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ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:
NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held on Wednesday, the 18th day of January next, 1882, in the Council Room, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

161A, Strand, London, December 13th, 1881.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1882: ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Committee of Council will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, April 12th, July 12th, October 18th. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than 21 days before each meeting, viz., March 22nd, May 22nd, September 27th, in accordance with the regulation for the election of members passed at the meeting of the Committee of Council of October 12th, 1881.

November 4th, 1881. FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the District will be held on Thursday, January 19th, at 8.30 P.M., at the house of Dr. Cree, 2, Pemberton Villas, St. John's Park, Upper Holloway. Dr. Woakes will re-introduce the discussion on the Etiology of Diphtheria; its Contagium; the Occurrence of Sudden Death in it—reconsidered. Dr. George Ogilvie will read a paper on Electricity as a Therapeutic Agent.—Geo. W. POTTER, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 12, Grosvenor Road, N.—January 2nd, 1882.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held on Thursday evening, January 19th, at 8.30 P.M., in the Library of the London Hospital Medical College; Dr. Bridgwater, President-elect of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, in the chair. Dr. Sansom will read a paper on the Best Means of Providing for the Medical Wants of the Poor who are above the Ranks of Pauperism.—FREDERICK WALLACE, Honorary Secretary, 96, Cazenove Road.—December 22nd, 1881.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The third meeting of the session will be held at the Grand Pump Room Hotel, Bath, on Thursday, January 19th, at 4.15 P.M.; D. Davies, Esq., President.—R. S. FOWLER, E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.—Bath, December 1881.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.—The fourth meeting of the session will be held at the Medical Institute, on Thursday, January 12th, 1882. The chair will be taken by the President, Mr. Bartleet, at 3 P.M. Papers: Dr. Thursfield: Notes on a case of Relapsing Typhoid. Mr. Eales: Notes on a case of Orbital Aneurysm, the result of Injury. Mr. Bennett May: Case of Hæmaturia, with Obstruction of the Ureter. 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.—January 4th, 1882.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held on Thursday, January 26th, at 6 P.M., in the Board Room of the Richmond Hospital. Dinner at the Station Hotel at 7 P.M.—EDWARD L. FENN, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Richmond.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:
MEETING.

THIS Branch met on December 15th, in the Royal Infirmary, the use of a room in the hospital being kindly granted by the directors.

Vivisection.—The Branch approved the action of the Council in appointing five members towards a central committee on vivisection which has been formed in Glasgow.

Medical Reform.—The Branch also approved of the action taken by the Council in protesting against the report of the Medical Reform Committee of the Association, where it recommends the abolition of the powers of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow.

British Medical Benevolent Fund.—It was agreed to recommend the members of the Branch to subscribe five shillings annually to the British Medical Benevolent Fund; the subscription to be collected along with those of the Association and Branch. Several members spoke warmly of the good which this fund had effected in cases of which they were cognisant.

Demonstration of Cases.—Dr. WILLIAM MACWEN gave a most interesting demonstration of certain cases in which the surgical aspects of brain-affections were illustrated. He also showed a series of cases in which a modification of the subperiosteal method of resection of the elbow had been performed. An operation of this kind was performed by Dr. Macwen.—A vote of thanks to Dr. Macwen and the Directors followed.

Dinner.—Some of the members dined together at the Bath Hotel.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ENGLISH LUNACY LAWS.

SIR,—My attention has been lately directed to a case which appears to me to illustrate a serious flaw in the English Lunacy Laws. It is enacted that no person (not a pauper) shall be received as a lunatic into any asylum, licensed house, or hospital, without medical certificates (in addition to order and statement of particulars) of *two* persons, each of whom shall be a physician, surgeon, or apothecary (16 and 17 Vic., c. 96, s. 4; c. 97, s. 74. 25 and 26 Vic., c. iii., s. 23. See Schedule F, Nos. 2 and 3). But in 25 and 26 Vic., c. iii., s. 26, it is further enacted—"The order and certificates required by law for the detention of a patient as a pauper shall extend to authorise his detention, although it may afterwards appear that he is entitled to be classified as a private patient."

