

quickly and powerfully, emptying the bowels of their contents, and generally produces eight, ten, or a dozen evacuations. In certain habits and complaints, I conceive, it will prove an excellent purgative, and, from its cheapness, may be introduced with advantage into hospital practice. * * * When applied externally as a liniment, it produces a profuse crop of small pustules on the part, which may render it of service in certain chronic complaints. I have not yet, however, had sufficient opportunities of ascertaining all its medicinal properties."

13. *Operation for cleft Palate.*

ROUX has lately succeeded in removing this deformity in a young man, who had a natural division of the velum pendulum to so great an extent as to almost entirely deprive him of the power of articulation. By means of an ingenious operation, resembling that for hare-lip, M. Roux was enabled to bring the flap together, and procure their union in a favourable manner. He has already practised the operation, with similar success, in another case.

OBITUARY:

AT Paris, on the 1st of June, the Abbé HAUVY, member of the Royal Academy of Sciences, and canon of Notre Dame. This distinguished mineralogist met his death in consequence of a fall, by which he fractured the neck of the os femoris. He fell down on the 14th of May in his cabinet, in consequence, it is believed, of slipping his foot, as he did not subsequently show any affection of the head, which would lead to the idea of his having suffered any apoplectic seizure. He was attended by M. Almand, surgeon to the Salpetriere; but the pain, partly arising from the accident, and partly from an attack of nephralgia, prevented the nature of the accident from being discovered for some time. An abscess formed, which was evacuated; and his strength from this period declined with rapidity, till the morning of the 1st of June, when he died. His interment took place at Père la Chaise, on the 3d of June, which was attended by Gay-Lussac, as president of the Institute, and a considerable body of its members.

Died lately, at Paris, in his 80th year, the Abbé SICARD, director of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. He was born at Touseret in 1742, and was educated at Toulouse; and early in life entered the church, becoming vicar-general of Condour and a canon of Bourdeaux. M. Cicé, archbishop of the diocese, having resolved to establish an asylum for the deaf and dumb, Sicard was dispatched to Paris, to make himself acquainted with the system of the Abbé de l'Épée, whom he afterwards succeeded in 1789. During the Revolution, learning and benevolence proved no protection, and the Abbé Sicard had nearly shared the fate of the unfortunate Lavoisier. He was detained prisoner till the 4th of September, when he was carried before the National Assembly, where he made a speech, which, joined to the interest made in his behalf, seems to have procured his liberation.

After a considerable suspension of his duties, M. Sicard was at length restored to his charge; and the institution, being now supported by M. Chaptal, at that time minister of the interior, began to flourish. In 1800 a press was established, by which means his pupils became initiated in the art of printing: it was here that the works of the Abbé were principally published. One of his first pupils at Bordeaux was Massieu, who followed him to Paris, and whose astonishing acquirements tended, in a remarkable degree, to give celebrity to the system of education adopted by his master.

The school of the Abbé Sicard was an object of great interest and general attraction to all strangers visiting Paris. The readiness which he always showed

in explaining his method, and the proofs of cultivated mind and useful acquirements given by his pupils at their public exercises, have been the means of leading to the establishment of similar schools in various parts of Europe. The name of Sicard is associated with the system of De l'Epée, which he greatly improved, and deservedly ranks high among the benefactors of mankind.

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MOON.	Rain gauge	THERM.			BAROM.		DE LUC'S HYG.		WIND.		ATMOSPHERIC VARIATION.		
		9 A.M.	MAX.	MIN.	9 A.M.	10 P.M.	9 A.M.	10 P.M.	9 A.M.	10 P.M.	9 A.M.	2 P.M.	10 P.M.
Aug													
20		66	75	62	30.01	29.95	60	61	SE	SE	Fine		
21		67	80	68	29.87	29.83	50	47	ESE	SE	Cloudy	Fine	
22	.07	71	81	62	29.80	29.74	54	52	SW	WNW	Cloudy	Fine	
23		68	73	53	29.70	29.81	57	43	NNW	NNW	Fine		
24	.10	59	68	58	29.68	29.53	50	51	N	NW	Cloudy	Fair	Rain
25	.03	61	70	59	29.63	29.57	70	53	W	SW	Fair	Sho'ry	Fair
26		62	68	58	29.54	29.53	59	58	WNW	SW	Fine	Sho'ry	Fair
27	.07	63	69	57	29.43	29.54	59	63	W	W	Fair	Sho'ry	Rain
28		61	66	54	29.52	29.42	55	60	SW	S	Overcast	Rain	Rain
29	.02	58	64	55	29.35	29.51	54	58	W var.	NW	Fine	Sho'ry	Fine
30	.03	59	67	50	29.64	29.71	60	66	NW va	WNW	Fine	Sho'ry	Fine
31		53	66	54	29.73	29.88	51	61	NNW	N	Fine		
Sep.													
1	○	59	68	54	29.97	29.98	60	51	NNW	NW	Fine		
2		58	66	59	29.94	29.83	61	66	WSW	WSW	Fine	Fair	Mist
3		60	65	54	29.81	29.81	60	63	NW	WNW	Fine		
4		56	63	56	29.87	29.93	53	61	WNW	NW	Fine		
5		59	67	62	29.88	29.71	51	62	WNW	W	Fine		
6		64	70	63	29.70	29.78	74	65	WNW	WNW	Showery	Fine	
7		67	71	56	29.83	29.92	56	62	W	NW	Fine		Fair
8	☽	60	67	53	29.71	29.77	53	57	WSW	W var.	Overcast		Fair
9		56	65	54	29.79	29.81	63	61	NW	NW	Fine	Fair	Fine
10		59	69	52	29.94	29.98	56	60	NW	WSW	Fine		
11		55	68	54	29.78	29.68	59	62	W var.	WSW	Fine		Sho'ry
12	.02	58	68	50	29.81	29.86	54	58	NW	NE	Fair	Sho'ry	Fair
13		55	65	46	29.91	29.97	50	50	ENE	E	Fine		
14		53	62	52	30.06	30.00	51	52	SE	ESE	Fine		
15	●	61	62	52	29.90	29.90	52	60	E	E	Cloudy		Rain
16		59	65	54	29.91	29.94	63	60	SW	W	Cloudy	Fine	
17		60	72	52	29.90	29.90	68	69	W	SE	Sleet	Fine	
18		60	66	52	29.93	30.00	74	65	NE	E	Fine		
19		62	68	50	30.00	29.97	52	54	ESE	E	Fine		

The quantity of rain that fell in the month of August, was 1 inch 60.100ths.