

rheumatic pains in right shoulder, elbow and wrist, on the 2nd February. Cannot assign any cause for the attack, which is her first. Has not been consciously exposed to cold. On the 27th she was given as an out-door patient colchicum, potash and hyoscyamus, to take during the day, and a powder of nitre, ipecac, and opium at night. The affected joints to be painted with tinct. of iodine. On the 28th she was admitted under Dr. H., and the same treatment was continued until the 9th March, when, being quite free of pain, sulphate quinine was ordered instead, and she was discharged in a few days quite well.

REMARKS.—The colchicum and alkalies acted very promptly in the preceding case, for the detailed notes, record very great relief to the pains on the 1st March, *i. e.*, on the 3rd day of treatment. The skin perspired freely and there was no cardiac complication.

MEDICAL NEWS.

There are 3,157 medical officers in the Poor Law Unions of England and Wales, salaries amounting to £165,349. For this annual sum they take charge of the sick poor of a population of 17,235,099 scattered over an area of 34,473,438 acres. There is one salary as high as £270; the population is 17,141, the average 37,980. There are two salaries as low as £2; the population in each case is but about 400.—The stamp duties on university degrees for the year 1853 produced the sum of £8,535. At Durham and the London and Queen's Universities, no duties are payable.—Dr. L. F. Fisher has been elected Mayor of Camden, N. J.—Dr. S. Cony was elected Mayor of Augusta, Me., on the third trial. "We believe," says the Boston Medical Journal, "that six Physicians have been elected Mayors within an area of 400 miles since January last. There is a good time coming surely."—Several cases of hydrophobia have proved fatal within a few days in New Jersey.—Dr. Spear, of Melonville, Florida, has raised 20,000 lemons from 250 trees. He is the largest lemon grower in the United States.—The jury of inquest on the body of Dr. Gardiner came to the conclusion that his death was caused by taking a large dose of strychnine.—The following notice, from one of the medical officers, was read at a meeting of the guardians of the poor of Greenwich: "Received from the Guardians of the Greenwich Union, the paltry sum of £20, for thirteen weeks extra service as house-to-house visitor, sanitary inspection, and for medicines supplied to the sick poor of Deptford, by which I find my services as a professional man are valued at the same rate as a journeyman mechanic."—Mr. Layard, the celebrated traveller, has astonished Prof. Owen and the homologists by stating in a lecture that in digging out a bas relief of a lion hunt he observed a claw in the tail, a peculiar feature he maintains of the Asiatic breed of lions.—There have been over three hundred cases of small pox and varioloid in Boston since December last; and of that number about thirty have died.—A man in Paris, by inflating a number of bladders with pure hydrogen gas and attaching them to his body, has recently attained an extraordinary pace, equal to 30 or 40 miles an hour. His leaps were five or six yards a time.—Professor Mott, of New York, has been elected an honorary member of the Medico Chirurgical Society of London.—The census of 1850 gives to Tennessee 1,523 physicians, 1,081 clergymen, and 725 lawyers.—A newly appointed Professor of Theory and Practice in a Western Medical School, more familiar with politics than physics, started on a pilgrimage to the east. At Buffalo he called on one of the magnates of the profession. In the course of the conversation the *novus et* Professor inquired as follows: "Can you tell me, Sir, what there is about this matter of physical diagnosis? Is it really, now, worth knowing?" The host indicated very politely that it was, perhaps, very desirable that *teachers* should have some knowledge of it; whereupon the newly elected one said "that if it was really worth while, he would go down to New York for a fortnight and acquire it. For his part he hadn't much faith in it." [Buffalo Journal].—There are 1293 Physicians in the State of Georgia, or about one to every 706 inhabitants.—Dr. Crisp exhibited a dog without a spleen to the London Medical Society. Dr. H. A. Ramsay, Editor Georgia Bliester and Critic, lately examined a man who had none.—Abernethy when canvassing for the office of assistant at St. Bartholomew's, called on a fat grocer at Smithfield. "I suppose, Sir, you want my vote and interest at this very serious and very momentous epoch of your life." "No I don't," said Abernethy, "I want a pen'north of figs, come look sharp and wrap 'em up."