In the case I speak of, a person in no respect a pauper, being in possession of means amounting to about £4,000 or £5,000, and being well known to be in a fair position, was sent to an asylum as a pauper, under no special conditions of emergency—*i.e.*, there was no special difficulty in obtaining two medical certificates. After a few weeks' residence in the asylum, this person was transferred from the pauper to the private list, and was detained under the original instrument until discharged. If there is any object in greater precautions being observed in the case of the confinement of a private patient than in that of a pauper, it is evident, from the instance adduced, that it is not difficult to evade them. It appears to me that, if a person not a pauper is sent to an asylum as a pauper, under any circumstances of emergency, on his name being removed from the pauper roll and transferred to the private list, the procedure necessary for the detention of a private patient should be observed, otherwise it is quite possible for a person of means to be detained for life on the same instrument as a pauper.

In Scotland, private patients and paupers are received and detained on the same instrument—*viz.*, the order of a sheriff—who grants it after having had submitted to him a petition and statement accompanied by two medical certificates. My experience is that this judicial procedure secures protection to the lunatic, assurance to the public, and security to the asylum authorities. I know of only one instance, and this occurred more than twenty-five years ago, in which the sheriff's order was called in question by a patient; and, although considerable trouble and expense resulted to several concerned, the order was sustained by a decision of the Court of Session, and, on appeal, by the House of Lords.—I am, sir, etc.,

J. BATTY TUKE.

Saughton Hall, near Edinburgh, December 30th, 1881.

FARMAR AND SEALEY FUND.

SIR,—With reference to my letter, which you were good enough to insert in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of October 15th last, in which I mentioned the fact of a subscription being in progress for a testimonial to Corporal Farmar, V.C., and Private Sealey, of the Army Hospital Corps, for their gallant conduct at the disaster of Majuba Hill, and gave a short account of the wounds by which they had been disabled for further military service, I have the pleasure now to state that £170 have been subscribed, and that this amount, equally divided, has been presented to the two men by the Director-General of the Army Medical Department. The sum named includes the liberal donation of twenty-five guineas from the family of the late Surgeon Landon, A.M.D., under whose direction Corporal Farmar and Private Sealey were carrying on their duties at the time that lamented young officer received his fatal wound. The presentation has been notified by a circular from the Director-General to the officers and men of the Army Medical Department.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

THOS. LONGMORE, Surg.-Gen. H.P.,
Professor of Military Surgery.

Netley, January 3rd, 1882.

A SPECIMEN CHART for tabulating cases of deaths from infectious diseases has been circulated by Mr. Yates of Dewsbury amongst many of the local sanitary authorities in England. Dots of different colours represent the deaths from the different infectious diseases, and short strokes cases. From the circular accompanying the chart, it might be supposed that the plan is new, whereas it has been used by several medical officers of health to urban authorities. For instance, at Newcastle, a dot is used to indicate a death, and a cross a case; whilst at Birmingham, a red dot means a death from scarlet fever, a red cross a death from measles, and a blue cross a death from typhoid. The plan is good, but, as Mr. Yates has acknowledged, is not altogether novel. The colours for the different diseases are well chosen.

unately, been spared to carry it on, he has started the good work, and left an example to his late colleagues and to all the medical schools of Dublin.

It was, however, chiefly as a physiologist and an histologist, that Dr. Reuben Harvey was known to the profession. He had an eminently scientific, as well as a practical mind, and it was therefore natural that his favourite study should be in a field of science in which both qualities would have such scope. His published writings are not numerous, but the work he did was good. As a teacher he was unsurpassed; and his class of practical physiology—the first of its kind established in Dublin—was always largely attended. He generally contrived to infuse his own spirit and ideas of thorough work into his pupils; to stir up in them an ambition to make original investigations. To students and brother-professionals alike, he was ever ready to give any assistance that his experience, skill, and extensive knowledge of physiology and pathology enabled him to; and that with an unaffected modesty and genialness, which endeared him to all.

