurer Mr. Johnstone, to Dr. Thomson, who was employed by government to take charge of a body of emigrants, on their passage from Cork to Quebec, in North America. It succeeded in every instance, and the Doctor was enabled to take out the matter in the living subject to Quebec, where he had an opportunity of vaccinating many of the inhabitants, in passing up the country. The matter was had on the 7th of April, 1825, and on the 14th of November, of the same year, after having performed the duties of his voyage, after having passed and repassed the vast Atlantic Ocean, Dr. Thomson returns to London, where, by letter to Mr. Johnstone, he expresses his thanks for the prompt and efficient supply of the vaccine matter he had received.

The preceding event is certainly highly pleasing to the feelings of the Managers of the ROYAL JENNERIAN SOCIETY, and at once, not only displays the unwearied attention of Mr. Johnstone, your Registrar, but stamps a value on the matter collected by the Medical Director, surpassing our powers of estimation.

Had this been the only act of benevolence your Institution had rendered to the public, it is worthy of being recorded among the acts of beneficence conferred upon mankind; but what is that to be

compared to the following most fortuitous supply of matter sent, in the beginning of June last, to the Island of Orleans, where the smallpox had made its appearance, in the month of February, and they had not a particle of vaccine lymph to repel the ravages of that pestilential and fell disease?—The events are so happily striking, and the letter so descriptive of the perilous situation of the infantile and adult population of the island, that we cannot resist the introduction of a copy of the valuable communication in the body of our Report.

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"Island of Orleans, District of Quebec, October 20, 1826.

"DEAR SIR,—It is with much pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of a packet of vaccine lymph with pamphlet from the London Vaccine Institution, which you had the goodness to address to me, and which arrived safe in the beginning of June

last, for which favour please accept my warmest thanks.

"Smallpox began to show itself on this island in the month of February last, and, being unable to stop its progress, from the want of vaccine ichor, it continued its ravages until the receipt of your valuable supply, when I immediately commenced vaccination, and, in a short time, the unwelcome intruder was completely vanquished by the Jennerian discovery; and I am happy to say that, at the present moment, the disease is unknown in this district. The lymph was excellent, having vaccinated 200 individuals, and all with the desired effect. As smallpox is most prevalent in this country during the winter months, and the supply of vaccine ichor during that season being scarce, owing to our intercourse with the mother country being closed, may I take the liberty of soliciting a regular supply from your valuable institution twice a year, viz. spring and fall, so that I may be enabled to continue my exertions in the cause of vaccination during the winter months? Trusting to your goodness, and with every sentiment of respect,

"I remain, in haste, dear Sir,
"Your most obedient humble servant,
"JOHN CLARK, Surgeon, &c."

The melancholy picture exhibited in Mr. Clark's most intelligent letter is highly distressing to the feelings of the sensitive mind. To imagine an island

invaded by the most destructive and loathsome of all diseases, and the inhabitants know that there is a sovereign remedy for that disorder, but that remedy was not within their power of application. Approach the bed of sickness; see the maternal sorrow expressed by the weeping mother over her infant child! The angelic features so distorted! the brilliant gems of light, hermetically sealed by the hands of the horrific monster, no longer beam with pleasure on the countenance of the distracted parent, and death at last puts an end to the infant's But here the malific disorder does not stop:—the contagious disease is communicated from subject to subject, from family to family; and fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, are seen sinking promiscuously beneath the indiscriminating fangs of Variola.—At a time such as this, when the inhabitants of the island were sunk in despondency and despair, a packet of vaccine lymph (a gift of Heaven) arrives from the ROYAL JENNERIAN Society, with which Mr. Clark immediately vaccinates 200 individuals, on all of whom was produced the desired effect; and thus, as he says, he was enabled to vanquish the enemy of mankind by the Jennerian discovery.

The value of the Jennerian discovery is every day becoming more highly esteemed, and we have numerous testimonials of the effective virtue of the matter collected by Dr. Walker. And here it may not be amiss to say a word or two with respect to the difficulties the Doctor has had to contend with in meeting the demands of the medical public. These days of financial distraction are well known to the public.—The Doctor has also had his runs upon him for matter, and has often been on the verge of bankruptcy. We are rather disposed to think that he parts too freely with his stores of vaccine matter, even to the last glass, the last point, the

last thread; and he has consequently sometimes to set out, on his rounds in a morning, without one particle of the life-saving fluid, to generate fresh supplies for his daily demands. He has, however, hitherto been successful, though we have often thought he ran too great a risk by his wonted liberality.

Among other subjects of our deplorance, we have to notice the deaths of two of our worthy colleagues in office, Mr. John M'Arthur and Mr. Barnard Harrison, both long and tried friends to the life-saving system. Death is a debt, it is true, we all have to pay, but we regret to see men, in their prime, cut off in the midst of their activity and usefulness.

Extract from Managers' Minutes, 22d March, 1827.

In the minutes of the Board, of February 2d, 1826, the Managers recorded a testimony of their esteem of their late colleague, Mr. Wood; and again take occasion to mention the activity and effectiveness of his benevolence, affording a fine instance of generosity in our late Vice-Patron, the great Royal Philanthropist, the days of whose years are now passed away; who is now numbered with the dead.

The Remains of our lamented Aices Patron, the Duke of York and Albany, are now deposited, with those of his Revered Parents and other Relatives, in the Silent Tomb.

Sceptre and Crown—Must tumble down!

says the fine old favourite ballad of Charles II., in those moments when the 'merry monarch' became grave—

All in the dust are equal made
By Time's devouring scythe and spade.
Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust.

The Managers, with grateful and pleasing recollections, seize the occasion of thus recording the humane deeds of their lamented Vice-Patron, of whose unostentatious, but effective acts of generosity both late and surviving members of this Board have had direct personal individual experience.

Among many instances of the benevolence of his Royal Highness, we will mention one wherein the character of our late lamented colleague, John Wood, is directly implicated, with honour to his philanthropy, and with credit to his discernment also, in so well appreciating the generous disposition of the Commander in Chief. Mr. Wood was a Captain of the London Volunteers. difficult times, a certain large mercantile house, at Liverpool, had to lessen the number of their clerks. One of these came to town most respectably recommended to him. "I am sorry, Sir, to inform you, that gentlemen in your situation are very numerous in the metropolis. What would you think of going into the army?"-"Sir, I should have no objection to his Majesty's service, only I should not like to go into the ranks, and I have not the means of obtaining a commission."—" Call on me in a few days."-In a few days, he had to inform the young man that his Royal Highness the Duke of York had requested to see him. Captain's recommendation had been effectual.— "This is a tribute of gratitude," said the Captain, on meeting our Medical Director, a few weeks afterwards, "to my Royal Master. To the young man I recommended to his notice, he presented a commission. He is now going out to India; and

will one day, I hope, return a general. The tribute I am taking to the generous Duke is the fish which you know is peculiar to our native lakes. The package which you see the porter carrying there is potted char for the Duke's acceptance."

