

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held at the offices of the Association, 161A, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 14th day of April next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

161A, Strand, London, March 22nd, 1880.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING will be held in the Board Room of the Brighton and Hove Dispensary, Queen's Road, Brighton, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1880, at 3.15 P.M.: JARDINE MURRAY, Esq., in the Chair. Members from the country who may arrive too soon for the meeting will be at liberty to use the library of the Brighton Medical-Chirurgical Society, also, at the dispensary.

All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend these meetings, and to introduce professional friends.

The following communications have been promised,

1. Some Pathological Specimens will be shown.
2. Dr. Hollis: A Case of Acromioclavicular Artery in a Boy (patient shown).
3. Drs. Withers and Moore: Two Cases of Disseminated Sclerosis (patients shown).
4. Dr. Fussell: A Case of Paralysis in a Girl, with unusual Symptoms (patient shown).

5. Dr. Ewart: Primary Cancer of the Liver.
 6. Mr. W. Furner: A Case of Elephantiasis (patient shown).
 7. Mr. N. P. Blaker: Two Cases of Colotomy.
 8. Mr. Hodgson: The Effects of Inherited Syphilis on the Ear.
 9. Mr. J. Murray: A Case of Poisoning by Atropine.
- Messrs. Millikin and Down will exhibit a few recent improvements in Surgical Instruments.

Dinner at the Grand Hotel, punctually at six o'clock. Charge (not including wine), 6s. 6d. Members intending to dine are requested to inform the secretary by Saturday, the 3rd of April.

THOMAS TROLOPE, M.D., *Hon. District Secretary*.

9, Maze Hill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, March 27th, 1880.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE next ordinary meeting of this Branch will be held at Aberdeen on Thursday, April 22nd. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, etc., are requested to send titles without delay to one of the honorary secretaries.

ALFRED SHEEN, M.D., } *Honorary Secretaries*.
J. HANCOCKE WATHEN. }

March 16th, 1880.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE fifth ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Grand Pump Room Hotel, Bath, on Thursday evening, April 15th: J. BEDDOE, M.D., President.

R. S. FOWLER, } *Honorary Secretaries*.
E. C. BOARD. }

Bath, March 1880.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE intermediate meeting of this Branch has been deferred until after the General Election.

The subject for discussion at the meeting will be "The Zymotic Influence in Disease".

J. LLOYD ROBERTS, *Honorary Secretary*.

NORTH OF ENGLAND AND BORDER COUNTIES BRANCHES: CONJOINT MEETING.

A CONJOINT meeting of the above Branches will be held at Gilsland, on Thursday, April 29th, at 3 P.M. The Chair will be occupied by Dr. PHILIPSON, President of the North of England Branch, who will give a short address.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers are requested to communicate with their Branch Secretaries at their earliest convenience.

J. SMITH, M.D., Dumfries.
J. K. BURT, M.B., Kendal.
T. W. BARRON, M.B., Durham.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this district was held on February 27th, at the house of the President, Professor DE CHAUMONT, F.R.S., who took the chair at 8.30 P.M.

New Members.—The SECRETARY announced that, since the last meeting, Surgeon-Major Martin, M.D.; Wm. Cubitt Lucey, M.D.; Charles Langstaff, M.D.; Surgeon-Major R. R. Scott, and R. T. Caesar, who were previously members of Association, had joined the Southampton District. Surgeon-Major Richard F. Tobin, A.M.D., was proposed as member of the Association and Branch.

The late Surgeon-General Porter.—The PRESIDENT alluded in feeling terms to the death of Deputy Surgeon-General Porter, who represented the district on the Council of the Association before leaving for the seat of war.

Paper.—Dr. H. VEALE read a paper entitled Notes on Midwifery Cases.

WEST OF IRELAND BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Queen's College, Galway, on Thursday, March 18th; the President, Professor KINKHEAD, occupying the Chair.

Papers.—The following were read.

1. Dr. Deely: On a Case of Intestinal Obstruction, in which the Bowel had been successfully aspirated.
2. Dr. Rutherford: Some Peculiar Symptoms connected with the Eruption of the Permanent Molar Teeth.