It is only about two months since Dr. Harvey resigned his appointment as assistant-physician and pathologist to the House of Industry Hospital, in order to have more time to devote himself to certain physiological work which his untimely death has so suddenly arrested. He retained, however, the office of physician to the Cork Street Fever Hospital, where, for upwards of five years, he discharged his duties with singular assiduity and success. Dr. Harvey was elected a Fellow of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in 1880, and, as already stated, was a censor of that college at the time of his death. He was a member of the councils of the Medical and of the Pathological Societies, of the council of the Dublin Branch of the Association, and of the biological club. He was also a member of the Royal Irish Academy. Had his life been spared, a distinguished career as a physiologist might have been indubitably predicated for him. As it is, his memory will live long in the memory, as well of those who knowing him well, loved him well, as of those who, knowing him less intimately, equally esteemed and respected him as a man of superior ability, and as a honourable, conscientious, and God-fearing gentleman.

JAMES OLDHAM, F.R.C.S.

We have to record the death of Mr. James Oldham, of Brighton and Hayward's Heath. Mr. Oldham was residing at the latter place at the time of his death. He had retired to his private estate there for more than a year. He was born on January 17th, 1817; died December 26th, 1881. With untiring energy and devotion, Mr. Oldham practised his profession in Brighton from the year 1842 until his retirement about the time named, October 1880. His education was private. He was apprenticed to Dr. Pye-Smith, the father of Dr. Pye-Smith of Guy's Hospital; entered at Guy's in October 1838, and was dresser to Mr. Aston Key. Though not of a strong frame or constitution, Mr. Oldham had nevertheless been able to do the work of a very large, probably one of the largest private practices in the country; and, it may certainly be added, to the great advantage and satisfaction of all who had the privilege of his care.

The profession of medicine will never lose the respect due to it from the public whilst maintained by such good services, and rendered with such delicate feeling and high sense of honour, as are daily afforded by gentlemen in general practice of the type and character of Mr. Oldham. Happily, he was but one of a large class to be found in distinguished positions all over the country. One of his younger colleagues in Brighton writes thus of him:—"My acquaintance with him was of a personal kind from my early boyhood, and all the time he was as kind to me as an elder brother, always taking an affectionate interest in my welfare, and winning my love and esteem."

Without being scientific, he had that practical acquaintance with disease which is of immediate value to the sick; and those who knew him intimately through his long and arduous practice will feel how faithfully and adequately he set before him and attained the proper aims of medicine, whether for alleviation or for cure. This testimony will find a ready echo amongst Mr. Oldham's many friends and distinguished patients.

Mr. Oldham was very liberal. He purchased and supported a coffee-house tavern; and, at Hayward's Heath, St. Christopher's Home for Sick Children was almost entirely supported by him. He was a liberal contributor to the church and schools in his neighbourhood; and in these, and many other ways, gave largely of that fortune which he had accumulated from his deservedly successful practice.

Mr. Oldham married, in 1844, Anna, second daughter of Thomas Brame Oldfield, Esq., of Champion Hill, Surrey. He leaves three sons and two daughters. Mr. Oldham's death, at the age of sixty-five, though early, was not premature. For some years his health had been

failing; he had gradually become anæmic, with enfeebled circulation and albuminuria. During his long and tedious final illness, he had the continued and affectionate services of his friend, Dr. Byass of Cuckfield. He was one of the founders of the Brighton and Sussex Medical and Chirurgical Society, thirty-five years ago, it now numbers eighty-eight members.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in Anatomy and Physiology, at meetings of the Board of Examiners, on the 3rd and 4th instant, and when eligible will be admitted to the pass examination.

