

for, to which no fewer than forty medical practitioners were invited to attend; but, as the medical officers attached to the Austrian, British, French, German, Greek, Italian, and Spanish Embassies declined to assist, this medical Areopagus was reduced to thirty-three members. These met together on Thursday, April 1st, and decided that Veli Mehmed should be put into the lunatic asylum, and there watched and examined by a committee of five members of this body.

Here stops the case for the present; and it would be indiscreet to suggest any conclusion, as yet, with regard to its final issue. The affair, however, has excited considerable interest, not only on account of the political complications it might eventually evoke, but also on account of the shameful insecurity to life and property which has hitherto characterised the reign of Abdul Hamid the Second, and of which this is a remarkable instance amongst many others. A manifest tendency to screen this murderer has been shown by the Government officials, and every effort will, no doubt, be made to save his life.

When, at the commencement of the reign of the present Sultan, Hassan the Circassian murdered Hussein Avni and Rashid Pashas, he was at once condemned to death and publicly hanged. No question was raised whether he committed his murderous assault with intent to kill, or in a fit of insanity. Why, therefore, not follow the same precedent in the present instance of Veli Mehmed? The motive is clear to those who have lived some time in Turkey, although it may appear puzzling to the European mind. "Veli Mehmed has not been put to death, and his life will be spared if it can possibly be saved, because the law of the Koran forbids the putting a Mohammedan to death for the murder of a Christian"; and because, besides, as Veli Mehmed belongs to His Majesty's bodyguard, his firing upon a Christian may be looked upon as a mere indiscretion that barely merits a reprimand.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Executive Council of this Branch will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, May 4th, at 3.15 P.M.

CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

2, St. James's Street, Dover, April 24th, 1880.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch will be held at the New Bath Hotel, Matlock, on Wednesday, May 5th, at three o'clock, "to consider the resolutions of the Metropolitan Counties Branch upon medical education".

Dinner at five o'clock. Tickets 5s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

Members intending to dine are requested to communicate with

F. W. WRIGHT, *Honorary Secretary*.

4, Full Street, Derby, April 1880.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Thursday, the 20th May, at 4 P.M. The members will afterwards dine together.

Members wishing to read any papers, or intending to be present at the dinner, will please communicate with

JOHN MOORE, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

2, Carlisle Terrace, Belfast, April 26th, 1880.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE fifth ordinary meeting of the session was held at the Grand Pump-Room Hotel, Bath, on Thursday evening, April 15th. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Dr. BEDDOE, the chair was taken by Mr. MASON. There were present twenty-seven members and one visitor.

New Members.—R. S. Stone, M.D., was duly elected a member of the Branch.

Medical Education.—A long discussion ensued as to the course that should be adopted with regard to the resolutions passed by the Metropolitan Counties Branch respecting medical education, which eventually led to a resolution being passed that the matter be left in the hands of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and that this Branch will be pleased to support any action thereupon taken by the Committee of Council of the Association.

Exhibition.—Dr. Spender exhibited specimens of Mr. Gamgee's surgical specialities.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. Dr. Markham Skeritt read a paper on the Influence of Posture

on Cardiac Murmurs; which led to an interesting discussion, in which Dr. Goodridge, Dr. Field, and Dr. Brabazon joined.

2. Mr. R. S. Fowler gave the history of a case of Retracted Testicle which suppurated and gave rise to a Fæcal Fistula which eventually closed. Drs. Spender, Skeritt, and Goodridge, and Messrs. Green, Hanham, and Waugh made observations.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held at Abernant House, Aberdare, on Thursday, April 22nd; J. TALFOURD JONES, Esq., M.B., in the chair. About forty members were present. A telegram from the President, Dr. TAYLOR, was read, regretting his inability to attend.

The late Honorary Secretary.—The draft of an address to the late senior Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. Davies, was read and approved of, and ordered to be sent to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons to be engrossed on vellum.

New Members.—Mr. J. G. Horder (Cardiff) and Mr. W. W. Leigh (Llanfabon) were elected members of the Branch.

