

defendant came to his father's place and brought a brass plate to be altered from Mr. Wordley, accoucheur, to Mr. Wordley, accoucheur and medical practitioner.—Mr. George D. Harding, surgeon, of Peckham Rye, said he also carried on business at defendant's house in Great Suffolk Street. He produced the certificate from Apothecaries' Hall, showing that the defendant was admitted as a medical practitioner on the 23rd of last month.—In cross-examination, he stated that he had known Wordley five or six years, and he had occasionally attended cases for him, but not urgent ones. All such he sent for witness specially to attend to.—Mr. Bridge asked whether there was any arrangement between them as to the fees paid by patients defendant attended.—Mr. Harding replied that the defendant received all fees for cases he attended. As for urgent cases, he paid cab fare for witness, and paid him his ordinary fees.—Mr. Borden, for the defence, contended that no offence had been committed, as his client was a duly qualified practitioner when he attended Lusky on the 25th, and that as that was the only case specified in the summons, he called on his worship to dismiss it.—Mr. Bridge observed that the evidence disclosed an illegal and disgraceful arrangement between Mr. Harding and the defendant. However, all the cases except the last one were transacted more than six months ago, therefore they could not be proceeded against. The last was on the 25th ult., and as at that time defendant was duly qualified, this summons must be dismissed. He considered that the association had acted perfectly right in taking these proceedings, and although the case was dismissed; it would do an immense deal of good in preventing such unprofessional practices.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—A general meeting of this Branch will be held at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Wednesday, February 23rd (in place of 9th, as announced last week), at 8 P.M., when Mr. Timothy Holmes will introduce a discussion on "Hospital Management".—ALEX. HENRY, M.D., W. C. GRIGG, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The second ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Infirmary, Stafford, on Thursday, February 24th, at 3.30 P.M.—VINCENT JACKSON, J. G. U. WEST, Honorary Secretaries.—Wolverhampton, January 30th, 1881.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.—The fifth ordinary meeting of the session will be held in the Medical Institute, New Edmund Street, on Thursday, February 10th. The chair will be taken by the President, Mr. R. Prosser, at 3 P.M. Mr. Oakes has given notice of his intention to move the following resolutions: "1. That the members of this Branch record their opinion that the establishment of the Birmingham and Midland Skin and Lock Hospital was not necessary. 2. That the members of this Branch express their unqualified disapproval of the procedures of the promoters of the Skin and Lock Hospital, inasmuch as the initiation of the institution was conducted in private and the medical officers were secretly appointed. 3. That in the interests of the students of the local medical school, it is desirable that a department for skin-cases be opened at one or both of the general hospitals, and that to this end the clinical board be memorialised to take such steps as they may deem advisable." The following papers are promised. Mr. Solomon: Homœopathy: its present aspects. Mr. Bartlett: Antiseptic Osteotomy. Mr. F. E. Manby: Osteotomy for Osseous Deformities. Members are invited to exhibit patients, pathological specimens, new drugs, instruments, or appliances, at the commencement of the meeting.—E. MALINS, M.B., 8, Old Square; E. RICKARDS, M.B., 14, Newhall Street, Honorary Secretaries.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Committee of Council, held at the Offices of the Association, 161a, Strand, on Wednesday, January 12th, 1881: Present, Dr. ALFRED CARPENTER, President of the Council, in the Chair, Professor G. M. Humphry, F.R.S., President, Mr. B. Barrow, President-elect, Dr. W. F. Wade, Treasurer, Dr. Clifford Allbutt, F.R.S., Dr. Bushell Anningson, Mr. Alfred Baker, Dr. T. W. Barron, Dr. M. De Bartolomé, Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. C. Chadwick, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. A. Davidson, Dr. G. F. Duffey, Dr. B. Foster, Mr. R. S. Fowler, Dr. E. Long Fox, Dr. Gibson, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Dr. C. Holman, Dr. D. J. Leech, Mr. C. Macnamara, Mr. F. E. Manby, Mr. F. Mason, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. C. Parsons, Mr. H. Power, Dr. E. H. Sieveking, Dr. R. C. Shettle, Dr. E. M. Skerritt, Mr. H. Stear, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. W. Strange, and Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse. The minutes of the last meeting were read and found correct.

Read letter from Dr. Arthur Renwick, President of the Sydney and New South Wales Branch, expressing satisfaction upon receiving the resolution recognising the Branch.

Resolved: That the letter of Dr. Renwick be received and entered on the minutes.

Read letter from Miss Farr, acknowledging, on behalf of her father, the medal for distinguished merit and the resolution accompanying it.

Resolved: That the letter of Miss Farr be received and entered on the minutes.

Read letter from Mr. Husband resigning the office of Treasurer for the reason of ill health.

Resolved unanimously: That the Committee of Council, through their chairman, communicate to Mr. Husband their deep regret on the receipt of his communication, not merely in consideration of the great loss which will be sustained by the Association, but likewise for its cause, the serious failure in his health.