Amount of Receipts since the last year's Report Balance, at that time, in favour of the Society	£622 64	0 10	0
Expenditures	686 591	2000	0 6
Balance in favour of the Society	£ 94	18	6
It appears that the cases of Vaccination of the Societ in the Metropolis, amount to		45,9	
		25,0	
Charges supplied		15,4	
From different parts of the Empire The number of Applicants for Vaccine Ichor amounts	4	60,9	05

On behalf of the General Court,

A. JOHNSTONE, Honorary Associate of the Society of Medicine of Louvain, Registrar.

JOHN FOX, Secretary.

SERVICES,

DOMESTIC AND TRANSMARINE.

The Governors of the Institution will approve of the Managers still continuing to keep before their view the pleasing exhibition of the great services rendered, through their generosity, from the Capital of the Commercial World, to the most distant parts, and to the less remote regions of the earth, as well as of the unceasing supplies daily afforded to medical practitioners throughout the Metropolis and the United Kingdom. Surgeon H. Ryan, of the Royal Navy, was the bearer of Vaccine Ichor from the Institution to that remote part of the world, Botany Bay, which succeeded. In the British settlement, lying as far distant S.E. beyond our possessions in India as is our country N.W. on this side of the land of the Hindoos, the supplies from the Society were found perfectly effective.

The following account is extracted from a Journal published in that antipodean part of our planet.

From the New South Wales Gazette of January, 1822.

We congratulate the Inhabitants of these Colonies on the very recent arrival from Europe of the Vaccine Virus, transmitted by those benevolent and life-saving Societies, the Royal Jennerian and London Vaccine Institutions. Numbers of children have lately been inoculated, and the matter has taken exceedingly well. The Gentlemen of the Faculty in town, we are informed, are equipped with this powerful and successful preventive to the most destructive of all our maladies. We rejoice to say, that benevolence is so far extending its blessings to our Sister Settlements southward, and that the virus from the before-mentioned benevolent Institutions is either on its way, or about to be transmitted thither.

The Managers are still incessant in their inquiry for the departure of vessels from this Capital of the Commercial World to Foreign Nations the most distant, as well as to all the British Colonies, where they transmit Supplies of the Vaccine Ichor, for the protection of the natives from the Smallpox. They issue them for

Hudson's Bay	Montserrat	Tobago	Malta
The Canadas	Neves	Dominica	Ionian Islands
Nova Scotia	St. Kitt's	St. Lucia	Sierra Leone
Newfoundland	St. Vincent's	Essequibo	Cape of Good
Bermuda	Barbadoes	Berbice	Норе
The Bahamas	Grenada	Isle of Man	Ceylon
Jamaica, throug	hTrinidad	Guernsey	India
all its Ports	Corfu	Jersey	New Holland &
Antigua	Demarara	Gibraltar	VanDiemansland

And to the places under other Governments, they equally afford Supplies of the Guardian Matter.

New Orleans	Anholt	Cadiz	Algiers				
Savannah	Rostock	Lisbon	China				
Charleston	Stetin	Oporto	Java				
Washington	Hamburgh	Switzerland	Fayal				
Baltimore	Bremen	Geneva	The Azores				
Philadelphia	Amsterdam	Genoa	The Canaries				
New York	Haarlem	Leghorn	Madeira				
Archangel	Rotterdam	Naples	The Gambia				
Petersburgh	Antwerp	Messina	Cape Coast				
Riga	Ostend	Ancona	Hayti				
Dantzic	Boulogne	Palermo	St. Thomas's				
Livonia.	Bourdeaux	Trieste	Surinam				
Faro	Madrid	Vienna	Pernambuco				
Fahrsund	St. Andero	Constantinople					
Dronten	Bilboa	Smyrna	Buenos Ayres				
Gothenburgh	Seville	Egypt	Valparaiso				
and the Sandwich Islands.							

Of the thousands of letters received, from year to year, the appended extracts will sufficiently show the important services of the Society.

To Andrew Johnstone, Esq. Assistant-secretary and Subtreasurer of the Vaccine Institution, 52, Burr-street, London.

" St. Helena, June 26, 1826.

"SIR,—I feel great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your most friendly letter of September last, per Nantilus, on the 16th of February, accompanied with an honorary diploma, annual report, and vaccine lymph, &c. from the London Vaccine Institution.—I beg you will be pleased to return my best thanks to the Board of Managers and Medical Council of the above excellent institution, for the very gratifying distinction they have conferred upon me. The society may rest assured that this mark of their approbation will incite in me an additional exertion in promoting the object of vaccination, having the fullest confidence of its ultimate success in annihilating small-pox. The glasses arrived in good condition, and I am glad to inform you, that having used the matter soon after, success

followed. My friends, the Messrs. Burnie, will settle any demand I owe to the above institution, when it becomes due.

" I remain, Sir, with the greatest respect,

"Your obedient servant,

"W. D. M'RITCHIE,

"Surgeon H. E. I. C. S., E. M. R. M. S.

"of Edinburgh, H. M. L. V. I., &c."

To Andrew Johnstone, Esq. &c. &c.

"Blackwall, August 10, 1826. "SIR,-I have great satisfaction in the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your letter accompanying the honorary diploma of the Society of the London Vaccine Institution, and, in accepting the same, I cheerfully consent to become an annual subscriber to an institution I have long looked upon as one of the greatest utility to society in general, and I hesitate not to acknowledge that my infant family (consisting of five girls and three boys) have derived the greatest advantages from it. The eldest was inoculated in the year 1807, when discussion was at its height, as to the then present and future advantages and the contra. Among the various opinions, I grounded my decision on the fact that medical men, not only of this country, but on the continent, approved and recommended it when it was contrary to their pecuniary interests to do so, but they inoculated their own children with it; thus proving, that, in addition to their benevolence and humanity, they offered the test of their opinion by a trial on their own offspring. The rest of my children have all been vaccinated, and although I was, at the first, induced to determine to inoculate them afterwards with the smallpox, I desisted from the intention, by the experience that I had of my children not only recovering favourably from the inoculation or vaccination, but escaping from many infantile complaints, or diseases; and I found that those they were visited with passed over in the most favourable manner, which I seriously attributed to their having been inoculated with the invaluable discovery. I have, of late, heard of persons who had been vaccinated catching the smallpox several years afterwards, and that it frequently proved fatal, inducing the belief, that vaccination did not protect them; but I always combated the assertion with the explanation, that it was very possible that those children had not received the vaccination in a proper or efficient manner from one, of many causes, to which, in my humble opinion, its failure may be attributed. 1st .- The matter, or ichor, being imperfect, or it might have been taken at a different period from that recommended. 2d.—From part of it being rubbed off the lancet. 3d .- From the possibility of the blood of the infant being, from some cause, in such a state as not to be capable of receiving it to advantage; and, Lastly,from the possible mismanagement of the nurse, after the medical practitioner had well performed his duty. I have the happiness to say that, with all my children, it has succeeded to perfect satisfaction. In addition to the care of an excellent and tender mother, I am indebted to Mr. J. Harkness, Surgeon, &c. of Ratcliffe Cross, by whom seven of my children were inoculated, for his medical skill and care, and they are all living witnesses of the excellence of the institution which promises to continue one of the greatest blessings to society in general; and it is one of the great evidences of British research, science, and philanthropy extended to the inhabitants of the remote regions of the earth. With my earnest hope and prayer that the benefits of the institution may be made known, and its usefulness increase the number of its supporters, that the poor of this and other countries may continue to receive the benefit which the present generation experience,

"I have the honour to be, Sir,

"Your obedient and faithful servant, "CHAS. C. PARISH."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street.