Papers, etc.—The following were read:

1. Mr. D. J. Williams (Llanelli): On a New Method of Removing Port-wine Marks without the use of the Knife. The aim of his treatment was to induce stasis in the dilated capillaries, plastic effusion, and consequent contraction, sufficient to induce obliteration of the mark without producing a scar. A mixture of carbolic acid and glycerine, in the proportion of three to one, was painted over the mark with a bristle brush, the destroyed epidermis was rubbed off with the end of the wooden handle, and the painting repeated. A cornified scale soon covered the mark, and separated in about eight days; after which, the process was repeated three or four times. This method had been successful in three cases which Mr. Williams had under his care.

2. Mr. R. H. Leigh (Aberdare) showed a case of Obscure Skin-Disease on the Face, which had considerably improved under the Local Treatment of Iodoform.

3. Mr. Jabez Thomas (Swansea): Immediate Cure of Hernia by a New Method, suggested by Mr. Spanton.

4. Mr. Jabez Thomas: Removal of a Foreign Body from the Knee-Joint.

Medical Education.—The Resolutions of the Metropolitan Counties Branch on Medical Education were discussed.

Resolution 1 was approved of.

Resolution 2 was approved of down to the word "medicines", erasing the words "or of having dispensed for six months at a public dispensary".

Resolution 3 was approved of after a discussion and a division, being carried by a majority of four.

Resolutions 4 and 5 were approved of.

Representatives in the General Council.—The following gentlemen were elected representatives on the General Council 1880-81: J. Talfourd Jones, M.B., Evan Jones, J. H. Wathen, P. R. Cresswell, Jabez Thomas, T. J. Dyke, J. Probert, H. N. Davies.

Benevolent Fund.—The question of establishing an Association Benevolent Fund was postponed to the next meeting, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. George A. Brown.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: INTERMEDIATE MEETING.

THE intermediate meeting was held at the Royal Ship Hotel, D. Gelliey, on April 23rd, under the presidency of HUGH REES, Esq., Carnarvon.

Discussion.—A debate upon the Zymotic Influence in Disease was opened by Mr. E. Jones of Dolgelly. The two views of septic ferments, as being either living contagia or chemical bodies, found their advocates.

Communications.—1. Dr. W. Williams (Liverpool) read a paper on the Treatment of Rheumatic Fever with Salicylate of Soda; and exhibited a chart of mean temperatures in fifteen cases, showing the remission of "fever" temperatures by the fifth day of treatment.

2. Dr. Williams also exhibited his Respirator for the Constant Inhalation of Carbolic Acid in Cases of Chronic Phthisis.

3. Dr. Eytton Jones (Wrexham) detailed the successful treatment of cases of Nævus with the Ethylate of Soda.

4. Dr. S. Griffith (Portmadoc) exhibited a portable Midwifery Case designed by himself.

5. Mr. Lloyd-Roberts, the Honorary Secretary, exhibited Mr. Sampson Gamgee's Absorbent and Antiseptic Pads and Bandages for Surgical and Obstetric Uses.

New Members.—Four new members were elected to the Branch and Association.

Dinner.—In the evening, twenty-one members (and guests) sat down to dinner.

OBITUARY.

ALFRED LEGGATT, F.R.C.S., L.S.A.

THE sudden death of Mr. Alfred Leggatt has deprived a large circle of medical men and patients of a long-trusted and most valued friend. He commenced his medical career in the early part of 1832, as an articled pupil of the late Mr. Watson in Berners Street (for many years Secretary to the Court of Examiners at Apothecaries' Hall). About 1833 or 1834, he obtained at University College Dr. Lindley's Silver Medal for Botany, and in 1835 Dr. Edward Turner's Gold Medal for Chemistry. In 1836, he was appointed House-Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital; and, having held that appointment for a year, he became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Company. In 1838, he commenced the practice of his profession in Ebury Street, where he remained till 1850, whence he removed to William Street, Lowndes Square. He died there suddenly on March 15th, 1880, most deeply and widely regretted by a very large number of patients and friends. He ever evinced consummate tact in the sick-room, and a great accuracy in his diagnosis of disease. The high christian tone of his mind, which animated him through life, commanded the great respect of his fellow-men, however they might differ from him. Earnest large-hearted sympathies for the sorrow and distress of others were always conspicuous in his thoughts and actions, whilst he was characterised by a deep sense of humility and unselfishness.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in anatomy and physiology, at a meeting of the Board of Examiners, on the 26th April.