The proofs Mr. Husband has given through the many years of his active interest in the aims and operations of this Association, and the efficient assistance he has rendered, alike as President of Council and Treasurer, in promoting their successful accomplishment, fill the Committee of Council with the warmest gratitude, and they desire to express to Mr. Husband their sanguine hopes that by temporary retirement his health may be restored, and that he may once again resume a more or less active function in their affairs.

Resolved: That the 102 gentlemen whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting, and the 61 whose names appear on the supplementary list of the 8th instant, be, and they are hereby, elected members of the British Medical Association.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee, together with the minutes of the Office and Printing Subcommittee, both of to-day's date, be approved and adopted, and the recommendations carried into effect.

The minutes contain a recommendation to appoint Dr. W. F. Wade of Birmingham, Treasurer, in place of Mr. Husband (who resigned), in accordance with by-law 34; the examination of the quarterly accounts, amounting to £3,165 14s. 2d.; and a recommendation that the Treasurer be authorised to invest a further sum of £2,000.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Trust Funds Subcommittee of the 11th instant be approved and adopted, and the recommendations carried into effect.

The minutes contain a recommendation that a marble bust of the founder of the Association, Sir Charles Hastings, be ordered from Mr. Brock, the sculptor, at a cost of 150 guineas, to be placed in some suitable place in the city of Worcester, to be paid for out of the Hastings Memorial Fund and that the balance be allowed to accumulate.

Read minutes of Subcommittee appointed to consider resolutions of Metropolitan Counties Branch on Medical Education.

Resolved: That the report of the Subcommittee be received and adopted.

Resolved: That the Subcommittee on Medical Education be requested to publish their report, and to circulate the same among the profession, sending copies especially to the General Medical Council and to each of the licensing authorities.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Arrangement Subcommittee of to-day's date be received and approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Habitual Drunkards Committee of the 3rd December last be received and approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

Read resolution of the Annual Meeting, of which the following is a copy:

That, in the opinion of this Section, the subject of the Communicability of Disease to Man by Animals used by him as Food, urgently demands careful inquiry, both in regard to the actual state of our knowledge thereon, and to the legislation which is desirable in connection therewith; and that the Committee of Council of this Association be invited to appoint a Committee for the purpose of reporting on this matter.

Resolved: That a Commission be appointed to consider and report upon the resolution referred to this Committee by the Cambridge Meeting, and that Dr. Greenfield, Mr. Vacher of Birkenhead, Dr. Ewart, and Mr. Fleming be the Commission, and the President of the Council as *ex officio* member; that the reference to the Commission be the diseases transmitted by the flesh of animals and by milk; and that a grant of £100 be made to the Commission for their services.

Resolved: That the President of the Council, the Treasurer, and the General Secretary, be authorised to affix the seal of the Association to the London and North-Western Four per cent. Debenture Bond for £477, being the investment of £539 13s. 4d. of the Hastings Memorial Fund ordered at the meeting of the Committee of Council of August 13th.

Resolved: That the question of a composition fee be referred to the Journal and Finance Committee.

Resolved: That, a subscription having been commenced with the object of addressing the entire profession of the United Kingdom on the subject of Medical Reform, the sum of £100 be granted by this Association towards the expenses.

Resolved: That the London and Westminster Bank be informed that W. D. Husband has ceased to be Treasurer to this Association,

and that W. F. Wade has been duly appointed Treasurer, and that the Bank be instructed to honour the signature of W. F. Wade till further notice.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH : ORDINARY MEETING.

THE third meeting of the session was held at the Infirmary, Worcester, on the 20th instant; the President, D. EVERETT, Esq., in the chair.

The late Sir Charles Hastings.—Dr. Strange having stated that the Committee of Council had decided that a marble bust of the late Sir Charles Hastings should be made by Mr. Brock, sculptor, it was resolved: "That this meeting approves of the action of the Committee of Council in this matter."

The Annual Meeting of the Association in 1882.—A Committee was formed to make arrangements for the annual meeting of the Association in 1882, consisting of the staff of the Infirmaries of Worcester and of Hereford, the Council of this Branch, and various other members of the Association residing in Worcestershire, Herefordshire, and the adjacent counties.

The Next Meeting of the Branch will be held at Malvern in April.