"I, Gloucester place, New-road, Aug. 17, 1826.
"SIR,—I beg leave to send you an account of the number of persons who have been vaccinated by me, up to the present time, in the name of the London Vaccine Institution. My not knowing the time of the year at which your Reports are usually published, is the reason of my not having sent you an account before.

"I commenced in August 1824, and vaccinated, in the	
period, from that time to the end of the year	13
During the year 1825	70
During the present year, 1826, from the commencement	
to the end of July	45

Making a total of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 128
"I ought to observe to you that some of these persons were
not afterwards seen by me, consequently I had not an opportunity of knowing whether the disease took effect or not. Two
of the cases were attacked with erysipelatous inflammation
during the progress of the disease (which was then interrupted),
which extended from the shoulder to the extremities of the
fingers; however, they both recovered.

"I have to request you will do me the favour to send me some charges of recent lymph, per post or otherwise, as soon as convenient. I shall also feel much obliged by your sending

me a copy of the last Report at the same time.

"Your obedient servant,
"HENRY HENSLEIGH."

To Dr. Walker, Bond-court, Walbrook.

"Cloudesley-terrace, Islington, August 22, 1826.
"MR. HOLLOWAY presents his compliments to Dr. Walker, thanks him for the last supply, and will be obliged to him to let the bearer have some more vaccine ichor on points for Mr. Webb, of Coltishall, Norfolk, who is much distressed for the want of a supply. The smallpox has appeared in his village, and many families are anxious to have the operation performed. A member of his own family has had the disease in the confluent form, but is now recovering—the left eye is much injured. She is the only one of the family that has not been vaccinated. The others, ten in number, although they attended constantly upon her, yet have escaped the dreadful disease, which is another proof, among many others, of the efficacy of vaccination."

To A. Johnstone, Esq 52, Burr-street, London.

"SIR,—Not being able to obtain any vaccine virus in this town, I should feel much obliged if you could forward me some by an early opportunity, as I have several persons waiting to be vaccinated, who are much alarmed on account of the small-pox extending itself, and who have never been vaccinated.

"I have, this last week, had a case of Variola (which proved fatal) in a subject who had the disease about thirty years since, I hope that this may be productive of some good to the cause

of vaccination in this neighbourhood.

" I am, Sir,

"Yours very obedient,
"R. P. PHILPOTT."

To Dr. Walker, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"SIR,—I am induced again to trespass upon your kindness, in requesting the favour of a few glasses and points of vaccine matter in the name of this institution; and I likewise take this opportunity in returning you my sincere thanks for the punctuality which you have always shown upon all previous applications.

"I remain, Sir,
"Yours respectfully,
"C. GRESWELL, House Surgeon."

To Dr. Walker, Vaccine Institution, London.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I beg you will accept my most grateful thanks for your prompt attention to my late application for vaccine lymph, and I assure you, I regret being under the necessity of (so quickly) requesting a further extension of your kindness, to supply me, immediately, if possible, with enough

recent lymph to vaccinate forty or fifty patients. My motive for being so urgent is, that a medical practitioner in my neighbourhood is spreading the smallpox, by inoculation, in every direction, the progress of which I wish to arrest, as soon as possible, by vaccination.

"I remain, my dear Sir,
"With the greatest esteem,
"Your obliged humble servant,
"R. EBSWORTH."

To Dr. Walker, 6, Bond-Court, Walbrook, London.

"MY DEAR SIR,—Your ready compliance with my late request for vaccine virus, compels me thus early to acknowledge the kindness; at the same time I would observe, it proved very effectual, and is now passing from one little Welshman to another in rapid succession. The supply you forwarded was four pair of glasses and eight points, from which I have already vaccinated eighteen in both arms, and, by this day week, I hope thirty more will receive from them its benign influence.

"Perceiving, by the last Annual Report, I am your only Cambrian correspondent, it stimulates me to inform you of the state of vaccination in Wales. A very short time since, and it had but a solitary advocate, here and there, in the principality, and these never performed the operation without a suitable remuneration. But now, thanks to your excellent institution, and the philanthropy of a more liberal minded medical public, all our surgeons do it gratis. Thus, instead of my pressing mothers to have their children vaccinated, they eagerly solicit me to do so:

'Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie.'

"With regard to its efficacy in this neighbourhood I can speak most decidedly; for, in 1823, when smallpox was raging 'like a roaring lion seeking whom it may devour,' I know of no instance where it occurred after vaccination, even where children were exposed to the contagion. One case in particular now crosses my memory:—A party of gipsies pitched their tent in this vicinity when smallpox was at its acme; all of them had been vaccinated save one, a young woman, about 18 years of age, who, from her intercourse with the natives, in the fortune-telling line, soon caught the disease, and had it severely. I attended her, and, although they all lay on the same litter, not one suffered but herself.—I beg pardon for occupying so much of your time, and, with hearty wishes for the prosperity and ultimate predominancy of vaccination, remain

"Your obedient and obliged,
"W. THOMAS."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Sub-Secretary to the Royal Jennerian Society, 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"Str,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the twenty-second Report of the Royal Jennerian Society, with the accompanying charges of vaccine lymph, for which I beg you to present my most sincere thanks to the Board of Managers, and accept the same yourself for the trouble you have taken in so punctually forwarding the supply, which is most acceptable at this season of the year, when emigrants are beginning to arrive from Ireland, and when, from the dread of smallpox being among them, the applications for vaccination are very numerous. I have but once succeeded in keeping the virus good, on glass and points of ivory, during the winter, and, as persons seldom or never apply for vaccination at that season, I have no opportunity of preserving it fresh.

"A short time previous to my last letter, addressed to Dr. Walker, the smallpox was brought here by some emigrants from Ireland, and threatened this city with the most alarming consequences. By the receipt of some charges of lymph from the London Vaccine Institution, I was provided with a supply, from which, during that and the succeeding year, I vaccinated more than 1500 persons at this, the central station of the 'Provincial Vaccine Institution,' of which I have the honour to be

the surgeon.

"The smallpox totally disappeared in about eleven months after its commencement. Very different must have been the issue, had the disease broke out in a population not furnished with the means of protection. This triumph of vaccination was a cause of much exultation to the province at large; and it will ever afford a pleasing reflection to the humane supporters of vaccine inoculation that, when the contagion of smallpox broke forth with such formidable appearances, the persons who had previously neglected to have their families protected by the grand prophylactic, could then hasten to the stations opened for the gratuitous vaccination of all who chose to apply, and there, with consolation and gratitude, receive the boon prepared for their acceptance.