Messrs. John R. S. Robertson, William B. Benjafield, George A. Atkinson, James G. Houseman, B. Langley Mills, and James D. Dunlop, Students of the Edinburgh School; Frederick A. Saunders and William A. Martin, of the Liverpool School; Thos. H. Williams and Charles S. Young, of the Glasgow School; Anthony A. Ward and William H. Wilcock, of the Leeds School; William E. Bradley, of the Manchester School; Frank J. Allen, B.A. Cantab., of the Cambridge School; Charles H. Evans, of the Newcastle School; Geo. T. Myles, of the Bristol School; Henry L. Jones, B.A. Cantab., of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and C. Newton Cornish, of King's College.

Six candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 27th April.

Messrs. Edward B. C. Walker, Herbert H. Ashdown, Ernest E. Maddox, John L. Gibson and Samuel Macken, of the Edinburgh School; John H. Naylor, William J. Waddington, and George F. S. Arthy, of the Leeds School; John Rodley, William H. Winder, and Herbert E. Edlin, of the Manchester School; William W. Banham and George R. Beardmore, of the Sheffield School; Daniel Rjordann, of the Galway School; and Charles S. Blair, of the Newcastle School.

Nine candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 28th April.

Messrs. John F. Bullar, John Hoole, Matthew C. Sykes, and Robert W. Jalland, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; George T. Lee and Ernest F. Grose, of University College Hospital; Frederick T. Frampton and John H. Spitzly of St. Mary's Hospital; Hugh Heald, of the Liverpool School; Alfred De Winton, of Guy's Hospital; Thomas Taylor, of the Middlesex Hospital; A. de Courcy Scanlan, of the Westminster Hospital; and John Oxford, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Eleven candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on the 22nd April.

Barratt, Herbert J., Bedford, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Benson, Alfred, Settle, Yorkshire, St. Mary's Hospital.
Bovill, Henry H., James Street, S.W., Guy's Hospital.
Davis, William G., Philadelphia, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Frampton, Tom H. T., Gloster Terrace, Hyde Park, St. Mary's Hospital.
Hackridge, Thomas G., Westbourne Park, McGill University.
Jones, William C., Llyswn, Breconshire, Middlesex Hospital.
Parkes, Louis C., Weybridge, University College.
Perkins, George C. S., Exeter, Guy's Hospital.
Permewan, Arthur E., Redruth, University College.
Reid, Norman M., Croydon, St. George's Hospital.
Rowlands, Hugh P., Bryngwyn, Townyn, Guy's Hospital.
Sloggett, Arthur T., Cambridge Gardens, King's College.
Vise, Christopher, Holbeach, University College.
Wheeler, Albert, Southsea, Middlesex Hospital.
Whiting, John, Beccles, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Nine candidates were rejected.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, April 22nd, 1880.

Breach, James Henry, Yattendon, Newbury, Berks.
Gibbs, Alfred Napier Godby, Clifton, Bristol.
Morris, Edgar Freeman, St. Owen's Street, Hereford.
Pitman, William Weston, Acacia House, Highgate.
Spackman, Henry Robert, Pennfields, Wolverhampton.
Thomson, Thomas, Approach Road, Victoria Park.

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

Cole, George Milner, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Sumner, Joseph Henry Surtees, London Hospital.