Papers.—The following were read:

1. Dr. Strange: The General Results of One Hundred Cases of Chorea treated in the Worcester Infirmary.

2. Mr. Batten (Bromsgrove): The Treatment of Certain Cases of Hernia by Large Doses of Belladonna.

DUBLIN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Dublin Branch was held on Thursday, January 27th, in the hall of the King and Queen's College of Physicians; ROBERT McDONNELL, M.D., F.R.S., in the chair. There was a large attendance of members, among those present being the President, Dr. George Johnston, and the Vice-President, Dr. Walter Smith, of the College of Physicians; Dr. McClintock, President, and Mr. Chaplin, Vice-President, of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; Surgeon-Major Jackson, C.B.; Dr. Mapother, Dr. Banks, Mr. Porter, Dr. Danby, Dr. Patton, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Corley, Dr. Cranny, Dr. King, Dr. Arthur Benson, Dr. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Peele, Dr. Stoker, Dr. Davis, Dr. Thomas Jackson, Mr. Stokes, Dr. Grimshaw, Mr. O'Grady, Dr. Croly, Surgeon H. G. Croly, Dr. C. B. Ball, Dr. Cosgrave, Dr. Ingram, Dr. Doyle, Dr. Hayden, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Kidd, Mr. I. Wheeler, Dr. Harvey, Dr. Quinlan, Dr. Atthill, Dr. Ashe, Dr. Hadden, Dr. Delahoyde, Dr. R. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Stoker, Dr. Purcell Atkins, Dr. Hawtreay Benson, Dr. Truell, J.P.; Dr. Finny, Dr. Scott, Mr. E. Hamilton, Dr. W. J. Smyly, Dr. Foot, Dr. S. Gerson, Dr. Murphy, etc.

Dr. GEORGE F. DUFFEY, Honorary Secretary, read letters of apology from the Presidents of the three other Irish Branches, regretting their inability to be present.

New Members.—Nineteen gentlemen were elected members of the Association, and twenty-six gentlemen members of the Branch.

Report of Council.—Dr. DUFFEY, Honorary Secretary, read the annual report of the Council for the past year, of which the following is an abstract:

"In presenting the fourth annual report, the Council had the satisfaction of announcing a further increase in the number of members. Since the last annual meeting, one had died, five had resigned, and three had left the district. The number of new members admitted had been 32; making the total number at present 177; an increase of 23, as compared with last year. Having referred in suitable terms to the death of Dr. Hudson, the first President of the Branch, the report went on to state, that, at the last annual general meeting, the Branch adopted unanimously the following resolution, on the motion of the President of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, seconded by the President of the Royal College of Surgeons: 'That this Branch is of opinion that the compulsory and early notification of the occurrence of infectious epidemic diseases in a large city like Dublin is of the greatest importance to the public health.' And the Council was directed 'to take whatever steps may seem to them best calculated to promote the attainment of this object'. The Council accordingly appointed a sub-committee to communicate with the Public Health Committee of the Corporation, and to report how the resolution of the general annual meeting could best be carried into effect. This sub-committee was subsequently authorised to enter into communication with the King and Queen's College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and the Irish Medical Association, with the view of obtaining the assistance and co-operation of these influential bodies in the endeavour to secure for Dublin the advantages of a system of compulsory notification and registration of infectious diseases."

The various steps taken by the Council in furtherance of this object, as reported from time to time in the JOURNAL, were recited; and—continued the report—

"Your Council consider that the Branch has reason to take some credit to itself in initiating a movement in Dublin, which has for its sole object the benefit of the citizens of this notoriously unhealthy city. The Branch may also well congratulate itself on the support the action of its Council has hitherto received. The Public Health Committee of the Corporation have officially informed your Council 'that they approved and recognised the necessity of an efficient system of notification of infectious diseases, and would be prepared to support any effort to secure the same'. The College of Physicians and the College of Surgeons not only passed resolutions approving of the principle of the proposed measure, but also evidenced the importance with which they viewed the matter, as brought before them by your Council, by both appointing committees to report upon it. The Irish Medical Association, with that warm concern it always shows for every matter affecting the public health and professional interests, also gave very full consideration to the subject when brought under its notice. A special meeting of its Council was summoned, and a resolution adopted thereat, recognising, on the part of the Association, the advantage of an efficient system of early and compulsory notification and subsequent registration of infective diseases. The Executive Committee of the Dublin Sanitary Association and the Society of Metropolitan Medical Officers of Health, Dublin, have also pronounced in favour of the adoption of such a system."

"Your Council are of opinion that all these bodies deserve the thanks of the Branch, not only for the consideration they bestowed on the subject, and for the official suggestion of many important details in the working of the proposed measure, but also for the great courtesy they have shown to the Branch, and the important support they have given it."

Having further given an account of the interviews the Council had with the ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin (Mr. Gray, M.P.), and with the Corporation, with a view to the introduction of a local Bill for Dublin into Parliament, providing for the compulsory notification of infectious diseases; and having also referred to the deputation from the Corporation to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the report stated that the Council had adopted the suggestion of Mr. Gray, that it would be better, instead of seeking for a local Bill for Dublin, to introduce a Bill giving powers to all large Irish towns to avail themselves of the proposed scheme. Since this view was quite in accord with the feelings of the Council, who were aware that a general Act for all England, in distinction to the piecemeal legislation in force in different towns, is viewed with much favour in influential quarters, Mr. Gray has since introduced a Bill "To provide for the better information of Sanitary Authorities in Ireland in cases of outbreaks of Dangerous and Infectious Diseases".

