

Oct., when a very large and influential meeting assembled to hear an opening address on cholera, from the president. I may occasionally during the winter refer to some of the subjects brought before this society, and also before the Pathological. The latter I have just joined; it is, without exception, the most practical, as well as the most interesting society in London, and numbers among its members all those who are strictly the laborers of the profession. I shall now resume my Hospital Reports.

*Orthopædic Surgery.* One of the most curious, and at the same time really interesting institutions in this metropolis, from the remarkable appearances presented by the patients within its walls, is the Royal Orthopædic Hospital, Bloomsbury Square. On various occasions have I availed myself of the kindness of its medical officers, Mr. Wm. Adams and Mr. Brodthurst particularly, to visit the hospital, and see their cases and operations. A large number of patients, presenting every variety of deformity, is here to be met with, (280 patients a-day, on the average,) from the simple club-foot to the complicated diseased spine. I witnessed thirteen various operations on the 19th July, by Mr. Lonsdale and Mr. Wm. Adams, on cases of talipes vulgaris, equinus, and varus, some of them on very young children. Mr. Adams informs me that they seldom operate upon infants younger than the age of two months, and fourteen days are allowed generally to elapse before passive motion is employed at the ankle-joint. In talipes varus, Mr. Adams not only divides the tendo-achilles, but also those of the extensor muscles, to render the operation a certainty. Cases of club-foot have been operated upon here, successfully, in persons as old as 50 or 60; and I have seen patients approaching those ages in the wards. Lateral curvature of the spine appears to be a very common affection indeed, occurring in the persons of very delicate looking girls and young women; and the deformity is sometimes most extensive. These cases are submitted to mechanical treatment, and a large proportion are satisfactorily cured. When, however, the affection is distinctly scrofulous, the results are not so satisfactory. I saw two cases of torticollis under treatment; the success in that of one of them, in the person of a pale delicate girl, aged about 20, was really remarkable; the head and neck were drawn considerably towards the right shoulder, presenting an unhappy picture of misery; the fleshy portion of the sterno-cleido-mastoid muscle was cut across by the subcutaneous operation, and the head after some days was supported in a peculiar apparatus, tending to keep it upwards in an opposite position to that lately occupied; and at this moment, a great part of the original deformity has disappeared. Knock-knees, scrofulous affections of the knee,