At the Preliminary Examination in Arts, held at the Hall on Friday and Saturday, the 23rd and 24th of April, 1880, one hundred and thirty-seven candidates presented themselves, of whom the following passed, and received certificates of proficiency in general education—viz., in the First Class, in order of merit:

1. T. H. Fisher; 2. Mary Emily Dowson; 3. W. Lansdale; 4. E. H. O. Little and Arthur William Jones; 6. Edward Felix, H. J. Hawthorn, and J. Martyn.

In the Second Class, in alphabetical order:

F. W. Abbott, B. Badcock, J. S. Batchelor, G. H. Bate, G. P. Bott, N. J. N. Bray, Samuel J. Brooks, F. St. John Bullen, C. Burland, H. L. Cade, J. W. Caferata, J. S. Caskey, H. W. Chambers, J. C. Christie, W. A. Clarke, John Crisp, F. Evered, E. C. Featherstone, W. I. Fern, Octavius S. Fisher, H. Fox, C. B. Francis, R. Freeman, G. F. C. Gardiner, J. Girvin, T. W. Gibbard, C. B. Gilson, W. H. Godfrey, W. H. Hall, F. W. Hamp, C. J. Heath, T. S. Heaton, A. B. Holberton, W. J. Hosford, W. W. Howard, H. L. Hudson, W. A. Jacobson, T. G. Lavie, J. L. Lewis, C. C. Macdonald, A. A. Macfarlane, J. G. Mackay, F. W. Metcalfe, Anne Emily Mills, W. A. Musker, F. Nuttall, R. Pinhorn, R. H. F. Routh, Agnes Russell, D. S. Saunders, F. A. Saw, Albert W. Smith, Cecil Smith, J. Baker Smith, Robert E. Smith, Sophia Emilia Smith, C. F. White, J. R. Williams, W. R. Wolfe Edwin P. Wright, Sydney C. E. Wright, and R. B. Wyeth.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.—The following candidates were successful at the First Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine, held at the College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, April 19th, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd:

John Hopper Barker; James Brett, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; Frederick Collins Coley, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; George Clarendon Hamilton; Henry Boynton Lee; Frederick Charles Mears; William Pope Mears, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; Alfred Robinson; Robert Henry Rowell; William John Shephard; Willis Harvey Smith, M.R.C.S.; Armar William Wheatley.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

THE following vacancies are announced:—

*BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL—Junior House-Surgeon—Salary, £60 per annum, with board, lodging, etc. Applications, with testimonials, before May 11th.

CASTLE BLAYNEY UNION—Medical Officer for Ballybay Dispensary District. Salary, £120 per annum, with £15 as Medical Officer of Health, registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on 7th May.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Manchester—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before May 3rd.

*CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary on or before May 11th.

*DEACONESSES' INSTITUTION AND TRAINING HOSPITAL, Tottenham—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, not later than May 7th.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications, with testimonials, on or before May 8th.

LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN—Assistant House-Surgeon. Remuneration, £50 per annum.

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.

ROYAL PIMLICO DISPENSARY, 104, Buckingham Palace Road—Attending Medical Officer. Applications to the Secretary on or before May 1st.

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 COLLEGE HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer. Applications, with testimonials, not later than May 18th.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, lodging, etc. Applications and testimonials before May 1st.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*BERRY, William, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Royal Albert Infirmary, Wigan, *vice* W. Hart, L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.

BOSTOCK, A. S., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the West Sussex, East Hants, and Chichester Infirmary.

BUCKELL, E. H., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the West Sussex, East Hants, and Chichester Infirmary and Dispensary.

*CHURTON, Thomas, M.D., appointed Honorary Physician to the Leeds General Infirmary.

CLARKE, J. St. Thomas, M.B., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Leicester Infirmary.

*CURTIS, James G., F.R.C.S.I., appointed Surgeon to the Cork South Infirmary and County Hospital.

DE WOLFE, G. H. H., M.D., appointed Honorary Physician to the Sheffield Public Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

*FITZSIMON, C. C., M.D., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, *vice* W. T. Jackman, M.R.C.S., resigned.

