

The ball began, the mirth ran high,  
 With not one thought of danger nigh.  
 Each germ enjoyed himself that night,  
 With never a fear of the Phagocyte.  
 'Twas getting late (and some were "loaded,")  
 When a jar of formaline exploded,  
 And drenched the happy dancing mass  
 Who swarmed the fatal cover glass.

Not one survived, but perished all  
 At this Bacteriologic ball.

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#### OBITUARY.

SIR WILLIAM JENNER, K C.B.—Sir William Jenner, the distinguished pathologist and physician-in-ordinary to the Queen and Prince of Wales, died Dec. 12, 1898.

He was born at Chatham in 1815, and was president of the Royal College of Physicians from 1881 to 1889, when he retired from the practice of his profession. He was first to establish beyond dispute the difference in kind between typhus and typhoid fever.

On the death of Dr. Baly, in 1861, Jenner was appointed to succeed him as physician-extraordinary to the Queen, and the next year he was gazetted physician-in-ordinary to Her Majesty, receiving the same preferment in 1863 in the household of the Prince of Wales. It was in recognition of his services rendered during a severe illness of the Prince that he was made Knight Commander of the Bath. He wrote numerous papers on fever, the acute specific diseases, diphtheria, diseases of children, and diseases of the heart, lungs, and skin.