"So far, therefore, your Council, in endeavouring, as directed by the Branch, to promote the attainment of the compulsory notification of infectious diseases, have succeeded in getting the subject brought under the notice of the legislature, supported by influential lay and professional opinion in favour of the principle of the measure. As regards the important questions of detail that must be provided for in any Act that is put forward, there must be naturally a considerable difference of opinion. But the Honourable Member for Carlow has stated his willingness to receive suggestions from the Council of the Branch when the Bill comes to be considered. And your outgoing Council doubt not but that their successors, whom you shall elect this day, will watch the interests of the members of the Branch, as those retiring have endeavoured to do during their period of office."

"The accounts of the Branch up to the 26th instant have been audited by Dr. E. H. Bennett, and show a balance in favour of the Branch of £9 7s. 10d."

"The thanks of the Branch and of the Council are again eminently due to the President and Fellows of this College for their courteous permission to hold their meetings within its walls."

"In conclusion, your Council congratulate the Branch on its prosperity, and on the recognised position, as an organised body of the profession in this city, it has so rapidly assumed."

Mr. CHAPLIN (Kildare), Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, moved: "That the report of the Council, as now read, be received and adopted." Thanks were due to their Honorary Secretary, Dr. Duffey, for the trouble he had taken in preparing so valuable a statement. Great credit was due to the Branch for having inaugurated the movement in favour of the proper notification of infectious diseases. The result was that a Bill, a copy of which he now held in his hand, had been introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Gray, M.P. No doubt one of its clauses might not be acceptable to the great bulk of the profession in Ireland—he alluded to that providing that the medical man should be compelled to give a certificate to the

sanitary authority of each case of infectious disease that he attended. He believed that a great number of medical men in Ireland would deem that clause most objectionable. He thought, however, that their thanks were due to the sanitary authorities for having brought the matter forward, and also to Mr. Gray for the Bill which he had brought in. It was capable of great amendment in committee; and he was sure the outcome of it would be that the present existing slur upon their sanitary arrangements, and the want of proper notification of infectious diseases, would be removed; and that householders would be compelled by penal enactment to give that notification.

Dr. WALTER SMITH, Vice-President of the College of Physicians, seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT (Dr. Robert McDonnell, F.R.S.), delivered the annual address, which is published in abstract at page 190.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers and Council for 1881. *President:* Thomas Hayden, F.K.Q.C.P. *President-Elect:* Alfred H. McClintock, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* John T. Barks, M.D.; George H. Kidd, M.D. *Council:* E. H. Bennett, M.D.; Thomas Darby, F.R.C.S.I.; J. M. Finny, M.D.; Samuel Gordon, M.D.; T. W. Grimshaw, M.D.; E. Hamilton, M.D.; Reuben Harvey, M.D.; S. Haughton, M.D., F.R.S.; E. D. Mapother, M.D.; R. McDonnell, M.D., F.R.S.; P. C. Smyly, M.D.; William Stokes, M.D. *Representatives on the General Council:* Isaac Ashe, M.D.; Rev. S. Haughton, M.D., F.R.S.; Thomas Hayden, F.K.Q.C.P.I.; James Little, M.D.; A. McClintock, M.D.; R. McDonnell, M.D., F.R.S.; G. H. Porter, M.D.; William Stokes, M.D. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* George F. Duffey, M.D.

The New President.—Dr. HAYDEN, the newly-elected President, then took the chair amid applause; and briefly thanked the Branch for the honour it had conferred upon him.

Vote of Thanks.—The PRESIDENT of the COLLEGE of PHYSICIANS proposed: "That the cordial thanks of the Branch be given to Dr. Robert McDonnell, F.R.S., for his address, and for the able and painstaking manner in which he had performed the duties of President during the past year."

The PRESIDENT of the COLLEGE of SURGEONS, in seconding the motion, remarked that it might be truly said of Dr. McDonnell, "Nihil tēgit quod non ornavit". He (Dr. McClintock) held the opinion that notification of infectious diseases would be most thoroughly and efficiently carried out if it were done by the attending physician.

The vote was carried unanimously.

Dr. McDONNELL, in responding, said the question of compulsory notification of infectious diseases was a very difficult one. They should all avail themselves of any opportunities, that might be presented, of seeing what systems were in operation already, and how they worked; and should be ready to modify their opinions, if necessary, without regard to anything that could be called selfishness. Their profession never shrank from performing useful duties because they happened to be disagreeable. For his part, he would be quite prepared to modify his opinions. It was in the highest degree desirable that the subject should be investigated by a Parliamentary Committee.

The proceedings then terminated.