- *FULLERTON, R., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the Bristol Lunatic Asylum, Stapleton, *vice* F. W. Thurnam, M.B., resigned.
- *HARDWICKE, H. J., M.D., appointed Honorary Physician to the Sheffield Public Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.
- HAZARD, J., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Sheffield Public Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.
- HEBB, Richard G., M.D., appointed Pathologist and Curator of the Museum to the Westminster Hospital, *vice* J. K. Fowler, M.B.
- HEX, Henry, L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the City Provident Dispensary and Surgical Appliances Association, *vice* R. R. W. Webb, L.R.C.P.I.
- *HOLDERNESSE, William Brown, appointed Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Windsor, *vice* Fairbank, deceased.
- OLIVER, James, M.B., appointed Resident Physician to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.
- *PEARCE, George, M.D., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Leicester Infirmary.
- *POLLARD, William, F.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Consulting Surgeon to the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.
- SKAIFE, F., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the West Sussex, East Hants, and Chichester Infirmary and Dispensary.
- SMYTH, Sydney, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed House-Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, *vice* G. H. Butler, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.
- STRANG, W. J., M.A., M.B., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Dispensary, *vice* J. M. Monteith, M.B., resigned.
- SWALE, Harold, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the French Hospital and Dispensary, *vice* G. D. Maddick, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.
- TANNER, W. K., M.D., F.R.C.S.I., appointed Consulting-Surgeon to the Cork South Infirmary and County Hospital.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- DAVIES, John W., L.R.C.P.I., appointed Medical Officer of the Clun District of the Clun Union.
- DEACON, William O., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Crumpsall Workhouse, and Resident Medical Officer at the Workhouse Receiving and Casual Wards, *vice* George Henry Jackson, L.R.C.P., deceased.
- LITHGOW, T. G., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the No. 6 District (comprising Farnborough and Cove) of the Hartley Wintney Union, Hampshire.
- MCALLISTER, William, M.B., appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Smithson Asylum and Poorhouse, Greenock, *vice* James Herron, M.B., resigned.
- THEW, E. P., M.B., appointed Medical Officer to the Lesbury District of the Alnwick Union, *vice* A. J. Main, M.D., resigned.
- WILSON, David, M.B., appointed Medical Officer to the Crossland Moor Union District of the Huddersfield Union, *vice* Peter MacGregor, L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.
- WOMERSLEY, Joshua King, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer to the Bungay District of the Wangford Union, *vice* Edward Burman Adams, M.R.C.S.Eng., deceased.

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.

DEATHS.

- BARRINGTON, William B., LL.D., late Surgeon to H. M. Indian Army, at Bexley Heath, aged 78, on April 24th.
- GOURLAY.—At his residence, 1, Victoria Buildings, Weston-super-Mare, Frederick Gourlay, M.D., in his forty-fifth year.—Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
- FERGUSON, W. E. L., M.D., at 43, Claremont Square, on April 25th.
- KIDGELL, Stephen W., M.S.A., of Pangbourne, at Bath, aged 70, on April 24th.
- MOYLAN, W. J., L.K.Q.C.P., Surgeon Army Medical Department, on board H.M.S. *Euphrates*, en route to India, aged 51, on March 20th.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—During last week, being the sixteenth week of this year, 3,669 deaths were registered in London and twenty-two other large towns of the United Kingdom. The mortality from all causes was at the average rate of 22 deaths annually in every 1,000 persons living. The annual death-rate was 24 in Edinburgh, 25 in Glasgow, and 36 in Dublin. The annual rates of mortality in the twenty English towns were as follow: Portsmouth 14, Leicester 14, Brighton 19, Leeds 20, Bristol 20, London 20, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 20, Birmingham 21, Wolverhampton 21, Bradford 22, Oldham 23, Hull 23, Manchester 24, Liverpool 24, Sheffield 25, Norwich 25, Sunderland 25, Salford 28, Nottingham 29, and again the highest rate 32 in Plymouth. The annual death-rate from the seven principal zymotic diseases averaged 3.2 per 1,000 in the twenty towns, and ranged from 1.5 and 1.6 in Brighton and Leeds, to 6.3 and 13.9 in Nottingham and Plymouth. In London, 1,417 deaths were registered, which were 261 below the average, and gave an annual death-rate of 20.2 per 1,000, a lower rate than has prevailed in any week since the beginning of the year. The 1,417 deaths included 15 from small-pox, 30 from measles, 46 from scarlet fever, 10 from diphtheria, 83 from whooping-cough, 15 from different forms of fever, and 8 from diarrhoea—altogether, 207 zymotic deaths, which were 47 below the average, and were equal to an annual rate of 2.9 per 1,000. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs declined to 295 last week, and were 84 below the average; 176 resulted from bronchitis, and 90 from pneumonia. The annual death-rate from lung-disease, exclusive of phthisis, was equal to 4.2