A discussion followed each paper, in which the President, Drs. Payne, Clayton, O'Dea, and Lynham, took part.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, March 18th, at five o'clock; THOMAS CLARK, Esq., President, in the chair. Sixteen members attended.

Discussion on Medical Education.—After dinner, the Question, as settled by the Council, viz.: "What are your views on the Resolutions with regard to Medical Education passed by the Metropolitan Counties Branch, as published in the JOURNAL of January 24th, 1880?" was put from the Chair. Before inviting answers from the meeting, the President read the resolutions; also a letter from Mr. Fowke, the General Secretary, conveying a request from the Committee of Council of the Association, that the said resolutions should be submitted to this Branch and be reported on. The Secretary explained, in reference to this question, that the subject of the professional education of the general practitioner had been taken up by the Metropolitan Counties Branch in June last, when Dr. Andrew Clark (the President) expressed his opinion that the present system of education was defective, in that it did not sufficiently provide for the instruction of the student in ordinary practical matters, and that too much attention was required to be devoted to the acquirement of knowledge of comparatively little importance to the general practitioner. A committee was appointed to collect information and to report on the subject to a future meeting of the Branch. The committee issued a list of questions to the members of the Metropolitan Counties Branch and to the teachers of various schools (these questions may be found at page 58 of the number of the JOURNAL for July 12th, 1879), to which several hundred replies were sent in; and the committee reported thereon, at a meeting held on December 6th, when the resolutions now under consideration were passed.

Replies to the Question proposed having been given by the members present, and written answers from Dr. Cordwint and Mr. E. Stephens, read by the Honorary Secretary, it was resolved to report to the Committee of Council as follows.

Assuming that the resolutions are intended to give in outline what may be suggested by the Association to the General Council as a minimum standard of medical education for the United Kingdom, on the basis of the existing regulations of the "College" and "Hall", it would appear to this meeting that the resolutions require some verbal alterations and remodelling, in order that their meaning should be made quite clear; in short, a complete curriculum should be given. It is the opinion of the meeting:

1. That two out of the four subjects named in Resolution No. 1, at the option of the candidate, should be included in the "preliminary examination" which intending students are now required to pass.
2. That, in Resolution No. 2, "twelve" months should be substituted for "six" months.
3. That, in Resolution No. 3, the age should be "twenty-one", and not "twenty-two".
4. That, in Resolution No. 4, respecting an examination in elemen-

tary anatomy and physiology, it would suffice, if certificates from teachers were required, so as to show that students were making satisfactory progress in the study of these subjects at the end of the first year.

5. That, in Resolution No. 5, it should be specified that the "primary" pass examination is not to take place until the end of the second year; and that there should be included, with the prescribed clinical study, "the responsible charge of patients, under supervision, for a period of not less than six months".

Papers and Cases.—The following were read.

1. On Hernia through the Obturator Foramen, with a case in a female aged 80, successfully operated on. By Wm. Liddon, Esq.

2. A case of Osteo-sarcoma and Amputation at the Shoulder-joint. The diseased parts and microscopic preparations were exhibited by G. W. Rigden, Esq.

3. Broken Needles, which had been in a Woman's Knee some years, removed by wearing a Magnet over the part. Exhibited by F. J. C. Parsons, Esq.

4. On Aspiration of the Urinary Bladder. By G. Cordwent, M.D. (This paper was read, in Dr. Cordwent's absence, by the Honorary Secretary.)

Votes of Thanks to the gentlemen who had contributed papers and cases were passed.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.

The third meeting of this District was held at Dartford Union, on Tuesday, March 23rd, at 3 P.M.; JOHN M. BURTON, Esq., in the Chair.

New Members.—The following new members were elected: H. H. McNaull, Esq., Dartford; John Albert Bell, Esq., Rochester; and John Elliot, Esq., Belvedere.

Discussion.—Dr. ARMSTRONG introduced the subject of Rheumatism, which led to a lively discussion.

Mr. J. ARMSTRONG recorded a case of Typhoid Fever.

Dinner.—The members, to the number of ten, afterwards adjourned to dinner at the Bull Hotel.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SURREY DISTRICT.