The Dinner.—In the evening, the members and their friends (to the number of sixty-three) sat down to dinner in the great hall of the College of Physicians; Dr. HAYDEN, President, in the chair. Amongst those present were: Lord Rathdonnell; the High Sheriff of the City, Sir George Owens; the President of the College of Physicians; the President and the Vice-President of the College of Surgeons; the President of the Irish Medical Association; the Registrar-General; Dr. Banks, Physician to the Queen; Mr. Porter, Surgeon to the Queen; Surgeon-Major Jackson, C.B.; Dr. Atthill; Dr. Jacob, *Medical Press*; Mr. Scott, *Irish Times*; Mr. J. P. Maunsell, *Evening Mail*; Surgeon-Major Preston, etc. During the evening, in addition to the usual loyal toasts, the toast of the "College of Physicians and Surgeons" was proposed, and responded to by Dr. Johnston and Dr. McClintock. That of the "British Medical Association and the Irish Branches", was spoken to by Dr. R. McDonnell; the "Irish Medical Association", by Dr. Chapman; and the "Visitors", by Lord Rathdonnell. The health of the "President of the Branch" was proposed by Dr. Banks, and was warmly received; as was also the toast of the "Honorary Secretary". Several beautiful glees were sung in an excellent manner by some musical members of the Branch; and the toast of "these gentlemen", which was received with great enthusiasm, was admirably responded to by Dr. Peele.

ARMY HOSPITAL CORPS.—Lieutenants of Orderlies James Gordon, William Pike, and H. S. Webb sailed for Natal with the Bearer Company on the 24th January in the mail steamer *Durban*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN.

SIR,—No one rejoices more than I do myself at the great amount of good accomplished through the agency of the Medical Benevolent Fund, but it is to me most astonishing that medical men residing within London and a radius of twenty miles, who have the opportunity offered them of providing, at the trifling annual expenditure of two guineas, that their wives and children shall not be left in want in case of their death, should neglect to use it, and fail to become members of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Medical Men. Can it be, that we as a class, who more than any others are conversant with death at all periods of existence, are so confident of our own physical strength that we flatter ourselves that this fate can never overtake us? Or are we so selfish that we grudge this comparatively trifling annual payment on behalf of those who should be dearer to us than even our own bodies? I cannot believe it; but would rather hold to the opinion that anxieties of business, hope for the future, and perhaps more than anything else, real ignorance of the means and working of our Society, form the great reasons why only three hundred and seventy-five out of the thousands of medical practitioners who reside within the sphere of our operations have attached themselves to our Society. May I therefore point out, that we have an invested capital amounting to £76,495 1s. 5d., and that the interest of this, together with the subscriptions of the members, is divided among the widows and orphans of the members who have died without leaving a provision for their families. Any gentleman can receive full particulars by applying either to myself, or to our energetic secretary, Mr. J. B. Blackett, 53, Berners Street, Oxford Street.—I am sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM FULLER, Acting Treasurer.

THE MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR,—Dr. Broadbent, in his letter in the JOURNAL of the 22nd instant, refers to an "idea of Dr. Stanley Haynes, who pointed out that five shillings annually from each member of the British Medical Association would amount to £2,000 a year". Twelve months ago, when my friend Mr. George A. Brown of Tredegar brought forward his scheme for the formation of a local medical benevolent society, I proposed for discussion a scheme which should incite the voluntary contribution of five or ten shillings annually from every member to form a benevolent fund in connection with the Association. I believe some legal difficulties stood in the way. I cannot see why some such idea may not be carried out still, but in connection with the Medical Benevolent Fund, instead of the Association. I would suggest that the Committee of Council issue a circular to all the Branches, inviting their attention to this subject. Spurts are good in their way; but what we want is a steady inflowing of a large number of small subscriptions year by year, and this could be easily and successfully carried out by the various Branches. The Secretary of each Branch, in getting in his subscriptions, would only have to add the words "Medical Benevolent Fund, five shillings," to his circular; and I believe the amount would be readily paid in every instance. If any member desired to give more, he could do so. I believe myself that ten shillings would not be too much to ask from each member. I sincerely hope that something may come of this suggestion, and soon. I will undertake, at our next meeting, that the matter shall be discussed.—Yours, etc.,

ALFRED SHEEN, M.D.,

Honorary Secretary South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch.
Cardiff, January 25th, 1881.

THE MODE OF ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

SIR,—Mr. George Pollock's proposal of a committee of election (although at one time it seemed to me to contain a promise of satisfying the conditions) has long been dismissed from my mind by the actual knowledge of what can be made out of such a body.