per 1,000, against 6.2 from the same diseases in Liverpool. Different forms of violence caused 46 deaths; 41 were the result of negligence or accident, including 23 from fractures and contusions, 5 from burns and scalds, 2 from drowning, and 8 of infants under one year of age from suffocation. At Greenwich, the mean temperature of the air was 51.9°, and 3.7° above the average. The general direction of the wind was south-westerly, and the horizontal movement of the air averaged 14.5 miles per hour, which was 2.5 above the average in the corresponding week of sixteen years. Rain fell on two days of the week, to the aggregate amount of 0.30 of an inch. The duration of registered bright sunshine in the week was equal to 44 per cent. of its possible duration.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.—The anniversary festival of this institution was held at Willis's Rooms, on Friday, April 23rd; Mr. J. D. Allcroft, Treasurer, in the chair. There are at present 186 inmates and 426 pensioners. The Board are carrying out a scheme for a new wing to provide one hundred additional beds, the first stone of which was laid by the Prince of Wales in July last year, when donations were announced amounting to £9662. In proposing the toast of the evening, the chairman traced the history of the institution, which has been established for a quarter of a century. The new wing in course of construction was estimated to cost £20,000, about half of which sum had already been contributed; and the chairman appealed to the friends of the institution to subscribe the remaining moiety before the opening of the new wing. The internal management of the hospital costs a little over £10,000 a year, and the pensions £8,000. The contributions announced in the course of the evening amounted to £4,316.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO DR. JAMES CLARKE.—The students attending the Belfast Royal Hospital have presented Dr. Clarke, lately Senior House-Surgeon to that institution, with a dressing-case and illuminated address on the occasion of his departure for India. The address referred to his collegiate course as a most brilliant and distinguished one; while as House-Surgeon he had endeared himself to them all, the assiduity and skill with which he had performed his duties, and the large-heartedness and brotherly feeling which had ever marked his intercourse caused them to cherish his memory most deeply.

AMERICAN MEDICAL GRADUATES.—According to the *New York Medical Record*, the number of graduates from medical colleges this spring, as ascertained up to April 3rd, is as follows: Medical College of University of New York, 200; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 142; College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, 117; Jefferson Medical College, 196; Medical College of University of Pennsylvania, 104; Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, 14; Louisville Medical College, 56; Medical College of University of Louisville, 95; Louisville Hospital Medical School, 33; Rush Medical College, 144; Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, 28; Miami Medical College, 46; Medical College of Ohio, 119; Medical College of University of Buffalo, 56; Detroit Medical College, 27; Iowa State Medical College, 22; Yale Medical College, 2; Medical College of Virginia, 20; Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, 110; National Medical College, 12; Georgetown Medical College, 10.—Total, 1553. This list, however, is by no means complete for the year. At the annual commencement at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, the President, Dr. Alonzo Clark, said that in 1878 there were 2708 graduates from the fifty-nine medical colleges in the United States; and he calculated that, at the present rate of increase, the number of physicians in the country, now 57,000, would in a few years rise to 86,650.