"I have the honour to remain,
"With much respect, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,
"JOHN BOYD, M.D.
"Life Gov. Royal Jennerian Society."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"DEAR SIR,—I doubt not but you will frankly admit the propriety of the usual pertinent phrase, 'better late than

never.' I therefore presume it is full time for me to acknowledge the receipt of your much esteemed letter of the 12th of April, and that of the 25th May last. The former accompanied by two diplomas; one from the London Vaccine Institution, and the other from the Royal Jennerian Society. For this distinguished and unmerited renewal of their favours, so unexpectedly conferred, I request you will condescendingly, when convenient, offer my most sincere thanks to the honourable body of Managers of both institutions; and to signify that it always is my most earnest wish that the patriotic spririt, so peculiarly characteristic of old England on all public and laudable occasions, may continue to rear, as their seniors may drop off the stage, a sufficient number of willing and zealous members and contributors to support one of the most glorious and beneficial institutions, one other alone excepted, that ever was devised by the mental talent of man. The discovery of the vaccine virus, it must be admitted, is a divine gift, providentially designed for the good and preservation of the species; but, like many other moral advantages, too much neglected.

"Were the medical faculty, and the community at large, to adopt a cordial and determined co-operation, they might soon render the practice of vaccination as popular as that of baptizing infants, by which there would not remain a doubt that, in process of time, the unnatural smallpox would be obliterated from the earth, and in future history talked of as some strange

disease that once existed in ancient times.

"I almost forgot to mention that the packet of glasses and points came likewise safely to hand, and, as you very justly anticipated, was most acceptably and thankfully received, and of course duly appropriated to the object intended. Respecting the progress of vaccination in this populous port, I will not at present wait to say much; I will nevertheless briefly add, that, by the assiduity and perseverance of the majority of the medical practitioners here, nearly all of the infants of this year's produce have been vaccinated. Notwithstanding this, that pestiferous and bitter enemy to the human race, long known, 'going about seeking whom it might devour,' paid us a visit in a few solitary instances, but fortunately, and of course for want of prey, soon disappeared. You will, therefore, from this short, but well-founded assertion, readily conclude that the local prejudices of the people are entirely eradicated; indeed, they are so much so, that the practice is now become quite in vogue with the inhabitants, who apply to have their children inoculated with that precious and invaluable fluid, the vaccine virus.

"I remain, dear Sir,
"Your most obedient humble servant,
"WILLIAM COMRIE."

To Dr. J. Walker, 6. Bond-court, Walbrook, London. "Leyburn, N. R. Yorkshire, Nov. 26, 1826.

"DEAR SIR,—The favour of an early supply of active vaccine lymph will very much oblige,

"Yours very respectfully,
"JOHN MEDD, Surgeon."

"P. S. In justice to you, dear Sir, as Director to these valuable institutions, the Royal Jennerian Society and London Vaccine Institution, I ought, at least, to observe, that the supplies of ichor, which I have hitherto received from them, have invariably proved efficacious.

" J. M."

To Andrew Johnstone, Esq. Sub-Treasurer to the London Vaccine Institution, 52, Burr-street, London.

"SIR,—The smallpox was introduced to the western part of this island last summer by a vessel from Hamburgh. I instantly sent a portion of the vaccine virus I received at your office in August last to a medical gentleman residing near the seat of infection, and am happy to say it had the effect of preventing that calamitous disease (the smallpox) from extending its influence—it has now totally disappeared. I have made use of all the virus in my possession, and shall feel much obliged by your directing some more to me, to the care of John Gosse, Esq. Poole.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
"P. E. MOLLOY, Surgeon,
"Hon. Mem. London Vaccine Institution."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Sub-treasurer of London Vaccine Institution, London.

"SIR,—The sailing of the Quebec packet, at this very late season, allows me to send you my annual respects, and although nothing to offer worthy of record by your institution, I feel as if obliged to address you, had I no other object in view but of returning you, individually, thanks for your kind and constant

attention, in forwarding fresh supplies of vaccine virus.

"With emigrants from Ireland we have been, during the summer months, revisited with the enemy you have been so long attempting to subdue. The few cases that have come within my professional range have been entirely of the distinct species, a case of which, and the only one I believe in town, is at present under my care, in the Quebec Hotel Dieu. I need hardly add, your usual spring visitor will be expected and welcomed by the institution's obliged and

"Your obedient servant,
"J. MORRIN, H. M. R. J. S."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Vaccine Institution, 52, Burr-street, East Smithfield, London.

"SIR,—At the suggestion of a gentleman with whom I believe you are acquainted, (and who will subjoin a few lines to this letter,) I am induced to apply to you for a supply of vaccine matter, having an excellent opportunity to facilitate the benevolent views of your excellent institution, by vaccinating, gratis, to all classes in this neighbourhood, as no surgeon here

seems desirous of so doing.

"I am a chemist and druggist, and give advice daily to many of the poorer class, amongst whom I shall use my utmost endeavours to point out the danger of smallpox inoculation, and the great advantages of vaccination. It is my present intention to appoint three days in the week for the above purpose. I leave it entirely to you, to send me, either on glass or ivory points, which is most convenient. I shall feel obliged by your sending me your directions for using the vaccine virus, with the different stages of its appearance. Respectfully apologising for thus troubling you,

"Your obedient servant,
"JOHN ANDERTON."

"DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to return you my best thanks for the ichor you were good enough to send me through Mrs. Crandon, which proved to be exceedingly good, several having been inoculated with it, and not one failed.

"My friend, Mr. Anderton, who has just commenced business, is anxious to promote vaccination by inoculating, gratis, and has, therefore, by my advice, applied to you for the necessary quantity to commence practice, having several children waiting for a supply of matter, which I flatter myself you will most readily comply with.

" I remain, dear Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,

" CHARLES CRANDON."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"SIR,—I am sorry to inform you we have got the smallpox making dreadful ravages in this and the neighbouring villages; and, as I am out of a supply of vaccine matter, you will oblige me very much by sending a little per return of post. Your compliance will much oblige

"Your obedient servant,
"JOSH. LANGSTON."

To Dr. J. Walker, Bond-court.

"17, Finsbury-place South, Jan. 11, 1827.
"MY DEAR SIR,—Will you favour me with a charge and

two points?

"Having been desired to do the good act for a child whose parents reside within two doors of a house where death has entered in the mantle of variola, (and a servant of the house has a child apparently sickening for that dreadful disease,) I feel particularly anxious to be the happy means of staying the plague, and hope to be favoured by a recent and full charge.

"Should you not be able to meet my wishes, as above, you will do me the favour of a pair of glasses, as I must do some-

thing before three o'clock.

"Yours very truly,
"J. C. KNIGHT."

FATALITY OF THE SMALLPOX IN AFRICA.

To Dr. Walker, Director of the London Vaccine and Royal Jennerian Societies.

" Cannon-street, April 8, 1827. "SIR,—As one of the earliest supporters of vaccination, I have witnessed, with admiration, for more than twenty years, your steady perseverance in this great cause of humanity, (at one time, too, against prejudices which appeared insurmountable,) and, of late years, your unremitting zeal in disseminating the vaccine preservative in the most remote parts of the world; but, Sir, there is still one quarter of the globe, although not a very distant one, where this blessing has yet but imperfectly reached, and where the fatality of the smallpox exceeds all calculation. I mean that great, that rich, that fertile, that shamefully-neglected, nay, that almost unknown continent, Africa. This melancholy fact arises from a want of free intercourse of the more enlightened Europeans with the interior, and to the non-instruction of the natives in the art and utility of the vaccine practice; for I am well assured, by recent accounts from Africa, that, although its adoption is attempted by the few European practitioners resident on the coast, the natives are still prejudiced against it for want of its merits being better understood, and that the smallpox rages, with unabated desolation, in all parts of the western continent in particular. Indeed, it was principally owing to the destructive influence of the smallpox that the immense army lately sent down to Cape Coast Castle. by the king of Ashantee, with orders either to exterminate the English on that establishment or drive them into the sea, was annihilated, and the wreck compelled to return home without effecting anything.