Messrs. Thomas Underwood, George Hart, George R. Pigg, Herbert M. L. Dean, and James Young, students of the Manchester School; Henry Lloyd, William M. Bristow, Alfred J. Charlick, Thomas W. Twinem, and Robert H. Currey, of the Liverpool School; George Parker, M.A. Cantab, Llewellyn J. Bateman, B.A. Cantab, Archibald Keightley, B.A. Cantab, and Herbert P. Taylor, B.A. Cantab, of the Cambridge School; H. Shirley Jones, R. F. Thornton Perkins, and Frank A. Bennett, of the Birmingham School; Henry M. Hughes, and Joseph Hick, of the Leeds School; William Atkinson, and Ralph Beresford, of the Sheffield School; Campbell Boyd, of the Dublin School; Thomas Sinclair, of the Belfast School; D. Rastamji Wadia, of the Bombay School; H. Robinson Codd, of University College; Trevor A. Dagg, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; George Hanby De'Ath, of Guy's Hospital; Clement J. Wilkinson, of St. Thomas's Hospital; Weston P. Davis, of St. George's Hospital; and Albert G. Hanson, of the London Hospital.

Eighteen candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, were referred to their anatomical and physiological studies for three months, including three who had an additional three months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 29th, 1881.

Fielden, William Eckett, Walthamstow.
Holdsworth, William Thomas, Handsworth.
Hoole, John, 135, Hornsey Road.
Moore, Robert Carmichael, Belfast.
Tarleton, Edward Eustace, Cheddar, Somerset.

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

Duckworth, Frederick Victor, Guy's Hospital.
Nutt, William Anthony, London Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ALVERSTOCK MEDICAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY—Medical Officer. Salary, £180 per annum. Applications to J. Elliott, 10, Shaftesbury Terrace, Gosport, by January 7th, 1882.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, West Strand, W.C.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by 28th instant.

CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Surgeon Wheeler, 27, Lower Fitz William Street.

CITY OF LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL, City Road—Consulting Physician. Applications by 17th January.

DONOGHMORE UNION—Medical Officer for Borris-in-Ossory Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £20 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 10th instant.

GRAVESEND DISPENSARY AND INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by January 10th, 1882.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, 3 and 4, Vincent Square, S.W.—Assistant Medical Officer and Chloroformist (Honorary). Applications to the Chairman of the General Committee by January 10th, 1882.

HUDDERSFIELD INFIRMARY—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to F. Eastwood by January 21st, 1882.

HUDDERSFIELD INFIRMARY—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications to F. Eastwood by January 21st, 1882.

LEAMINGTON AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications to the Secretary, Mr. C. Wildman, 6, Woodbine Street, Leamington.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL, Male and Out-Patient Department, 91, Dean Street, Soho, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by January 21st, 1882.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY DISPENSARY, Liverpool—Medical Officer. Salary between £200 and £300 per annum. Applications to Dr. H. Taylor, 1, Percy Street, Liverpool, by January 15th, 1882.

NATIONAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, 149, Great Portland Street, W.—Dental Surgeon. Applications by January 10th, 1882.

NORTH ORMESBY COTTAGE HOSPITAL, Middlesbrough. House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.

OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester—Demonstrator and Assistant-Lecturer in Physiology. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Registrar by January 7th, 1882.

PARISHES OF KILDONAN AND LOTH—Medical Officer. Salary from the two parishes, £73 per annum. Applications to Jas. Campbell, Inspector of Poor Helmsdale, by 9th January, 1882.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND—Professor of Practical and Descriptive Anatomy. Application to John Brennen, Registrar, by January 21st, 1882.

ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by January 30th.

ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, 77, Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, W.—Honorary Obstetric Physician. Applications by January 16th.

ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, 77, Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £105 per annum. Applications by January 16th.

SUSSEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 18th.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH—Examinerships in Clinical Medicine, Surgery, Physiology, Materia Medica, and Pathology. Applications to the Secretary of the University by January 16th, 1882.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON—Assistant Registrar. Salary, £500 per annum. Applications to A. Milman, Registrar, University of London, Burlington Gardens, W., by January 31st, 1882.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—Medical and Surgical Registrar. An honorarium of £63. Applications to the Secretary by January 10th, 1882.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BLACK, M., M.B., appointed Out-door Accoucheur to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital.

BONVNGE, F. G., L.R.C.S.I., appointed House-Surgeon to the Loughborough Dispensary and Infirmary *vice* Robert Beattie, M.D., resigned.

BOWER, E. D., M.R.C.S., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Gloucester, *vice* T. S. Ellis, M.R.C.S., resigned.

BROWN, A. S., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Superintendent to St. Mary's Hospital.

BROWN, M. L., M.D., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum.

COWER, E. D., M.R.C.S., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Gloucester, *vice* T. S. Ellis, M.R.C.S., resigned.

CHAVASSE, T. F., M.D., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham, *vice* A. Baker, F.R.C.S., resigned.

GALLYHER, T. M., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Officer to the Ballina Union.

GUEST, R. A., L.R.C.P., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Chorlton-under Medlock Dispensary, *vice* C. Holmes, M.D., resigned.

HOWES, F. C. P., M.D., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Lincoln General Dispensary, *vice* C. G. Dalton, M.R.C.S., resigned.

JAMES, C. A., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, and Clapton Dispensary, *vice* John Denny, L.R.C.P., deceased.

MACLEOD, M. D., M.B., appointed Medical Superintendent to the East Riding Asylum, Beverley.

MAKEHAM, P., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Dartford.

MUIR, W., M.B., appointed Assistant Obstetric Physician to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital.

ROW, F. E., M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the St. John's and Clowance District Parish of Stoke Damerel, Devonport.

SHEPPARD, Charles E., M.D.(Lond.), appointed Resident Assistant Physician and Medical Registrar to St. Thomas's Hospital, *vice* G. Gulliver, M.A., M.B., appointed Assistant Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

WHITCOMBE, E. B., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Borough Asylum, Birmingham.

WHITCOMBE, P. P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the London Lock Hospital, *vice* W. H. T. King, M.R.C.S., resigned.

WILSON, H. B., M.B., appointed Out-door Accoucheur to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital.

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.

MARRIAGES.

BRUCE—CONNELL.—On December 22nd, at Hilton House, Woodside, Aberdeen, by the Rev. D. C. Boyd, of Portsoy, Alexander Bruce, M.A., M.B.(Edin.), to Annie Louisa, daughter of the late William Alexander Connell, H.E.I.C.S.

ELLIS—WEBB.—On January 3rd, at Christ Church, Mayfair, by the Rev. W. Cardall, Vicar, Heber D. Ellis, M.D., of 7, Howard Square, Eastbourne, to Frances Audrey, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Robert Holden Webb, M.A., Rector of Essendon, Herts.

MR. W. F. TEEVAN, B.A., F.R.C.S., has been elected President of the West Kent Medico-Chirurgical Society, and Honorary Member of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

DR. JOSEPH STEDMAN describes, in a recent number of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, a case of united twins, the union extending from the clavicle to the umbilicus (Thoracopagus of Förster). The children, both males, were delivered by forceps, and were still-born. The mother made a good recovery.

DR. MACLEOD, who for several years has ably assisted Dr. Campbell at the Carlisle Asylum (an asylum well known for its good results, and the work that has emanated from it), and who has contributed several valuable papers on subjects connected with his department of medicine, was, on January 2nd, unanimously elected Medical Superintendent of the East Riding Asylum of Yorkshire, at Beverley, in room of Mr. Whitcomb, who has been appointed to the Birmingham Asylum.

HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES.—The following facts and figures, derived from a table in the Registrar-General's last weekly return, afford fairly trustworthy indications of the recent health and sanitary condition of various foreign and colonial cities. According to the most recently weekly returns received from Calcutta and Bombay, the annual death-rate in those cities averaged 36.8 and 25.5 per 1000 respectively. Cholera caused 58 deaths in Calcutta and 4 in Bombay, each showing a decline upon recent weekly numbers, and fever fatality also showed a decline. No return from Madras is published. In seventeen European cities, the death-rate averaged 28.7, and very considerably exceeded the average rate prevailing in the twenty large English towns before the recent cold weather. The death-rate in St. Petersburg, in the middle of December, was equal to 43.9, and higher than in recent weeks; the 564 deaths included 28 fatal cases of typhoid fever, and 21 of diphtheria. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the death-rate did not average more than 23.2, the highest being 28.1 in Christiania, where no fewer than 26 of the 65 deaths were due to an exceptionally fatal epidemic of measles. In Paris, the death-rate was equal to 28.6; 62 deaths were referred to diphtheria and croup, and 25 to typhoid fever. The rates of mortality in Brussels and Geneva did not exceed 18.9 and 21.2, although whooping-cough was somewhat fatally prevalent in Brussels. The usual return from the Dutch cities does not appear to have come to hand. The Registrar-General's table includes returns from eight German and Austrian cities, the death-rate in which averaged 28.4, and ranged from 21.7 and 23.9 in Dresden and Hamburg, to 32.5 and 38.1 in Prague and Buda-Pesth. Small-pox caused 12 deaths in Vienna, 11 in Buda-Pesth, and 7 in Prague; and diphtheria showed increased fatality in Berlin. In three of the principal Italian cities, the average death-rate was 26.7, the rate being 24.9 in Turin, 25.1 in Venice, and 28.1 in Naples; typhoid fever caused 4 deaths in Turin and 10 in Naples. In the second week of December, the death-rate in Alexandria was equal to 40.4, and the 164 deaths included 8 from typhus and typhoid fever. In four of the principal American cities, the death-rate averaged 26.2; it was 21.3 in Philadelphia, 22.0 in Brooklyn, 28.0 in Baltimore, and 28.7 in New York. Small-pox caused 14 deaths in Philadelphia and 8 in New York; diphtheria again showed excessive fatality in each of the four American cities.

KENSINGTON.—To write a summary of Dr. Dudfield's annual reports is in effect to give a history of every sanitary event of importance that has occurred throughout the kingdom during the period reported on. Nothing seems to escape Dr. Dudfield's vigilance; and, as he makes the chief sanitary topics of the day a special feature in each of his reports, the volumes (for such indeed the reports are) become invested with a value and importance out of all proportion to the ostensible object of their publication—the information of the Kensington Vestry. The various points touched upon by Dr. Dudfield have all, however, already received attention in these columns, and his remarks on general subjects do not need, therefore, more than mention and commendation. In Kensington itself there were during the year 1880 2,884 deaths, or fewer by 108 than in 1879, and 160 below the corrected decennial average. This total includes, however, all the deaths in public institutions, 99 being non-parishioners whose deaths happened in the Brompton Consumption Hospital. The death-rate was 18.0 per 1,000, or 1.1 below the decennial average. The zymotic death-rate was fairly satisfactory, 347 deaths being registered from this class of diseases, or 22 below the average. Whooping-cough was the fatal zymotic disease, 93 deaths being attributed to it. Measles were fatal in 60 cases, scarlet fever in 51, diphtheria in 27, diarrhoea in 71, and small-pox in 22; fever caused 23 deaths. An analysis of this mortality shows that the deaths from scarlet fever and diphtheria were in excess of the corrected decennial mean; that the deaths from measles and whooping-cough were average; and that the deaths from small-pox, fever, and diarrhoea were below the average. Measles were most fatal during the period from the middle of June to the middle of August, scarlet fever (of which about 466 cases were recorded), in the last quarter of the year, and whooping-cough in the first half. Diarrhoea, as usual, was most prevalent during the summer and autumn months. The deaths under five years of age numbered 1,219, or about the same number in 1879, and equal to 42.3 per cent. of total deaths, and to 26.5 per cent. of the registered births. The deaths of illegitimate children under five were 85, or no less than 47.4 per cent. of the registered illegitimate births—a result that tells a sad tale of carelessness and neglect. Phthisis caused 272 deaths, irrespective of 99 which happened in the Consumption Hospital, and chest-diseases 595 deaths. The sanitary condition of the parish was, as usual, well looked after under Dr. Dudfield's energetic management; but it is a matter of regret, however, that the parish has not yet provided itself with a mortuary.