A MEETING was held at the Bush Hotel, Farnham, on Thursday, March 25th, 1880; S. G. SLOMAN, Esq., in the Chair.

Dr. BRUSHFIELD read a very interesting paper on Medical Certificates of Lunacy (which will be published at a future date).

Dr. PEARCE read a paper on the Disorders of the First Dentition and their Treatment. A good discussion ensued.

Fifteen members and friends dined together afterwards.

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

VACCINATION.—Mr. John Deans of North Tawton, Devon, has received a Government grant of £11 18s. for efficient vaccination in his districts of the Okehampton and Crediton Unions. This is the second grant which Mr. Deans has obtained.

PUBLIC VACCINATION.

SIR,—Would you please inform me if a public vaccinator is required to make a house-to-house visitation for the purpose of vaccinating defaulters; or if the provisions of the Vaccination Act (Scotland) are complied with when he regularly attends at convenient stations in each district appointed by the Parochial Board? My reasons for asking the foregoing questions are, that the Board seems desirous of putting a very peculiar construction on that clause of the Act which says, that, though it is compulsory on paupers' children to attend at stations, it is optional on the part of ratepayers to do so; therefore, says the Board, it must be compulsory on the vaccinator to visit defaulters' houses (when they do not voluntarily attend the stations), and offer vaccination, before a conviction can be obtained.—Yours truly,
L.R.C.S.E. AND MEMBER.

March 22nd, 1880.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

COLEMAN, Henry W., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Wortley District of the Bramley Union, *vice* F. Long, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

DONOVAN, John I., M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Skibbereen Dispensary District.

ELLIOT, John, L.R.C.P.E., appointed Medical Officer to the First District and Workhouse of the Bellingham Union, *vice* James Hill, M.D., resigned.

*GANGE, F. A., M.D., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Faversham Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

MCCLURE, Henry, M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the First District of the Romford Union, *vice* Alfred Wright, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following appointments have been made:—Fleet-Surgeon—Maxwell Rodgers, to the *Royal Adelaide*, for Plymouth Hospital; Staff-Surgeon—T. C. Hickey, to the *Resistance*; Surgeons—J. Dunlop, to the *Orwell*; R. W. Williams, to the Plymouth Division of Royal Marines.

MEDICAL officers on half-pay, or otherwise retired, who are appointed to the medical charge of brigade depôts, are, while so employed, to wear the uniform of the Army Medical Department as laid down in the Dress Regulations, 1874 (amended by General Order 3 of 1880), according to their rank on retirement, or the honorary rank they now hold.

THE ARMY AND INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS.

SIR,—The following extract from a letter received by a recent mail from a surgeon in the Indian Medical Department will prove of interest, and should be carefully considered by all intending candidates for the Indian Medical Service. "Hitherto there has been a plethora of candidates for this Service and a dearth in the Army Medical Department. In future, I presume, this state of things will be reversed. "Showing how the new amalgamation scheme for Indian and Army Medical Departments will work, let me relate the following. An Indian and an Army Medical Department man were together at ———. They were at Netley together; and on leaving that place, the Indian Medical Department man was, as has been usual the past few years, a long way ahead in marks of his Army Medical Department brother, so that, had they been in the same service, he would have been his senior in the *Army List*. When these two came together at ———, the Principal Medical Officer of the district, by a stroke of the pen, makes the Army Medical Department man senior to the Indian Medical Department man. One had to be senior for smooth working of things. This is what I expect for the future. I think, for economy's sake, amalgamation and reduction were necessary, but, that allowed, the least they could have done was to put Indian and Army Medical Department men all in one list, without the invidious distinction of Army Medical Department men solely being able to become Surgeon-General, and giving the same Department the majority of Deputy Surgeons-General. I am only waiting now to know what they intend to do with the Civil Department of the Indian Medical Department. I do not at all relish the idea of always going to the wall before Army Medical Department men, with the bitter reflection that, had I elected their Department in preference to my own, I should have been senior to all but one man of the Army Medical Department of my time at Netley; whereas now, if we come together, they will probably be made my seniors."—Yours, etc.,
X.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, March 25th, 1880.