To any thoughtful dweller in a town where the American "caucus" system exists, it will appear little short of disaster were such a committee to be created; it would most surely devour our scanty little privilege! For my part, I never could admit the force of the arguments adduced against the proxy vote; viz., that it "would result in organised canvassing," and "throw the power into the hands of the journals," etc. I have a greater faith (founded on some experience) in the acumen of such an educated constituency as ours, than to fear that any partisanship could ever be allowed to interfere with

from the affected cows. Section 8 of the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of July, 1879, provided that the milk of a diseased cow should not be mixed with other milk or sold for human food, and only sold for food of animals after it had been boiled. With the view of securing, as far as possible, the observance of this section, the committee had directed that the attention of the medical officers of health should be called to the premises in their respective parishes at which disease existed; and that the owners of such premises should be warned of their liability for infringing the section referred to.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen were admitted members on January 27th, 1881.

Beale, Edwin Clifford, M.B., Cambridge, 16, Langham Street, W.
Saunders, Charles Edward, M.D., Aberdeen, 21, Lower Seymour Street, W.
Willis, William, M.D., Edinburgh, 168, Stanhope Street, N.W.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—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 26th instant.

Messrs. Henry Smith, L.S.A., Plumstead; James M. Rogers, L.S.A., Berners Street; Edgar English, L.S.A., Whitby; Edward J. Biden, L.S.A., Peckham; William H. Legge, L.S.A., Derby; Charles Crossley, L.R.C.P.Ed., Leicester; Arthur Kidd, Liverpool; Charles H. Downes, L.S.A., Sydenham; Charles W. Whistler, Ashburnham; William H. P. Lewis, Guilsfield, Montgomeryshire; and Arthur G. S. Mahomed, L.S.A., Brighton.

Six 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, January 27th, 1881.

Burrows, Charles William Grimes, Chesterfield.
East, Frederick William, 2, Clapton Square.
Green, Harry, Padstow, Cornwall.
Holroyd, John, Rushworth, Halifax.
Thurlow, John Howard, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their Primary Professional Examination.

Faulkner, Henry William, Charing Cross Hospital.
Lea, Francis James, University College Hospital.
Osborn, Frank Charles, St. Mary's Hospital.
Williams, John Henry, London Hospital.

At the Preliminary Examination in Arts, held at the Hall on the 21st and 22nd of January, eighty-four candidates presented themselves, of whom forty-five were rejected, and the following thirty-nine passed and received certificates of proficiency in general education. In the First Class, in order of merit:

1. Cornelius Clement Caleb. 2. W. V. Carden and Caroline Keith. 4. Josephine S. MacDonald.

In the Second Class, in alphabetical order:

H. D. Adcock, James Anderson, A. H. Armstrong, G. P. Barton, John Bate, L. Bathurst, H. G. Beville, J. Blackford, C. Campbell, A. E. Carey, C. Christopherson, Elizabeth S. Collier, Horace S. Collier, Jessie Crossfield, William Davies, A. C. Gaskin, T. Greaves, E. T. Gregory, G. C. Harrington, J. J. Lewington, E. H. Lingwood, B. MacDonald, A. J. H. Montague, Elise Morgan, E. J. Neville, F. Norman, C. C. Piper, R. J. Reece, Eliza Jane Stacey, Oswald R. Swete, E. S. Wallis, Lydia Maria Webb, W. P. West, Frank F. White, and Harrie Yeo.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, the following candidates were successful.

First Professional Examination.—William Henry Holden, Anna Jacob.

The Licence to practise Medicine.—Humphrey John Broomfield.

The Licence to practise Midwifery.—Robert Samuels Archer, Liverpool; Humphrey John Broomfield, Rathdowney; Nicholas John Halpin, Bengal Army.

The following Licentiate of the College, having conformed to the by-laws relating to Membership, have been duly admitted Members of the College.

James Berry Kenny, 1868, Killeshandra; Alexander Lane, 1860, Ballymoney; George Lyndon, 1877, Ballinacagh; Hugh Warnock, 1876, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

The following vacancies are announced:—

BALLINROBE UNION.—Medical Officer for Ballinrobe Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £25 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 10th February.

BRACKLEY UNION.—Medical Officer to the Sulgrave District.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION.—Dispenser and Assistant to Medical Officer. Applications, with testimonials, to Mr. Hazell, Victoria Street, Bury St. Edmunds, on or before February 8th, 1881.

CITY DISPENSARY.—Surgeon. Applications, with testimonials, not later than February 10th.

***COMRIE.**—Parochial Medical Officer. Applications, on or before February 7th, to Mr. P. Brough, Inspector of Poor.

HACKNEY UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, exclusive of midwifery and surgical fees and drugs. Applications upon forms obtainable at the office, Sydney Road, Homerton, E., on or before February 8th.

OLDHAM INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon, doubly qualified. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, not later than February 10th.

***ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION,** Ventnor, Isle of Wight.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, 12, Pall Mall, London, S.W., on or before Monday, February 14th.

ROYAL NORTHERN SEA-BATHING INFIRMARY, Scarborough.—Lady Superintendent. Salary, £70 per annum; residence at Infirmary. Applications, with testimonials, not later than Monday, February 7th, to Mr. George Taylor, 43, Queen Street, Scarborough.

***ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL,** Liverpool.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, 60 guineas per annum, with board and lodging at Hospital. Applications, with testimonials, to A. Garrett, Esq., Treasurer, at the Hospital, on or before the 16th February.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

JEFFREYS, Richard, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond., appointed Medical Officer to the New Industrial School, Chesterfield.

LATIMER, Henry Arthur, M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Swansea Hospital, *vice* J. G. Hall, M.R.C.S., resigned.

LYTLE, Joshua, M.D., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary and Dispensary, Wigan, *vice* W. R. Williams, M.R.C.S., resigned.

NORRIS, Edward S., M.A., M.B., elected Honorary Visiting Surgeon to the Windsor Royal Infirmary, *vice* J. W. Gooch, M.R.C.S., resigned.

PECK, E. G., B.A. Cantab, M.R.C.S.E., appointed House-Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, *vice* A. M. Shield, appointed House-Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

RAWLINGS, John Adams, M.R.C.P.E., appointed Physician to the Swansea Hospital, *vice* J. Paddon, M.B., resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

BIRTHS.

BUSHE.—On the 29th January, at 74, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, the wife of Cecil J. L. Bushe, M.B., Army Medical Department, of a son.

HIGHET.—On January 30th, at Derwent Street, Workington, the wife of John Highet, M.B., of a daughter.

SICCAMA.—On the 1st instant, at Portland, the wife of Fleet-Surgeon R. R. Siccama, H.M.S. *Warrior*, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

ASKWITH.—On the 27th ultimo, at Huntly Lodge, Cheltenham, suddenly, Robert Askwith, M.D., M.R.C.S., formerly of Leeds, aged 65.

DABBS.—On January 30th, at 11, Brunswick Terrace, New Road, Bucklands, Hants Fleet-Surgeon George Henry Dabbs, R.N., aged 79.

LUNN.—On January 25th, Ernest Craven Lunn, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., youngest son of W. J. Lunn, M.D., Hull, aged 24.

The annual dinner of the Hunterian Society will be held at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, on Saturday, February 12th, at 6.30 p.m.; John Couper, F.R.C.S., in the chair.

The annual report of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, shows an adverse balance of £3,602, which is a source of great anxiety to the committee, inasmuch as it has been steadily increasing for some years.

Dr. John Ward has resigned his appointment as Medical Officer of Health for Cockermouth and Workington Urban Sanitary Authority. His successor has not yet been appointed.

THE LARGEST MAN IN AMERICA.—The largest man on the American continent was the late Lewis Cornelius, of Pike County, Pennsylvania, says the *Philadelphia Medical Reporter*. He was considerably larger than Daniel Lambert. Mr. Cornelius' dimensions are entered upon the record books in the prothonotary's office at Milford, Pike County, as follows: "Lewis Cornelius: born 1794. Height, 6 ft. Circumference below waist, 8 ft. 2 in.; circumference above waist, 6 ft. 2½ in.; circumference of arm above elbow, 2 ft. 2 in.; circumference of arm below elbow, 1 ft. 9 in.; circumference of wrist, 1 ft. 3 in.; circumference of thigh, 4 ft. 2 in.; circumference of calf of leg, 2 ft. 7 in.; circumference of ankle, 1 ft. 7 in. Weight, without any clothing whatever, 645½ lbs." This is the only authentic record of Mr. Cornelius' size extant. As he had been sick some time, he lost over fifty pounds of his weight. He was not weighed until after his death, and when in full health would have tipped the scales at seven hundred pounds. His wife was a very slight woman, and weighed just one hundred pounds.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—The annual rate of mortality last week, which was the fourth week of this year, in twenty of the largest English towns averaged 31.0 per 1,000 of their aggregate population. The rates of mortality in the several towns were as follow: Leicester 18, Sunderland 21, Bradford 23, Newcastle-on-Tyne 24, Hull 26, Brighton 26, Portsmouth 27, Leeds 27, Sheffield 28, Plymouth 28, Bristol 28, London 29, Norwich 30, Birmingham 32, Wolverhampton 34, Oldham 34, Salford 36, Nottingham 38, Liverpool 40, and Manchester 46. Scarlet fever showed the largest proportional fatality in Oldham, Sunderland, and Sheffield; and whooping-cough in Liverpool and Leeds. The death-rate from fever (principally enteric) was again considerably below the average. Small-pox caused 53 more deaths in London and its suburban districts; one in Birmingham, and one in Plymouth; no fatal case was recorded in any of the seventeen other large towns. In London, 2,114 deaths were registered, which exceeded the average by 347, and gave an annual death-rate of 29.8, exceeding the rate in any week since the middle of February 1880. During the past four weeks of the current quarter, the death-rate in the metropolis has averaged 25.5 per 1,000, against 27.2 and 27.0 in the corresponding periods of 1879 and 1880. The 2,114 deaths included 52 from small-pox, 28 from measles, 45 from scarlet fever, 8 from diphtheria, 43 from whooping-cough, 2 from typhus fever, 12 from enteric fever, 5 from ill-defined forms of continued fever, 8 from diarrhoea, 2 from dysentery, and not one from simple cholera; thus, 205 deaths were referred to these diseases, being 53 below the average. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs, which had been 371 and 617 in the two preceding weeks, further rose last week, under the influence of the continued low temperature, to 702, and exceeded the average by 249; 481 were attributed to bronchitis, and 120 to pneumonia. Different forms of violence caused 74 deaths; 70 were the result of negligence or accident, including 14 from fractures and contusions, 16 from burns and scalds, 3 from poison, and 22 of infants under one year of age from suffocation. The deaths of three adults were directly referred to "exposure to cold". At Greenwich, the mean temperature of the air was 32.5°, and 7.4° below the average. The mean was below the average on each of the first six days of the week; the coldest day being Wednesday, when the mean was only 23.5°, and was 16.4° below the average. On Saturday, the mean rose to 45.3°, and showed an excess of 5.1°. The direction of the wind was variable, and the horizontal movement of the air averaged 8.3 miles per hour, which was 5.6 below the average. Rain or melted snow was measured on four days of the week, to the aggregate amount of 0.49 of an inch. The duration of registered bright sunshine in the week was equal to 3 per cent. of its possible duration. The recorded amount of ozone was below the average during the early part of the week, but exceeded the average on Saturday.