"When I was in Africa, upwards of twenty years ago, the vaccine practice was unknown in all the countries bordering on the western coast, and the smallpox caused the most dreadful havor I ever beheld. The natives so much dreaded the contagion, that those attacked with it were immediately removed to a distance from the rest, and placed in a shady situation in the open ground, and left to shift for themselves, a little cankee, (a kind of coarse bread, made of boiled Indian wheat,) some fruit, and a calabash shell of water being placed near them. I scarcely need say that the poor mortals thus left to their fate, in

the greater number of instances, perished.

"Whilst the ship of which I was surgeon lay at Acra, the smallpox broke out with great violence. To endeavour to abate its fatality, I set about inoculating the natives of the place for smallpox, (there being none of the vaccine preservative on the coast,) and with my own hands variolated 277 persons in one morning. In the success of these, I had one great evil to encounter. My stock of medicine was so exhausted, from a long continuance on the coast, particularly during the unhealthy (rainy) season, that, in preparing the system for the infection, I was compelled to substitute for a purge, the succeeding morning after, an alterative dose of sea water. Notwithstanding this, the extreme heat of the climate, and the probability of many having previously received the contagion in the natural way, only seven deaths occurred amongst the whole number.

"A question naturally arises, how is the evil to be remedied? The answer would involve the consideration of the civilization of Africa. Millions have been expended in this attempt to no purpose. The introduction of religion has failed, and never will be accomplished (I speak from experience) till habits of industry are established. The attempts to abolish the slave trade have also failed, and cannot be effected till the same grand objects are attained. European merchandize is much wanted in Africa. The natives will have it at any rate, and so long as idleness dictates to them the ready way of seizing a fellow countryman by the shoulders, and dragging him on board a ship to barter for the commodities they require, they cannot be expected to adopt the more tedious methods of felling a tree or cultivating the soil to enable them to purchase their goods.

"The late great increase of imports, especially timber, and the proportional decrease of the slave trade in those districts where civilization and the cultivation of the soil has been

attempted, sufficiently develops the plan to be pursued.

"I have given the subject some consideration, and am convinced that the civilization of Africa is to be accomplished; a measure of the utmost consequence to Great Britain and to the cause of humanity.

"America became a great country owing principally to the transportation of convicts, so has New South Wales. The first object is, therefore, for the British government to send their convicts into the interior of Africa; next, to bring over to Britain and the West India islands a certain number of young men of the various nations every year, to be educated in the arts, sciences, and agricultural pursuits, and afterwards return them to their own country. If such measures were to be adopted, Africa would soon become the garden of the world, and add largely to the exports and imports of this country. Until such civilization is accomplished, vaccination cannot be expected to make much progress in Africa.

" I am, Sir,

"Your most obedient humble servant, "REES PRICE, M.D.

"Member of the Royal College of Surgeons,
and formerly a Surgeon in the Royal
Navy."

To the Hon, the Board of Managers of the Royal Jennerian Society.

"22, New Ormond-st. Queen-sq. Bloomsbury, April 2, 1827.

"GENTLEMEN,—I cannot delay my expressions of the very high gratification I feel in the unexpected notification of my being elected an honorary member of your royal, life-saving institution. It is a society for whose interests, temporally considered, I have more anxiety than for all other societies existing; in consequence, I need not add, how highly I prize your distinction. On other societies, such as those of the Arts and Sciences, devolves the duty of providing for the necessities of man, but on this the all-charitable office of preserving his very existence. As has been well observed, 'Newton weighed the globe in the scale of gravitation; Harvey explained to man the laws of his existence; but on Jenner has devolved the power of preserving that existence.'

"I regret, exceedingly regret, that my present pecuniary means will not allow me the free gratification of my feelings, still shall I seize the very earliest opportunity of evincing my heartfelt gratitude to your royal society, in testimony of the high sense I entertain of the honour and the inestimable value

of your most blessed institution.

" I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

"Your most obliged and devoted servant,
"JOHN HOLT SIMPSON, Clerk, M.A.
"Of Pembroke Cell. Cambridge."

To Dr. Walker.

"Wednesday, April 11, 1827.
"Sin,-I have been applied to, by a friend at Manheim, in

Germany, to procure some vaccine matter, to stop the progress of the smallpox, at present very fatal in that country. I have been informed by Dr. Darling that, by addressing myself to you, I can obtain the matter in a fit shape to stand the journey, and also to be certain of its efficacy on its arrival at Manheim.

"I have the honour to be, Sir,

"Your humble servant,
"CAROLINE A. SCOTT."

To Mr. A. Johnstone, 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London. "Brixham, Torbay, May 17, 1827.

"DEAR SIR,—I cannot express my gratitude for your kindness in so punctually attending to my letter. I am extremely sorry to be such a source of trouble to you, but the complete inability of keeping the vaccine virus within my reach must plead an apology. I shall feel much obliged if you could send me two sets of glasses, well charged, by return of post, as I have several children to vaccinate, my own among the rest.

"Your obedient humble servant,
"C. H. BAMBER,
"Surgeon and Apothecary."

"P.S. It may not be unnecessary to state, that the beginning of the last year, I had the parish poor under my care, and, out of several hundreds that were afflicted with the smallpox, only three died, the only individuals who had not been vaccinated of the number."

To Andrew Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, London. "Melksham, May 20, 1827.

"SIR,—Being in want of some vaccine lymph for immediate use, you will greatly oblige me by sending some with as little

delay as possible.

"I have to thank you for the polite attention given to former applications, and to assure you that the success resulting from the employment of such supplies has induced me to prefer sending to you to the procuring it through any other channel. Trusting to its being taken at a recent date, and from a subject of unexceptionable character, as regards the enjoyment of health,

"I remain, Sir,
"Your much obliged and obedient servant,
"J. F. HULBERT, Surg."

To Dr. Walker, Director of the Royal Jennerian Society, London.

"No. 816, Grand Sablon, Brussels, May 27, 1827.
"SIR,—The desire to be useful to humanity in general, and, on the present occasion, to two friends, who have the misfortune

to see part of their children suffering under the dreadful consequences of inoculation done with a vitiated cowpock virus, urges me to take the liberty to beg your kind assistance to procure me some genuine virus, that four remaining children may be preserved from the horrible distemper of the smallpox, without running the risk of more horrid consequences than even those of that disorder.

"I am no member of the faculty myself, but have the intention to put the virus, your known philanthropy assures me of, into hands capable of making the best use of it.

" Assured of your readiness to render humanity the above-

mentioned service, I gratefully subscribe myself, Sir,

"Your truly devoted servant,
"W. BROWN,
"Master of an English and French
"Boarding School."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"SIR,—Would you have the kindness to forward, as soon as possible, a charge or two of vaccine lymph? By doing so you will greatly oblige

"Your very humble servant,

"E. CROSTHWAITE."

"P.S. I cannot conclude this letter without expressing my gratitude for the many favours I have had from you, and more especially the promptitude which you have always shown in attending to my requests.