Honnan, Andrew, 26, Weymouth Street, W.
Newham, Ernest Edmund, Charing Cross Hospital.
Pernewan, Arthur Edward, Redruth.
Rout, Charles, Selwood Place, South Kensington.

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their primary professional examination.

Adams, Joseph, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
Crane, Charles Robert, Charing Cross Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

Particulars of those marked with an asterisk will be found in the advertisement columns.

The following vacancies are announced:—

*ABINGDON UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 3 District. Salary, £95 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, to the Clerk of the Guardians, on or before April 10th.

ALNWICK UNION—Medical Officer to the Lesbury District. Salary, £25 per annum.

BETHLEM HOSPITAL—Two Resident Medical Students. Applications, with testimonials, before April 10th.

BRECKNOCK UNION—Medical Officer of Health and Medical Officer to Devynock District.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL—Consulting Physician.

CARLISLE UNION—Medical Officer to the Dalton District. Salary, £10 per annum.

CELBRIDGE UNION—Medical Officer for Lucan Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 per annum as Medical Officer of Health. Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on April 12th.

*CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Resident Medical Officer and Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salaries, £80 and £40 respectively, with board, washing, and attendance. Applications on or before the 22nd instant.

CHORLTON UNION—Assistant Medical Officer to the Workhouse. Salary, £120 per annum, with residence and attendance. Applications, with testimonials, not later than April 9th.

CRANBROOK UNION—Medical Officer to the Benenden District. Salary, £43 per annum.

CREDITON UNION—Medical Officer to the Mochard Bishop District. Salary, £52 10s. per annum.

***DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON**—Dental House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications to the honorary secretary on or before April 14th.

HOLYWELL UNION—Medical Officer to the Second District of the Whitford District. Salary, £42 per annum.

HUDDERSFIELD UNION—Medical Officer to the Marsden District. Salary, £18 per annum.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST AND THROAT—A vacancy in the Honorary Medical Visiting Staff. Election on April 15th.

INVERNESS NORTHERN INFIRMARY—Consulting Physician and Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications on or before April 8th.

ISLE OF WIGHT UNION—Medical Officer to the Carisbrooke District. Salary, £80 per annum, with fees for Vaccination. Applications on or before April 14th.

KELLS UNION—Medical Officer for Kilskeer Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 per annum as Medical Officer of Health; registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 6th instant.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY—Physician.

LEEDS HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN—Consulting Physician.

***METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board, lodging, and washing. No salary, but an honorarium at the end of six and twelve months. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, with furnished apartments, coals, and gas. Applications, with testimonials, to the honorary secretary on or before April 3rd.

NOTTING HILL PROVIDENT DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, firing, lighting, and attendance. Applications, with testimonials, to the honorary secretary on or before May 25th.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE LYING-IN HOSPITAL, London—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and lodging in the hospital. Applications, with copies of testimonials, to the Secretary before April 5th.

***QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM**—Resident Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, residence, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before April 8th.

***SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, with testimonials, on or before April 10th.

***SHEFFIELD PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY**—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £65 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, with testimonials, to the Honorary Secretary, on or before April 7th.

SMITHSON ASYLUM AND POORHOUSE, Greenock—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications, with testimonials, on or before April 13th.

SUDBURY UNION—Medical Officer to the Fourth District. Salary, £62 per annum.

***SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL**—Dispenser. Salary, £75 per annum, rising at the discretion of the Committee to £100 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before May 5th.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH—Additional Examiner to the Clinical Surgery Department. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary not later than April 5th.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Board and residence. Applications to the Secretary not later than April 10th.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Pathologist and Curator of the Museum. Salary, £52 10s. per annum. Applications, with copies of testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before April 10th.

WETHERBY UNION—Medical Officer to the Harewood District. Salary, £15 per annum.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Names marked with an asterisk are those of Members of the Association.