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, 2 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., 1; 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., 3; 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, M. Th., 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. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; 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. First Lettsomian Lecture, by Mr. Hutchinson Royes Bell, on Diseases of the Testicles and their Coverings. —Odontological Society of Great Britain, 8 P.M. Annual General Meeting. President's Valedictory Address. Abstract of paper on Diseases of the Teeth, by Mr. Dunn. Casual communication by Mr. Sewill.

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. C. Creighton: Three Cases of Tumour arising from Skin-Glands in the Dog, showing the Connection between the Disorders of the Secreting Structure and Function and Cancerous Invasion of the Connective Tissue. Mr. T. M. Girdlestone: On the Surgical Uses of Kangaroo-Tendons.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens will be shown. Adjourned Discussion on Dr. Godson's paper on Spasmodic Dysmenorrhœa and Sterility, and its Treatment by Graduated Metallic Bougies. Dr. Playfair: Notes on Trachelo-Raphé, or Emmet's Operation.—Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M., Council Meeting. 8 P.M., Dr. Pye-Smith: The Pathological Significance of Pus in the Urine.

THURSDAY.—Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Stephen Mackenzie: Case of Acute Vascular Disease, with Retinal Hemorrhages. Mr. James E. Adams: 1. Case of Epithelioma of Cornea, with Microscopical Specimens; 2. Case of an Exceptional Degree of Spasm of Accommodation. Mr. G. E. Wherry: 1. Case of Paralysis of Fifth and Facial Nerves, with Corneal Opacity, in an Infant; 2. Case of Chancere on the Palpebral Conjunctiva. Mr. McHardy: 1. An improved form of Stevens' Registering Perimeter; 2. Specimen of Black Cataract. Dr. Walter Edmunds: Case of Suppurative Panophthalmitis after Ligation of Common Carotid. Mr. Lawford: 1. Case of Optic Neuritis following Purpura; 2. Case of Unusual Gunshot Injury of the Eye. Mr. Nettleship: Note on a Case of Diabetic Cataract. Living specimens at 8 o'clock.—Abernethian Society, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 8 P.M. Mr. Kendall: Curiosities of a Shilling Practice.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Annual Meeting. Election of Officers. Adjourned discussion on cases of Myxedema. Mr. W. H. Kesteven: A Case of Unilateral Xanthopsia. Cases of Renal Calculus removed by Operation, by—1. Mr. Beck; 2. Mr. Butlin; 3. Dr. Whigham and Mr. Haward. Dr. S. Mackenzie will exhibit a case of Lupus-Psoriasis.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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 APPEAL.

THE following gentlemen appeal to the medical profession and general public on behalf of the widow and family of the late Dr. J. H. M. Gallwey. He was born in India, but received his education in this country, and graduated as M.B. and C.M. at the University of Glasgow, where he began and completed his full medical curriculum. During his University course, he was appointed and held the responsible post of house-surgeon to Professor Macleod in the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow. Having received his diploma, he held two subordinate positions before he was appointed medical officer at Ponteland, Northumberland; and, on the outbreak of the Turkish War, he was sent out under the Stafford House Committee, and remained in active service until hostilities were ended. Ultimately he came home, settled in the Shieldfield, Newcastle, where he will long be remembered as a kind friend among the poor. Just as he was beginning to be known, he was suddenly seized with an illness, from which he died on Saturday, November 27th, 1881, leaving his widow (who is near her confinement) and four young children totally unprovided for. Subscriptions in aid of this necessitous case will be thankfully received by the chairman, or any of the members of the subjoined committee. Several ladies have kindly formed themselves into a committee to further the objects of this appeal.