"E. C."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Burr-street, East Smithfield, London.

"SIR,—Having several large districts to vaccinate immediately, and the smallpox being very prevalent, I must beg the favour of your sending, by return of post, a supply of fresh vaccine virus. Your usual kind attention will greatly oblige, "Sir,

"Yours most respectfully,
"THOMAS SMITH."

To Dr. Walker, 6, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"SIR,—I shall be particularly obliged by your sending, as soon as possible, a fresh supply of vaccine lymph.

"From the supply I received last year, upwards of four hun-

dred children were vaccinated, gratis, at my institution.

"Your most obedient servant,
"BENJAMIN WALKER, Surg. &c."

To Dr. Walker, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"SIR,—I should feel particularly obliged, if you would be kind enough to forward me some vaccine lymph by return of post, if convenient. Not having any friend in town, through whom I could apply for it, I trust you will deem a sufficient apology for the liberty I have taken.

" I have the honour to be, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,
"H. B. SMITH, Surg."

To Mr. George M'Arthur, Pilot for the North and South Channels, 18, Schoolhouse-lane, Ratcliffe, London.

"SIR,—I feel myself very much indebted to you for the four glasses of cowpock matter, which you have had the kindness of sending me, by care of Messrs. Mitchell and Co. in Riga. It has been of very great utility for this province, and, being in want of more, I shall be infinitely obliged to you, if you will have the goodness to send me six glasses more of that matter, by the first opportunity that offers, to Riga. If you will please to address the lymph to any mercantile house at Riga, requesting the same to forward it to Mr. J. Bazoncourt of this place, it will duly come to my hands. Any expenses caused hereby I shall most thankfully repay, punctually following your orders in this behalf.

"Requesting you to excuse kindly the trouble I cause you

hereby, I remain, very respectfully, Sir,

"Your most humble servant,
"FERDINAND VON SASS."

To Dr. Walker, Bond-court, Walbrook.

"Queenborough, June 26, 1827.

"SIR,—In consequence of having issued, to some friends in Norway, all the vaccine ichor obtained by the cases inoculated from your last remittance, I beg to solicit your kind indulgence of a fresh supply.

" I remain, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,
"GEORGE FARR."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Sub-Secretary of the London Vaccine Institution, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"SIR,—In compliance with instructions from the 'Quebec Medical Society,' I have the honour to enclose, for the information of the London Vaccine Institution, the accompanying resolutions on the subject of forming an auxiliary branch of it in Canada, (together with a list of the gentlemen composing

the 'Quebec Medical Society,') and trust that these resolutions may meet with your approbation and ready support, through whom they are respectfully forwarded, to be submitted to the consideration of the Managers of your humane institution.

"An early reply will be duly appreciated by the Medical

Society, as well as, Sir,

"Your obedient humble servant,

"S. W. H. LESLIE, Sec."

"At a meeting of the Quebec Medical Society, it was unanimously resolved:—

- "FIRST.—That it is desirable, and would be advantageous to the Canadian public, if an Auxiliary Branch of the London Vaccine Institution could be formed in this province, under some competent authority, whose duty it would be to keep up a more regular supply of fresh vaccine virus, and of disseminating more generally and effectually vaccination than heretofore.
- "SECONDLY.—That the Society do solicit to be associated with the mother institution, under the name and title of 'The Quebec Auxiliary Branch of the London Vaccine Institution.'
- "THIRDLY.—That the said Auxiliary Branch be composed of all the members, present and future, of the Quebec Medical Society.
- "FOURTHLY.—That all honorary members of the mother institution shall become honorary members of the said Auxiliary Society.

 "By order of the Society,

 "S. W. H. LESLIE, Secretary."

List of gentlemen composing the 'Quebec Medical Society,' established December 4, 1826 :--

President.

J. MORRIN, Physician to the Hotel Dieu.

Vice-President.
C. N. PERRAULT, M.D.

Secretary. S. W. H. LESLIE.

Members.

A. G. COUILLARD, JOSH. PANICHAND, JOHN ROWLEY, F. X. TESSEIN, F. J. SEGUIN, G. ROBERTS, W. LAINE, JOHN CLARKE,

J. DOUGLASS, M.D. JOHN WHITELAW, M.D. E. DROLET.

To Dr. Walker, London Vaccine Institution, 6, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"Rayleigh, July 17, 1827.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I shall feel myself particularly obliged by your sending me, as early as possible, a supply of vaccine ichor, as we have the smallpox appearing in several villages round the town. I feel anxious to stop its progress, having re-

ceived orders to vaccinate the poor of the two joining parishes to-morrow, if possible.

" I am, dear Sir,

"With great respect,
"Your obedient humble servant,
"THOMAS JAMES BYASS."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, Tower-hill, London.

"SIR,—May I request the favour of your transmitting me a portion of fresh vaccine matter by return of post? I have been very much disappointed by some sent me, from the National Vaccine Establishment, a short time since (July 13). After having vaccinated four children twice, without effect, I conclude the matter cannot be good.

" I am, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,
"JOSH. LANGSTON."

N.B. The Managers explain the superior efficacy of their supplies of vaccine ichor thus:—Every particle is selected, and taken, by the man who has had greater experience than any other individual in the whole world; that, supplied by the National Establishment, is taken by many different practitioners; and (during their necessary absence in attending private patients) by their apprentices and assistants.

To Dr. Walker, 6, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"SIR,—Several cases of natural smallpox having occurred in this neighbourhood during the last fortnight, and there being a scarcity of vaccine matter, I shall feel obliged by your forwarding me some lymph by return of post.

" I am, Sir,

"Yours very respectfully,
"L. E. BENNETT, Surg."

To Dr. Walker, Vaccine Institution, London.

"SIR,—I should feel greatly obliged if you will remit me a little vaccine virus, as the smallpox is very bad in the neighbouring town, that is to say, at Christchurch.

"Your obedient servant,
"C. WESTCOTT."

To Dr. Walker, 6, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"SIR,—I shall feel greatly obliged by your sending me, by return of post, a small quantity of vaccine virus, as the smallpox is making dreadful ravages both in this town and the neighbour-

hood, and being likely to spread to an alarming degree unless speedily prevented by vaccination.

"I am, Sir,
"Yours very obediently,
"HUGH BIBBY."

To Dr. Walker, Vaccine Institution, London.

"SIR,—The smallpox having made its appearance in this place, I should feel obliged if you would remit me as large a quantity as you can spare of vaccine virus.

" I am, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,
"R. SUMNER, Surg."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. 52, Burr-street, London.

" Wells, October 15, 1827.

"DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge my sincere thanks for the supply of vaccine ichor which I received from you a short time since, from which I vaccinated upwards of fifty children, all of whom succeeded better than I could have expected. I have already had numerous applications, but the supply of ichor being unequal to the demand, has prevented my satisfying the applicants. The population round this part of the country is so large, and so much inclined in favour of vaccination, that I must beg of you to remit me another supply of ichor as soon as is convenient to you.

"I shall be very proud of receiving a diploma, and of introducing, as extensively as possible, the practice of vaccination, which has already been productive of the most beneficial

effects.

"Permit me, in conclusion, to take the liberty of observing, that it would afford me the greatest satisfaction to be appointed a member of your society, a distinction I most sincerely desire.