BROOKFIELD, John Storrs, B.A., M.D., appointed one of the Honorary Physicians to the Kilburn, Maida Vale, and St. John's Wood General Dispensary, *vice* J. J. Gawith, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

***COOPER, W. White, F.R.C.S.**, appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis.

FWLER, J. K., M.B., appointed Assistant-Physician to the Middlesex Hospital.

***LILLEY, G. Herbert, M.D.**, appointed Assistant-Surgeon to Her Majesty's Convict Prison, Parkhurst, Isle of Wight.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTH.

ROSS.—On March 18th, at Stornoway, N.B., the wife of Roderick Ross, L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S.Ed., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

***BARNES, James H., L.R.C.P.Ed.**, at Liverpool, aged 47, on March 19th.

NASH, Joseph, M.D., Major 1st Somerset Engineer Volunteers, at 59, Pulteney Street, Bath, aged 58, on March 24th.

POWELL, Evan, L.R.C.P.Edin., at Senny Bridge, near Brecon, aged 36, on March 7th.

ROBERTS, William A., M.D., at 47, Queen Street, Edinburgh, aged 70, on March 23rd.

DR. WILLIAM COLLINGRIDGE is giving a series of lectures, in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Association, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, in the riverside district of Wapping, and elsewhere, the object of which is to afford the officials and others some practical knowledge on the immediate treatment of all kinds of street accidents.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY.....Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.

WEDNESDAY..St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 10 A.M.

THURSDAY...St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 P.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.

FRIDAY.....Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY...St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Odontological Society of Great Britain. Casual communications: Mr. H. Sewell, on "Dental Diseases as a Cause of Epilepsy"; Mr. G. H. Harding, on "A Simple Contrivance to be employed in the Insertion of certain Gutta-Perch Fillings". Discussion on Mr. Oakley Coles' paper on "Deformities of the Jaw", etc.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. C. T. Williams, "On a Case of Gastric Ulcer treated by Nutritive Injections"; Mr. Malcolm Morris, "On the Therapeutical Value of Arsenic in Cutaneous Disease".

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Startin: Section of Molluscum Contagiosum. Dr. Thin: Sections and Photographs of Elephantiasis. Mr. Walsham: Horny Growth from Eyelids. Mr. Godlee: Melanosis of Finger. Dr. Barlow: Congenital Syphilitic Disease of Larynx. Dr. Vincent Harris and Mr. A. Doran: Section of Spinal Cord from a case of Tetanus after Ovariectomy. Dr. Allen Sturge: Congenital Syphilitic Disease of Larynx. The President: Multiple Ivory-patch Morphoea in process of rapid recovery (living specimen). Mr. Morratt Baker: Skin-Disease—probably Lichen-Ruber (living specimen). Mr. Samuel G. Shattock: Recent Division of the Tendo Achillis. Dr. Wm. Ewart: Ramifying Cyst in the Brain. Mr. Eve: 1. Calcareous Tumour loose in Abdominal Cavity; 2. Aneurism by Anastomosis of the Ear; 3. Laryngeal Perichondritis in Typhoid Fever and in Small-Pox. Mr. Sydney Jones: Elongation of Limb in connection with Knee-Joint Disease. Dr. Pearson Irvine: Aortic, Mitral, and Tricuspid Constriction.

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M., Council Meeting. At 8 P.M., Mr. Jacobson will show a case of Gastrostomy; Dr. Fletcher Beach will read a paper on "Types of Imbecility".—Epidemiological Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. G. B. Longstaff, "On some Statistical Indications of a Relationship between Scarlatina, Puerperal Fever, Erysipelas, and certain other Diseases".—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens will be shown by Drs. Galabin, Bantock, Godson, Murphy, and Roper. Papers: Dr. Godson, "Removal of Fibroid Outgrowth from Fundus Uteri: Recovery"; Mr. Knowsley Thornton, "Removal of Uterine Fibroids by Laparotomy"; Dr. John Williams, "On some Periodical Changes which occur in Fibroid Tumours of the Uterus, and their Significance".