Committee: Chairman, G. H. Philipson, M.D., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Rev. T. Talbot, vicar, Shieldfield, Newcastle; Rev. Mr. Macphie, curate, Shieldfield, Newcastle; Professor W. Gairdner, M.D., Glasgow; Professor G. H. B. Macleod, M.D., Glasgow; T. W. Barron, M.D., Durham; W. G. Black, M.R.C.S., South Shields; S. W. Broadbent, M.R.C.S., Dalton-le-dale; David Drummond, M.D., Newcastle; C. J. Gibb, M.D., Newcastle; C. Jeaffreson, F.R.C.S.Ed., Newcastle; R. T. Lightfoot, L.R.C.P., Newcastle; Samuel MacBean, L.R.C.P., Newcastle; William Mearns, M.B., Gateshead; G. B. Morgan, L.R.C.S.I., Sunderland; William Murray, M.D., Newcastle; Thomas Oliver, M.D., Newcastle; R. N. Robson, M.R.C.S., Durham; Thomas Scotland, M.B., Newcastle; Robert Torrance, L.R.C.P., Newcastle; G. E. Williamson, F.R.C.S., Newcastle; Adam Wilson, F.R.C.S., Newcastle. Treasurer, W. C. Arnison, M.D., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Secretary, Robert Allan Campbell, M.B., Newcastle.

The amount already collected amounts to £248 18s.

TREATMENT OF POST PARTUM HÆMORRHAGE.

SIR,—Your correspondent Mr. Charles Solomon asks for further information with reference to the compression of the abdominal aorta in *post partum* flooding. There is little difficulty in carrying out this proceeding if the right hand be passed between the flexed thighs, and the two first fingers are pressed inwards on a level with the umbilicus and a little to the left side, the pulsating aorta is readily reached, except in very fat persons, and the flow of blood through it may be entirely or partially arrested, according to the degree and force of the pressure against the vertebra. In a severe case, I should check the flow entirely for a short time, hoping to bring about one or both of two desiderata, viz., either contraction of the uterus, or, failing this, of coagulation in the mouths of bleeding vessels. Other measures would, of course, be employed at the same time, such as the exhibition of ergot, and if spasm seemed a prominent feature of the case opium. It would be impossible to give any formula of time as to how long the pressure should be employed; the object is to stop the hæmorrhage, and if the compression is complete this occurs at once, and allows time for other and slower measures to operate. It is not a patent method of stopping flooding, because sometimes the vessel slips from under the fingers, in others the patient shifts her position, or is intolerant of pressure, and then the fingers soon weary under the firm pressure necessary to check the entire flow of blood; but it is a method of treatment which I have found of singular advantage in some cases that have come under my notice, when the hæmorrhage was occurring rapidly, and where the customary grasping of the uterus failed to arrest it.—I am, etc.,
Birmingham, December 31st, 1881.

JOHN BASSETT.

ATTENDANCE ON PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS.

SIR,—In the burgh where I practise, there is a hospital under the management of the local authority. By far the greater number of patients admitted are injured seamen and others. These patients, or their friends, require to give a guarantee before being admitted that they will pay 2s. 6d. *per diem* for board, and 2s. for each visit of the medical officer of health for the burgh. Now I am not the medical officer of health for the burgh, but believe I have the best share of practice; and I am anxious to know whether I should not be allowed to attend patients sent thither by myself, seeing they are compelled to pay for medical attendance, and certainly do not come under the class of local authority patients.—I am, etc.,
M. B. A.

* * * Our correspondent has not, we think, any claim to attend patients sent to the hospital in question, unless by special arrangement with the local authority.