INJURY OF THE STOMACH BY THE STOMACH-PUMP.—Dr. F. Hänisch reports the following case in the *Deutsches Archiv für Klinische Medizin*, Band 23. A patient was being treated by means of the stomach-pump for chronic gastric catarrh. One day, the water injected into the stomach was observed to have a slight admixture of blood; and, on removing the elastic tube, a piece of tissue about the size of a pin's head was found in the opening. Ten days later, the water removed in washing out the stomach was coloured with blood. After the removal of the tube, the patient discharged by vomiting a small quantity of fluid containing a shred of tissue nearly an inch and a half long, and varying from one-fifth to three-fourths of an inch in width, and about one-twelfth of an inch in thickness. On microscopic examination, it was found to be a hypertrophied and very hyperæmic glandular layer from the pyloric region; there was no muscular tissue. The patient was treated as for a recent ulcer of the stomach; and no further symptoms arising from the injury were observed.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.—Henry Whitaker, M.D., has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the borough of Belfast.

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.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.
- GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 12.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.
- KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th. S., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th.; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
- LONDON.—Medical, daily exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, W., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.
- MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, F., 9.
- ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.
- ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.15; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ear, W. S., 2; Skin, Th., 1.30; Throat, W. S., 12.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30.
- ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily except Sat., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 12.30; Skin, Th., 12.30; Throat, Tu., 12.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. W. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, Tu., 1.30; S., 9; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.3.
- WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

- MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Annual Oration, by Dr. W. H. Broadbent, "The Pulse and some of its indications".—Odontological Society of Great Britain. Mr. Arthur Underwood, "Nerve-stretching in Neuralgia". Casual communications from Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. E. M. Todd, and Mr. Moon.
- TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Harrison Cripps, 1. Imperforate Anus; 2. Volvulus in an Infant; 3. Complete Necrosis of Lower Jaw, with Cancrum Oris. Mr. R. W. Parker, 1. Diffuse Sarcoma of Liver in an Infant aged three weeks; 2. Ossifying Chondro-Sarcoma of the Left Femur with secondary growth; 3. Congenital Talipes Varus and Talipes Calcaneus. Mr. W. Adams, 1. Tendo Achillis divided in a Case of Pseudo-hypertrophic Muscular Paralysis; 2. Sequel of a Case of Syphilitic Gummata. Mr. Eve, Kidneys showing the Cystic Degeneration of Adults. Dr. Samuel West, 1. Two specimens of Complete Excavation of one Lung; 2. Acute Fatty Atrophy of the Liver. Dr. H. Orlebar, Aneurism of Aortic Arch rupturing into Trachea. Dr. Barlow, Congenital Syphilitic Ulceration of the Tongue.
- WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens: Dr. Godson, Encephalocoele. Papers: Dr. Braxton Hicks, "On recording the Fetal Movements by means of a Gastrograph"; also "Case of Extra-uterine Fœtation: Sudden Urgent Symptoms: Abdominal Section"; Dr. Charles H. Carter, "Two Cases of Extra-uterine Fœtation, with results".—Epidemiological Society of London, 8 P.M. Surgeon-General Dr. John Murray, "On Removal in Epidemic Cholera"; Dr. Lawrence Hamilton, "On the Report of the German Medical Commission on the Outbreak of Plague in the Province of Astrakan in 1879". Council meeting at 7 P.M.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

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WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

JUSTITIA.—The following case was lately submitted by a medical man to the editor of the legal column of the *Manchester Courier*. As it relates to a question which not unfrequently arises in practice, the opinion which he expresses upon it may be an useful guide to many.

A medical man writes: "I am a physician. I was called by a boy (sent by the manager of a station refreshment-rooms to fetch a doctor) to attend one of the barmaids in an epileptic attack. After visiting the patient, and on leaving, I was requested by the manager to see her again the same evening, which I did. On the following morning, another barmaid was sent to request me to see the above patient again, to certify whether she was fit to be removed to her home. This third visit I paid. On sending my claim against the manager for the firm for attendance, it was refused and I was directed to obtain payment from the patient herself, of whom I knew nothing. Will you kindly say if I can, and how, recover from the manager (the firm), or am I only entitled to recover from the patient?"