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Nettleship, "Two Cases of Sympathetic Ophthalmitis, setting in three weeks after Excision of the other Eye"; Mr. Marsh, "Some Cases of Bone-setting, with Remarks"; Mr. Barwell, "On Section of the Femur above the Small Trochanter for Angular Ankylosis of the Hip"; Mr. Clutton, "A Case of Acquired Hypertrophy of one Limb". Dr. Stephen Mackenzie will exhibit a case of Elephantiasis treated by elastic bandages.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 161, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the General Manager, at the Office, 161, Strand, W.C., London.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the General Secretary and Manager, 161, Strand, W.C.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

CORRESPONDENTS who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

lieve, would be admirably adapted for the conveyance of injured persons to hospitals or their homes. It might be supplied with an air-bedtick, which could soon be inflated. A small airtight box or receptacle could be attached to the ambulance to contain bandages or whatever else is considered desirable. The ambulance would require a waterproof covering, and some of them would require also to be enclosed in a wood case, and placed on wheels, which need not occupy much space. All might be painted red, as a distinguishing mark.

Depositories for such ambulances would require to be regulated by convenient places. One, inclosed in a wooden case, might be placed at every cabstand where there is a cabman's shelter, and left under the care of the waterman, and the key kept in the shelter. One might be deposited in every fire-engine station under the care of the fireman, and with the fire-escape man when out on night-duty. One might be placed at the Royal Exchange, at the General Post Office, in St. Paul's Churchyard, and other public places. Though left in care of persons previously named, yet some interested persons should, however, be appointed to occasionally inspect all the ambulances.—I am, yours faithfully,
E. NOCK.
16, Bloomsbury Street, W.C., March 29th, 1880.

WANTED A DIAGNOSIS.

SIR,—I enclose notes of a case which has been of considerable interest to me. The patient is a woman, eighty-four years of age, of sallow complexion, about the average height, stout but flabby, and weighing approximately fifteen stones. She has been unusually healthy and active, only occasionally suffering from an ill-defined pain in the right side, and, the day before her illness began, found herself capable of doing a washing large enough, it would seem, for any ordinary young woman, experiencing apparently no ill effects therefrom, unless it might be a slight pain in the back. About noon on the following day, however, she began to suffer from an extremely severe pain more particularly in the left hypochondriac and epigastric regions, as also, during the day, a less intense pain in the right iliac region. Though she had passed a full motion shortly before, she took a dose of salts and senna, which was no sooner swallowed than it was vomited. This was followed for some hours by an almost incessant and causeless vomiting of mouthfuls of a disagreeable but not fœcal smelling fluid with a darkish flocculent sediment. Tested for bile it gave negative results, and the sediment examined by the microscope showed nothing definite, other than glandular and squamous epithelium. During the first sixty-four hours, she was unable to retain anything, not even the mixture prescribed, which contained bismuth, hydrocyanic acid, and calumba. Nor did the application of a bandage and poultices over the abdomen have any effect in allaying it. Till towards the end of this period, the abdominal pain continued unabated, and was accompanied by very severe cramps of both lower extremities, more particularly when she lay on her back, and which were only partially relieved by lying on the right side, and by the use of hot applications and vigorous shampooing. Associated with these symptoms were also constipation and suppression of urine, with considerable œdema of the lower extremities, but none in the face. Examination failed to discover any hernia, tumour of the abdomen, or paralysis. The pulse was weak, but normal in rate; and examination of the heart revealed a murmur accompanying the first sound. Delimitation was rendered impossible from the obesity of the patient and large development of the mammae. The tongue was red and irritable-looking.

Ice having been procured, the vomiting was gradually subdued, and finally ceased on the evening of the fourth day, after which the patient was able to take milk, beef-tea, and other liquid foods. Previously to this, the abdominal pain was entirely relieved. Notwithstanding the frequent use of large purgative enemata, the bowels remained constipated; and it was not till the seventh day that a motion, and then only a small one, was passed. Hot-cloths to the kidneys and bladder having failed to determine a flow of urine, it was drawn off on the evening of the third day of her illness, although she experienced no inconvenience from its retention. Four gills were thus removed. The urine was of a dark sherry colour, with slight sediments; specific gravity 1020; reaction neutral; albumen slight, with hyaline tubercasts and renal epithelium. After it had been drawn off four times, she herself desiring it should be done, she was able to micturate naturally; the albumen, after a few days, disappearing altogether.

