

Of the various means which may be adopted to deprive a human being of his life, there is not one which has been stamped with a greater degree of infamy than poisoning. Sureness and secrecy in these cases go for the accomplishment of the object hand by hand, while the latter is usually the powerful incentive to the adoption of the method. How important then is it that every possible clue to the detection of the poison and the poisoner should be afforded, that no link should be wanting by which the mystery which too commonly enshrouds these cases should be dispelled. This important point is we think amply attained in the Bill now lying before us.

But this is not all, the Bill contemplates the thorough professional education of all who wish to practise as Apothecaries, Chemists and Druggists; and in this respect the measure is singularly defective. Besides demanding a thorough classical education, all that the Bill now wants is attendance upon one course of Botany. At it originally stood and was intended, it furthermore insisted upon attendance on two six month's courses of Chemistry, and two of Materia Medica, courses of far greater value and importance to him than Botany. These enactments have been, through some accident we are confident, omitted in the copy of the Bill last sent to us, but we feel assured that it is only necessary to direct the attention of the Honorable mover of the Bill to the omission to ensure its speedy rectification.

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We have been requested to state, that a gentleman aged about 27 years, wishes to obtain a situation as assistant to some Medical man in active practice. He is from England, has followed the medical courses at St. Thomas' Hospital, and acted as an assistant in the Baltic fleet during the Russian war, but has not passed any of the Halls or Colleges in England. He is desirous of effecting for a limited time an engagement as indicated. Applications may be made to the Editor of this Journal.

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#### BOOKS &c., RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

- LECTURES ON THE DISEASES OF INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD, by Charles West, M.D., &c., third American, from the fourth revised and enlarged London Edition. Philadelphia: Blanchard and Lea, 1860, 8vo. pp. 630, price \$2.50.
- THE DISEASES OF THE EAR, THEIR NATURE, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT, by Joseph Toynbee, F.R.S. &c. Philadelphia: Blanchard and Lea, 1860, 8vo. p.p. 440, price \$3.00.
- DENTAL ANOMALIES AND THEIR INFLUENCE UPON THE PRODUCTION OF DISEASES OF THE MAXILLARY BONES, by A. M. Forget, M.D., C. L. D. &c., Memoir crowned by the Academy of sciences, at its meeting of the 14th March, 1859. Paris: Victor Maison. Translated from the French. Philadelphia: Jones and White, ph. pp. 34, and 6 plates. Price \$0.40, obtainable from the publishers on receipt of order, &c.