"I have the honour to be, Sir,
"Your obedient and humble servant,
"JOHN SHEARING WILLIS."

To Dr. Walker, Vaccine Institution, London.

"SIR,—I shall feel obliged by your sending me, by return of post, a full supply of vaccine lymph on points, the smallpox having appeared in a populous village in this vicinity.

"I am, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,
"J. B. SHEPPARD, Surg."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Sub-treasurer of the Royal Jennerian Society, 52, Burr-street, East Smithfield.

"Mitcham, October 24, 1827.

"LADY OAKES presents ber compliments to Mr. Johnstone, having returned on Monday last from Tournay, where the cowpock matter is very ineffective, and having a son in that town, with a large family of very young children on whom the matter has failed, she will thank Mr. Johnstone either to send to her, or to forward to her son at Tournay, some of the fresh cowpock matter, with as little delay as possible, as the smallpox

"Lady Oakes sends the address of her son to Mr. Johnstone, in the event of his wishing to forward the matter at once to him.—'à Monsieur, Monsieur H. T. Oakes, 4, Place Verté,

Tournay, Pay Bas.'"

To Dr. Walker, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"ESTEEMED FRIEND,—I shall be much obliged to thee for a supply of fresh vaccine lymph by return of post, if convenient, as the smallpox prevails in this town at present, and I have many pressing applications to vaccinate.

"I remain thy obliged friend, "JOSEPH FOX."

To Dr. Walker, Bond-court, Walbrook, London.

"Basingstoke, Oct. 26, 1827.

"DEAR SIR,—Having been called to a case of smallpox in this neighbourhood, I shall feel much obliged by your forwarding me some vaccine virus. With many thanks for your repeated kindnesses and prompt attention,

"I am, dear Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,
"THOMAS WORKMAN."

To Mr. Johnstone, Vaccine Institution, 52, Burr-street.

"Apothecaries' Hall, October 29, 1827.

"SIR,—Please to send, per bearer, some vaccine lymph, for the West Indies, to pack in a stopper bottle, for the Apothecaries' Company.

"J. MORGAN."

To A. Johnstone, Esq. Sub-treasurer and Assistant-secretary to the London Vaccine Institution, 52, Burr-street, London.

"SIR,—I take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your late esteemed favour; and I beg you will convey, to Dr. Walker and the Managers of the institution, my sincere thanks for the accompanying diploma and last Annual Report

they did me the honour to send me, through you. I at the same time received a supply of lymph, which I made use of

immediately on several negro children.

"I have now to beg the favour of you of a further supply of fresh active matter. The smallpox has been raging for some months in some of the West India islands. I am therefore induced particularly to request of you, Sir, to forward me, punctually and regularly, (and per packet, if possible,) a monthly, or, at least, a two monthly supply of vaccine virus.— In this country, I think, for many reasons, the virus in circulation does not preserve itself nearly as well as it does in England. I have much difficulty in procuring subjects for vaccination, and they are not generally of a choice description. Amongst the coloured population, mothers are so careless of their children that they, for the most part, bruise and injure their pock. I hope that you will, therefore, do me the favour to send me as frequent a supply as you possibly can.

" I have the honour to be, Sir,

"Your obedient humble servant,
"THOMAS MURRAY, MD.
"Public Vaccinator."

The foreign Office,

for supplying Vaccine Matter for the Shipping, the Colonies, and every Quarter of the habitable Globe, No. 52, Burr-street, East Smithfield, London, where every inquiry respecting the Affairs of the Institution, as well Payments as Remittances, or Applications for Vaccine Virus for any part Abroad, are to be addressed to Mr. Johnstone, Assistant Secretary and Sub-treasurer, as above.

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I GIVE unto the Treasurer for the time being, of a certain voluntary Society, formed in London, in the year 1803, called the ROYAL JENNE-RIAN SOCIETY, the sum of pounds, of lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, current in Great Britain, to be paid within months next after my decease, out of such part only of my personal estate as shall not consist of chattels real, upon trust, to be applied towards carrying on the purposes of the said Institution. And I do direct, that the Receipt of the Treasurer of the said Society, for the time being, for the said Legacy, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same.

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In 1817, 1051 Children lost their Lives by the Smallpox, within the Bills of Mortality alone; in 1818, the number was reduced to 421; but in 1819 it amounted to 712; in 1820 to 792; in 1821 to 508; in 1822 to 604; in 1823 to 774; in 1824 to 725; in 1825 to 1299; and in 1826 to 503.

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The Director informed the Managers, that he happened to be acquainted, through a physician and surgeon attached to the Royal Family, with the important fact, that Sir Matthew John Tierney, Baronet, Physician Extraordinary to His Majesty, had been peculiarly happy in his decisive treatment of his Royal Patient, our Patron, in a late indispo-

^{*} Thursday, December 28, 1820. Meeting of the Board of Managers, Mr. Boileau, Chairman.

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sition; that Vaccination and Society were indebted to this Author, "De Variola Vaccina," for his early and able support of their cause; and suggested the fitness of electing so eminent a character a Vice-President of the Institution.

Resolved, that Sir Matthew John Tierney, Baronet, Physician Extraordinary to His Majesty, be invited to become a Vice President of the Royal Jennerian Society.

The Director announced a remuneration of 1000l, on the part of His Majesty's Government, in consideration of services rendered to the Army, Navy, and Marines. Resolved, that he take the amount, on account, towards the liquidation of the sums still due to him as recognised by this Board, April 7, 1814, and confirmed by the General Court.

The Conductors of the Royal Jennerian Society, in the earnest and cheering hope of continual support in a cause which is 'the glory of our isle,' and the solace of a wondering world, prove the institution worthy of its splendid patronage, from a Government, which, in fostering the best interests of the subject, renders extensive and essential services to the inhabitants of many other countries.

Resolved, that no opportunity be lost, which the Society may obtain, of continuing to extend its benefits in the service of Government, supplying the different Garrisons, the Navy and Royal Marines, with active vaccine matter with the utmost promptitude.

Resolved, that the Managers of the Royal Jennerian Society avail themselves to the utmost of the free postage to the settlements abroad, generously extended under His Majesty's Government, to the establishment in furtherance of its humane exertions.

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On the Origin and the Establishment of the Practice of Vaccination.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, a discovery was announced in England, by which one of the most tormenting and grievous diseases with which mankind has ever been afflicted, might be struck off from the catalogue of human calamities.

In the dairy counties of England, in the south of Ireland, and in different parts of the continent, the Cowpox has long been known to be a preservative

against the Smallpox.

The milkers, in handling the teats and udder of the diseased animal, their fingers already scratched with the thorus and briars of the field, had thus inoculated themselves, accidentally, in the parts where the skin was broken. The country people, traditionally informed, from time immemorial, of the effects of such casual infection, had, in some instances, designedly, inoculated themselves, their children, or friends.

In 1795, Dr. Adams, now physician to the Smallpox Hospital, through information he received from Dr. Jenner; and the late Dr. Beddoes of Bristol, in quotation of a letter he had received from Mr. Rolph, announced

the invaluable discovery to the public.