Thinking the above association of symptoms unusual, and being unable to come to any diagnosis, I should like the opinion of some of your readers on the case.—I am, etc.,
AYRSHIRE.

INTRAPROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

SIR,—Two members writing under this heading seem to have difficulty in determining who are properly members of a medical man's family with relation to payment of fees. The answer is simple, if the test adopted be whether the fee comes from the pocket of a medical brother or not. Nephews or grandchildren more or less dependent on a member of the profession may thus be exempted, while a son or daughter independent of the father may very properly be expected to pay a fee. When there is proper feeling on both sides, such cases readily settle themselves.—I am, etc.,
CHIOS.

THE following is the rule on this subject given in the *Code of Medical Ethics*, published by Messrs. Churchill (page 28, chap. ii, sect. 2): "All legitimate practitioners, their wives, and children while under the paternal care, are entitled to the gratuitous (travelling expenses excepted), services of any of the neighbouring faculty, whose assistance may be desired."

DOCTORS' CONVEYANCES.

SIR,—Much interest was taken by several of the members of the British Medical Association here in the correspondence anent the usefulness of the tricycle in private practice as a means of economy and speed in getting over the ground. A letter appeared some time ago in the *Field* from Mr. Tegetmeier, highly commendatory of the "Blackburn steam-car," the invention of a Mr. Blackburn of 14, Victoria Road, Kensington. It would be of very great value to many of your readers circumstanced like myself, to whom a bicycle or tricycle is of no use, were you to obtain an unbiased opinion of the "Blackburn car," after a proper trial, in which the speed, capability of going up steep gradients with a load, safety, and economy of working, were tested, and the prices of the different sizes of engines, consumption of fuel per working mile, and if engines could be fitted to existing dog-carts of ordinary build.—Yours faithfully,
SERENDIB.
Ceylon, January 19th, 1880.

ANCIENT HINDOO WIT.

THE number of the *Transactions of the Odontological Society of Great Britain* for March contains a photograph of a curious Hindoo bas-relief, representing a group of monkeys engaged in extracting a man's tooth. The unfortunate individual is bound, and the tooth is held in the grasp of a very primitive looking extracting instrument (resembling somewhat the large claw of a crustacean), to which a small elephant is attached by means of tackles. The piece of sculpture was found in a ruined temple near Allahabad, known as the Stupa of Bharbut, and was more than 2,000 years old, the temple having been built about the year 200 B.C.

NOTICES of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Appointments, intended for insertion in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.

THE HABITUAL DRUNKARDS' ACT.

SIR,—I have just read with pleasure Dr. Clarke's letter in a recent issue of your JOURNAL, and am happy to add my testimony in favour of the voluntary system, as carried out at Mrs. Theobald's House at Leicester, and as opposed to the compulsory provisions of the abovenamed Act. A dear relative of mine, who, through long and unwearied attendance upon an invalid sister, had fallen into the habit of taking opium and brandy in order to secure sleep at night and support during the day, was persuaded by her friends to try what assistance she could obtain in getting quit of the habit by a residence at Mrs. Theobald's House. She submitted voluntarily to the temporary withdrawal from the temptations of the outside world; and during her residence at Tower House, I paid several visits there, and carefully observed the method adopted by Mrs. Theobald, which consisted mainly in avoiding all opportunities for procuring intoxicants, and in providing pleasant amusements for her patients. My friend's case was, professionally speaking, a bad one, owing to the opium-taking; but I am glad to say that her stay at Tower House restored her to health, and gave her a mastery over her enemy, which is a source of wonder and gratitude to her friends.

I trouble you with these lines, as they may encourage other ladies suffering from the same failing to give this system a fair trial.—I am, sir, yours obediently,
A GRATEFUL MAN.

