

Some half hour thereafter a stinging sensation caused me to withdraw the glove, when I found my hand to be in a state of violent inflammation.

I did not use my tongue, but, being in the train, I had to repeatedly use my handkerchief, moistened with what was on my tongue, with the result that I had to hold the latter, almost in a double sense, for the rest of the day.

I have used above the expression "the so called solution," because it really is not a solution of mercury bichloride in potassium iodide which is being formed, were it so, the peculiar intermittance or alternation of the action of the solvents would be most difficult of explanation upon the known laws of adhesion.

It is a *new salt* which is being produced—this salt can be separated by slow cooling in needle crystals of some three inches in length—apparently belong to the oblique prismatic system—have a high dispersive power—a sulphur yellow colour, and are extremely deliquescent.

To emphacise my warning as to the properties of the liquid, I sign myself,

M. FORSTER HEDDLE, M.D.

St. Andrews, March, 1878.

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CAPTAIN MARSHALL HALL would be very glad to hear of any mineralogists likely to visit the Lötschenthal and the Val d'Anniviers during the coming summer. The best rendezvous would be the Hotel et Pension, Bauer, Sierre.—Scientific Club, 7, Savile Row, W.

A Société de Mineralogie has been formed at Paris, with M. Des Cloiseaux as President. It meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Mineralogical Laboratory of the Sorbonne.

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### Obituary.

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THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD KINNAIRD K.T., a fellow of the Geological Society and a member of the Mineralogical Society, died of inflammation of the lungs at Rossie Priory, in December, 1877. He was born in 1807, and succeeded his father in 1826. He was one of the original members of the Mineralogical Society.

The Rev. C. M. EDWARD COLLINS died at his seat of Trewardale, Bodmin, on the 3rd of Dec., 1877, aged 62. He was one of the original members of the Mineralogical Society.