THE Broad Arrow says, "The want of a serviceable head-dress for the officers of the Army Medical Department is much felt. The existing cocked hat with plume is everywhere condemned as cumbrous, unserviceable, affording no protection from sun or rain, and impossible to be worn with comfort in a high wind. No strain need be put on the inventive genius of the authorities who supervise the tailoring branch of the Horse Guards to devise a new head-dress. The helmet now worn by the Army Hospital Corps is in every way suitable for the medical officers, and a simple order is needed directing this helmet to be worn by all medical officers under brigade surgeon's rank. The senior grades might still wear the cocked hat until it is given up as a dress by the entire staff of the army."

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—Surgeon-Major William Ironside, M.D., in medical charge at Piershill Barracks, died at Edinburgh on the 16th January in his forty-sixth year. The deceased, who was born on the 28th October, 1835, entered the Army as assistant surgeon in April, 1861, and was shortly afterwards appointed to the 71st Highland Light Infantry, with which he did duty in India until transferred to the Royal Artillery. He was afterwards for several years in the Bombay Presidency, and returning home in 1878 was employed first at Stirling and later on at Piershill.—Brigade-Surgeon E. M. Sinclair, from Chatham, proceeds to South Africa in place of Brigade-Surgeon Sampson Roch, withdrawn on account of ill-health.—Surgeons-Major David Renton, from Canterbury; Dr. C. W. Heather, from Jersey; and P. W. Stafford, from leave, are also under orders for the seat of war. All three officers served in South Africa during the Zulu war. Mr. Stafford was in charge of the stretcher bearers at Ulundi.

PRESENTATION.—As a mark of the esteem in which the Very Rev. Principal Caird is held by the community of Glasgow, a portrait of the reverend gentleman, by Millais, was presented, on January 26th, to the Senatus of the University of Glasgow by a number of subscribers. A epica was presented to Mrs. Caird.

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.—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.—North-west London, 2.30 P.M.

FRIDAY..... King's College, 2 P.M.—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, 1; 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., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 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, Tu. 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., 1; 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. Sir Joseph Fayrer, Lettsomian Lecture on Tropical Diarrhoea.—Odontological Society of Great Britain, 8 P.M. President's Address. Casual communications from Mr. A. Coleman, Mr. Percy May, and Mr. F. Canton.

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M., Ballot. 8.30 P.M., Mr. Frederick Treves, Case illustrating the Condition of Large Arteries after Ligation under Antiseptic and Non-Antiseptic Measures; Mr. Jeremiah McCarthy, Case of Aneurism of Axillary Artery, probably Ruptured, treated by Antiseptic Ligation of third part of Subclavian Artery.

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M. Annual general meeting for the election of officers. At 8 P.M., Hunterian Oration, by A. H. Smee, Esq., in the theatre of the London Institution.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Sutherland, A Case of Chronic Vomiting, in which no food except Koumiss was taken for sixteen Months; Mr. J. W. Teale (Scarborough), A Case of Quiescent Scirrhus; Mr. Heath, A Case of Gangrene of the Arm from a Poisoned Wound: Amputation at the Shoulder, and Recovery; Dr. Whipple, Case of Small Round-Celled Sarcoma of the Dura Mater, encroaching on the Left Temporo-Sphenoidal Lobe of the Brain, and producing Extensive Softening in its neighbourhood: Absence of Aphasia, the Patient being Left-handed.