DR. T. B. PARTRIDGE has sent us a satisfactory repudiation of the circular with his name appended, which was published in the JOURNAL of March 13th. His letter shall appear next week.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Western Morning News; The Glasgow Herald; The Manchester Guardian; The Yorkshire Post; The Leeds Mercury; The Cork Constitution; The Coventry Herald; The British Guiana Royal Gazette; The Ceylon Observer; The Wigan Observer; The Peterborough and Huntingdonshire Standard; The Sussex Daily News; The Liverpool Mercury; The Banffshire Journal; The Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser; The North Wales Guardian; The Sheffield Daily Telegraph; The Wexford Independent; etc.

* * We shall be greatly obliged if correspondents forwarding newspapers will kindly mark the passages to which it is desired to direct attention.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:—

Dr. S. S. Roden, Droitwich; Mr. A. Austin, London; Mr. H. H. Mackenzie, London; Mr. J. R. Salter, Kidderminster; Dr. W. C. B. Fifield, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.; Dr. J. S. Brookfield, London; Dr. H. M. Duncan, London; Dr. J. J. Welby, Bandon; Dr. D. Foulis, Glasgow; Mr. G. Foote, Kingston; Mr. Steel, Abergavenny; Mr. F. S. Manisty, Wrexham; Dr. Sawyer, Birmingham; Dr. A. P. Stewart, London; Mr. F. Jordan, Birmingham; Mr. E. Nock, London; Mr. J. H. Craigie, London; Mr. W. A. Smith, York; Mr. A. H. Benson, Dublin; Mr. W. K. Treves, Margate; Dr. Archibald, St. Andrew's; Dr. Crichton Browne, London; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. J. Higham Hill, San Francisco; Mr. F. Long, Wells-next-the-Sea; Dr. Claye Shaw, Sutton; Mr. J. L. Green, Salisbury; Dr. Forbes Dick, Colchester; Dr. Alchin, London; Mr. Wm. Berry, Wigan; Dr. W. E. Steavenson, London; Mr. James Green, Portsmouth; Mr. H. Master, Bungay; Dr. R. Daniel, London; Dr. Jas. Stewart, Greenock; Mr. A. Campbell, Navenby; Mr. F. T. Paul, Liverpool; Dr. Godson, London; Dr. G. H. Ormsby, Aberford; Mr. R. Hargreaves, London; Dr. Louis Henry, Melbourne; Mr. T. W. Barron, Durham; Mr. Arthur Napper, Cranleigh; Dr. Thin, London; Dr. Styrup, Shrewsbury; Our Dublin Correspondent; Dr. G. Buchanan, Glasgow; Mr. S. M. Quennell, London; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Dr. Partridge, London; Our Glasgow Correspondent; Mr. J. M. Fox, Lymm; Mr. Francis Hamilton, London; Mr. C. J. Wright, Leeds; Dr. Taylor, London; Dr. John Lynham, Galway; Mr. W. Fairbank, Windsor; Dr. J. H. Stowers, London; Mr. George Eastes, London; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Indian Notes. By F. R. Hogg, M.D. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1880.
Notes on Diseases of the Testis. By Samuel Osborn, F.R.C.S. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1880.
General Index to the First Twelve Volumes of the Transactions of the Clinical Society of London. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1880.
Leprosy. By W. Munro, M.D., C.M. Manchester: John Heywood. 1880.
Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1880.
Water-Analys. By E. Frankland, Ph.D., D.C.L., F.R.S. London: John Van Voorst.
The Diseases of Blood-Vessels of the Ovary in Relation to the Genesis of Ovarian Cysts. By E. Noeggerath, M.D. New York: W. Wood and Co. 1880.
Elements of Indian Hygiene. By J. C. Lucas, F.R.C.S. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1880.
Materia Medica and Pharmacy. By W. H. Griffiths. Edited and in part written by G. F. Duffey, M.D. Dublin: Fannin and Co. London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox.
Illustrations of the Physiology of Religion: in Sections adapted for the Use of Schools. Part 1. By Henry Lee, F.R.C.S. London: Trübner and Co. 1880.
Notes on Physiology. By Henry Ashby, M.D. Second Edition. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1880.
Practical Chemistry. The Principles of Qualitative Analysis. By William A. Tilden, D.Sc. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1880.
Transactions of the Cremation Society of England. London: Smith, Elder, and Co. 1880.