"The Cowpox is a disease well known to the dairy-farmers in Gloucestershire. What is extraordinary, as far as facts have hitherto been ascertained, the person who has been infected is rendered insensible to the variolous poison."—Adams on Morbid Poisons, 8vo. page 136. 1795.

"I have learned from my own observation, and the testimony of some old practitioners, that susceptibility to the Smallpox is destroyed by the Cowpox; a disease from cows, which is a malady more unpleasant than dangerous."—Beddoes's Queries concerning Inoculation. 8vo. 1795.

In the following year, the disease was alluded to by the late Dr. Wood-

ville, the predecessor of Dr. Adams.

"It has been conjectured that the Smallpox might have been derived from some disease of brute animals: and, if it be true that the mange, affecting dogs, can communicate a species of itch to man; or that a person having received a certain disorder from handling the teats of cows, is thereby rendered insensible to variolous infection ever afterwards, as some have asserted; then the conjecture is not improbable."—Woodville's History of Inoculation. 8vo. page 7. 1796.

In June, 1798, Dr. Jenner first published his "Inquiry into the Cowpox," in which it appears, that his first experiment of Vaccination was from the hand of a dairy-maid, (Sarah Nelmes,) infected from her master's cows at Berkeley. The more accurately to observe the progress of the infection, he selected a healthy boy, about eight years old, for the purpose

of inoculation for the Cowpox, and inserted matter from a sore on the hand of the dairy-maid, on the 14th of May, 1796. The appearance of the incisions in their progress to a state of maturation, he says, were much the same as when produced in a similar manner by variolous matter. "This appearance," he says, "was in great measure new to me, and I ever shall recollect the pleasing sensations it excited; as, from its similarity to the pustule produced by variolous inoculation, it incontestably pointed out the close connection between the two diseases, and almost anticipated the result of my future experiments."

William Summers, a child of five years and a half old, was inoculated March 16, 1798, from the nipples of an infected cow; from Summers, William Pead, a boy of eight years old, was inoculated March 28th; from Pead, several children and adults were inoculated, from one of whom, Hannah Excell, a healthy girl, of seven years old, and four other children, were inoculated; and from one of these, (Mary Pead, five years old,) J. Barge, a boy of seven years old, was inoculated—proving, at that time, that the matter in passing from one human subject to another, through four gradations, lost none of its original properties. It is since proved, that it is never deteriorated by passing through any indefinite number of patients.

In London we occasionally had had notice of the disease, and of its wonderful effects, at the different Medical Theatres, as I have heard myself, from the late Dr. Hawes, before my going abroad in 1797, at Guy's Hospital, but only with the attention that one naturally gives to a report, so incredible that one cannot receive it, and therefore does not trouble one's head any more about it, without further excitement. Dr. Sims, also, President of the London Medical Society, had made similar communications,

at their meetings in Bolt Court.

"When I was in company," says Dr. Pearson, "with the late Mr. John Hunter, about nine years ago, I heard him communicate the information he had received from Dr. Jenner, that, in Gloucestershire, an infectious disorder frequently prevailed among the milch cows, named the Cowpox, in which there was an eruption on their teats; that those who milked such cows were liable to be affected with pustulous eruptions on their hands, which were also called the Cowpox; that such persons as had undergone this disease could not be infected by the variolous poison; and that, as no patient had been known to die of the Cowpox, the practice of inoculation of the virus of this disease, to supersede the Smallpox, might be found, on experience, to be a great improvement in physic.

"I noted these observations, and constantly related them when on the subject of the Smallpox, in every course of lectures which I have given

since that time."

The late Dr. Woodville was the first who drew that protection from the dairies of London, which is now the consolation of the western as well as the eastern hemisphere.

These two physicians, Woodville and Pearson, may, in fact, be considered as the founders of the new inoculation in the metropolis; and from Lon-

don the practice has rapidly extended throughout the world.

One solitary and perfectly successful experiment had been tried by Mr. Cline, at the request of Dr. Jenner; and both he and Dr. Lister, formerly physician to the Smallpox Hospital, were assured of its efficacy, by repeated subsequent, ineffectual efforts, to produce the Smallpox on the patient by inoculation; but they, as well as he, let the precious pearl drop through their fingers. With them, as with Jenner, Vaccination fell to the ground; and, without the exertions of Woodville and Pearson, assisted by their friend Wachsel, (the Medical Resident at the Smallpox Hospital,) extensive tracts of Asia and America, as well as the more busy scenes of Europe, might yet have continued to be desolated by the Smallpox.

INQUIRIES whether there be already existing laws against the inoculation of the smallpox, from several Governors and others, having been addressed to the Society, the following account of the case of The King v. Taunton, brought before the Court of King's Bench, in December, 1815, may pretty fully answer their inquiries.

Mr. Taunton vaccinated his own children, and is a Manager of the Royal Jennerian Society: He has felt it his duty to inoculate such for the smallpox as, through prejudice or otherwise, refused vaccination. Many of the poor who applied for gratuitous advice, applied also for inoculation for the cowpock, and

some for the smallpox.

On the 19th June, Mr. Taunton was arrested on the Lord Chief Justice's warrant. He gave bail, and directed his attorneys to defend the cause, which was to have been tried on Friday, December 8th, in the Court of King's Bench, where Mr. Taunton attended with his witnesses. Sir William Garrow, the Attorney-general, and Counsel for the Plaintiff, stated to the Court, that he should not proceed in the present case, as he learnt that the Defendant had given notice, with every inoculation, not to expose their children while the disease was out.

"God forbid," said he, "that those who have the smallpox should not be attended in their own houses by any person they choose; but they must not be carried about the street to the de-

struction of others."

Mr. JUSTICE BAILEY.—" I hope it is sufficiently notorious, that the causing persons to pass through the streets, who may have that disorder upon them, although they are going for medical advice to some person in whom they may have confidence, is an indictable offence; and if that person, instead of attending them at their own houses, as he might do, chooses to direct that they shall, from time to time, be brought, or come to him, there is no question that he is liable to an indictment."

Mr. ATTORNEY-GENERAL.—" The few sentences that your Lordship has pronounced now, are of the last importance to the

community."

Mr. JUSTICE BAILEY .- " Mr. Taunton should intimate that

he is ready to attend those persons at their own houses."

Mr. Pollock.—" I understand that is part of the notice, that he is willing to attend such patients at their own houses."

SEVERAL communications having been received from gentlemen abroad, particularly foreigners, wishing to be made acquainted with the modes of application of the matter of inoculation, which they are in the practice of receiving, at various times, from captains of vessels, on Glasses, on Ivory Points, and on Threads, the Managers think it expedient to submit the following intimations to their notice.

DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE VACCINE VIRUS

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The Virus on Glasses is always carefully inclosed in several folds of thin sheet lead, to preserve it from the action of the air and to keep it as cool as possible; yet, (when not rendered effete through the length of time it may be upon the voyage and the intense heat of the climate,) the vaccine ichor being hardened between the glasses, it will be necessary to dip the point of the lancet in cold water, to moisten the indurated matter, before it is applied to the arms of the patient.

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On Threads, the mode is, to make the slightest incision of the cuticle, to lay a portion of the thread in, or over, such superficial incision, then binding it on the arm, or placing a piece of court or black sticking plaster over the thread, which is to remain on till the virus produces the desired effect.

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