

Eighteen days afterwards he left the hospital perfectly cured. The inflammation internally provoked had gradually subsided, and after its entire disappearance, the right testicle was found equal in size to the left, and no trace of effusion discovered in the tunica vaginalis; while every reason existed for presuming a recurrence of the hydrocele to be, if not impossible, highly improbable.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Mr. Brodie, a son of Sir B. Brodie, has recently been elected Professor of Chemistry to Oxford University.—Dr. Stark, the superintendent of Medical Statistics to the Registrar General, under the new act for the registration of births, marriages, and deaths in Scotland, reports that forty-one out of every hundred people who die in Dundee, die without medical attendance.—The Society of Surgery, Paris, have decided absolutely from a large mass of facts, that syphilis is not capable of being transmitted with the vaccine virus.—The funeral of M. Majendie has just taken place, and is described in very touching terms by the French journals. The chief mourners were nephews of the deceased; the pall-bearers were M.M. Flourens and Serres, Stanislaus Julien of the literary department of the academy Vellenne Dubois, and Davenne. A funeral oration was pronounced by M. Andral, and a second for the College of France by M. Flourens. They manage these things better in France than in England. The last physiologist in London, the translator of Andral, poor Spittam, died in a work-house, and no member of the College of Surgeons in his official capacity attended the funeral of the late Barnsby Cooper, while Aston Key also lies unwept, unhonored, and unknown.—Sixty-nine cases of Cholera are reported daily at Madrid, and fifty-nine deaths.—Cholera is on the increase at Naples, and has created such a sensation at Catania, in Sicily, that every one who could leave, including the medical practitioners, have fled the city in alarm. The consequence has been that the poor have suffered severely, and they are perishing daily in the most dreadful manner.—During the week ending October 27th, seven cases of Cholera occurred in London.—Dr. Letticey has been appointed officer of health to the city of London, in place of Mr. Simon.—Dr. Laycock has been elected to the chair of Theory and Practice in the University of Edinburgh, in place of Dr. Alison resigned; his chief competitor was Dr. A. Wood.—The *Moniteur des Hôpitaux* vouches for the authenticity of the following, and of their recent occurrence. The scene of the first is an examining hall in Paris. A candidate having been asked by his examiner to state the opinions held by Stoll respecting the employment of purgatives, made reply that in the *Cours de la Faculté* which he had attended, he had never been taught the answer to that question. "Par Dieu, Monsieur," exclaimed the Professor, "if you have learnt only what the faculty teaches, I can assure you you know no great things." The second is reported from Montpellier. A venerable examiner addressed a student thus, "you are aware, doubtless, that the spinal column consists of several pieces?" "Yes, sir, 70 or 80 I believe." "Not quite so many, but no matter. Do you know how the pieces are kept together?" "Yes, sir, . . . they are united. . . . by . . . by . . . by a band." "Good; but what do you call the band?" "Sir, the band is . . . is called. . . is. . . is. . . is the vital principle." "Quite right, sir; to be sure there are a few others, but they are quite secondary; and without the one you have mentioned all would be useless."

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