The editor of the *Manchester Courier* replies: "Justitia is a physician, and was sent for by a manager to attend a young person employed by a firm, the patient being suddenly taken ill while under the manager's care and control. The question has now arisen, Who is to pay the doctor's fees? We think the firm should pay. They would not have been liable if the patient herself, or anyone on her behalf, had sent for our correspondent, and nothing further had occurred. But the manager sent for the doctor in the first instance, and on his first visit asked him to call again and see the patient, and we think he was quite justified in doing so, and that what he did was within the scope of his general authority as manager, so as to make his employers responsible. The remedy is by action in the county court, and we advise our correspondent to instruct a solicitor to conduct the action."

In this opinion we entirely concur. It is in harmony with the general rule of the profession, namely, that the person who sends for the medical man is responsible for his payment.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

At the pass examinations for the diploma of membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, held last week, the following were the questions on Surgery submitted to the candidates, seventy-three in number, who were required to answer four out of the six questions. 1. Describe the parts concerned in the operation for the relief of a strangulated Hernia in the Inguinal Canal. Give the steps of the operation. 2. Describe the relations of the lower third of the Brachial Artery. Give the steps of the operation for tying it at the bend of the Elbow. How is the collateral circulation carried on? 3. What are the local signs and constitutional symptoms of Suppuration beneath resisting structures? Where is such Suppuration likely to occur? Give the treatment. 4. Describe the structure of the different forms of Nævus, and their appropriate treatment. 5. How would you diagnose the nature of a Tumour in the anterior triangle of the Neck? 6. Describe in detail the process of union of a simple fracture of Bone.

Those candidates who had not passed any examination in Medicine were required to answer the following questions on that subject. 1. What are the chief causes of Ascites? What are its symptoms, and how would you recognise its presence? Point out the distinctions between it and ovarian and hydatid cysts and distended bladder. How would you treat it? 2. Give the morbid anatomy, symptoms, and treatment of Acute Pneumonia. 3. What are the properties, uses, and doses of the following drugs: Tinctura Opii; Pulvis Opii; Liquor Morphiae Hydrochloratis; Morphiae Hydrochloras; Tinctura Cannabis Indicae; Extractum Cannabis Indicae; Tinctura Colchici Seminum; Extr. Colchici; Liq. Hydrargyri Perchloridi; Tinctura Ferri Perchloridi; Tinctura Ergotæ; Tinctura Scillæ; Oxymel Scillæ; Potassæ Chloras; Santonium; and Elaterium.

DOCTORS' CONVEYANCES.

SIR,—With reference to "Serendib's" inquiry, Mr. Blackburn informs me that the probable cost of his steam-car will be about £100. How "Economy" could work his tricycle up the steep gradients that "Serendib" mentions, I cannot understand. Bicycles, and (*à fortiori*) tricycles, are useless where the hills are steep, where the roads are repaired with loose gravel, where there is any thickness of wet mud or of snow, or when the wind is high. Where the surface of the roads consists of sharp flints, the use of cycles is out of the question, as the tyres are rapidly cut to shreds. With a horse for very windy or wet days, in summer and autumn, I find I can work my practice comfortably on a bicycle; but the days on which I can use it during the winter and spring are few.

If the steam-car prove a practical success, no doubt the Highways Act would quickly be altered; and then we should at length be free from the discomforts caused by horses and grooms.—Yours faithfully,

April 22nd, 1880.

MIDWIFERY ENGAGEMENTS.

SIR,—Will any person kindly inform me what is the professional law in the following case?

A lady speaks to a medical man to attend her in her confinement. Soon after this, the doctor spoken to leaves the neighbourhood, and disposes of the goodwill, etc., of his practice to another. Can the purchaser of the practice either compel the lady to employ him or demand his fee?—I am, etc., L.R.C.P.Ed.