

THE *Chemical News*, in speaking of the cleanliness of the process pursued by Messrs. Stevens in their bread making, winds up with the following excellent bit of advice, which we recommend to the consideration of all honourable purveyors of sound articles of food and physic:—

"In conclusion, let us advise the company most strongly to have nothing to do with testimonials from the numerous adulteration-mongers, from whom, we have no doubt, they have long since received applications to analyse their bread. If their bread is good—and the samples we have tasted were excellent—the public will soon find it out, and bestow on them the best of testimonials, a large trade; while fulsome letters from half-a-dozen 'chemical and microscopical analysts,' with half the alphabet added to their names, can only bring suspicion on their wares, and make sensible people chary of dealing with them. If 'good wine needs no bush,' what shall we say of that still greater rarity, good bread? The company has commenced in a spirited and dignified manner, without puff or flaming advertisements. Let them go on so, and we venture to prophesy that their household loaves will soon become 'household words.'"

Association Intelligence.

NOTICE REGARDING NEW MEMBERS.

By desire of the Committee of Council, the General Secretary requests that the Local Secretaries will be good enough to forward to him the names of all New Members who join the Association through the Branches; as otherwise the JOURNAL cannot be sent to them.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

Worcester, November 10th, 1862.

BRANCH MEETING TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
SHROPSHIRE-SCIENTIFIC. [Annual.]	George Hotel, Shrewsbury.	Friday, Feb. 13th, 2.30.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

A GENERAL meeting of this Branch was held on Tuesday, January 27th, at 1.22 P.M., at the Dudley Arms Hotel, Rhyl, under the presidency of Dr. G. TURNER JONES of Denbigh. There were also ten other members present. Several letters were received from members, regretting their inability to attend.

Annual Meeting. It was unanimously resolved that the annual meeting of the members of this Branch be held on Tuesday, the 7th of July next, at 1 P.M., at the Royal Hotel, Rhyl.

Papers. The following papers and cases were communicated, and elicited a long and interesting discussion.

1. Diphtheria, followed by Ascites and Recovery. By T. E. Jones, Esq., Llanasa.

2. Case of Retention of Urine. By L. Lodge, L.R.C.P.Ed., St. Asaph.

3. Case of Occlusion of Vagina and Anus. By J. C. Davies, M.D., Holywell.

4. Case of Hermaphrodite. By J. Williams, Esq., Holywell.

The members afterwards dined together, and passed a pleasant and agreeable meeting.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

Gratuitous Medical Services. At a meeting of the Council of this Branch, held on February 3rd, the following proposals for the restriction of the system of gratuitous medical services were approved, and ordered to be published in the JOURNAL.

1. To give publicity to all hospitals and dispensaries that recognise the principle of payment for medical services. (This has done good service in the case of the insurance companies.)

2. To append to every medical vacancy announced in the JOURNAL the amount of salary or honorarium, if any, that is attached to the post, just as the value is given with every clerical vacancy.

3. To bring from time to time the expediency as well as the justice of paying for medical, no less than for legal and clerical services, under the consideration of the governors and committees of all institutions.

New Members. The following gentlemen, residing in the Metropolitan Counties district, have been duly elected members of the Association, according to Law XIV, at meetings of the Council of this Branch held on January 13th and February 3rd.

Atkins, Jas. R., M.D., Grove House Asylum, Stoke Newington Green
 Barker, Alire J., M.D., Upper Holloway
 Blackstone, Joseph, Esq., Gloucester Road, Regent's Park
 Bridgeman, George W., Esq., 73, Margaret Street
 Bryant, Thomas, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital, Finsbury Square
 Burrows, William A., Esq., Quadrant Villa, Islington
 Cabill, Thomas, M.D., Albert Terrace, Knightsbridge
 Challice, John, M.D., Great Cumberland Street
 Clark, Alfred, Esq., Twickenham
 Clark, Andrew, M.D., Assistant-Physician to the London Hospital, Montague Street, Russell Square
 Clark, F. Le Gros, Esq., Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, St. Thomas's Street
 Dixon, Thomas, M.D., Porchester Place, Bayswater
 Dow, John, Esq., St. Martin-le-Grand
 Edwards, D. O., Esq., Gilston Road, Brompton
 Eyles, Richard S., Esq., St. Andrew's Court, Holborn
 Forbes, John Gregory, Esq., Devonport Street, Hyde Park
 Forsyth, John, Esq., C.B., late Bengal Medical Service, Oriental Club
 Galton, Robert Cameron, M.D., Harley Street
 Gibson, John R., Esq., Surgeon to Newgate Prison, Russell Square
 Grant, Alexander, Esq., late Bengal Medical Service, Park Road, Haverstock Hill
 Hawkins, Francis, M.D., Registrar to the Medical Council, Bolton Street
 Hayward, Henry H., Esq., Queen Anne Street
 Headland, Edward, Esq., Upper Portland Place
 Holt, Barnard, Esq., Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, Savile Row
 Hunt, Alfred, Esq., Hammersmith
 Kisch, Joseph, Esq., Circus Place, Finsbury
 Kitching, George, M.D., Enfield
 Langmore, John C., M.B., Oxford Terrace
 Latham, Peter M., M.D., Grosvenor Street
 Leard, Arthur, M.D., Physician to the Great Northern Hospital, Old Burlington Street
 Lee, Newton B. C., Esq., Talbot Terrace, Westbourne Park
 Mackmurdo, Gilbert, Esq., F.R.S., Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, New Broad Street
 Mapleton, Henry, M.D., Inspector General, Army Medical Department, Whitehall Yard
 Musbet, William B., M.B., Fulham
 Norton, Robert, M.D., Westbourne Grove West
 Pearce, George, L.R.C.P.Ed., Regent Street, Westminster
 Phillips, Richard, Esq., Leinster Square
 Randall, John, M.D., Medical Officer to St. Marylebone Infirmary, Portman Street
 Rendle, James Davy, M.D., Medical Officer to the Government Convict Prison, Brixton Hill
 Rose, Henry Cooper, M.D., Hampstead
 Russell, William A., L.R.C.P.Ed., St. Alban's
 Sankey, William H. O., M.D., Asylum, Hanwell
 Skey, Frederick C., Esq., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Grosvenor Street
 Slyman, William D., Esq., Wellington Road, Kentish Town
 Smith, Thomas, Esq., Demonstrator of Anatomy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Montague Street
 Smith, William A., M.D., Physician to the City Dispensary, Doughty Street
 Spitta, Robert J., M.D., Medical Officer to the Clapham Dispensary, Clapham Common
 Stone, Thomas A., Esq., Grosvenor Street
 Witten, Edward W., Esq., Gibson Square

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APOTHECARIES' HALL. On January 22nd, the following Licentiate was admitted:—

Nesham, Thomas Cargill, Newcastle

Admitted on January 29th:—

Brittain, Thomas Lewis, Chester
Ellis, Heber Dowling, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Gray, Frederick John, March, Isle of Ely
Handley, Joseph, King Street, Oldham
Johnson, James Mercer, Everton, Liverpool
Lyman, John, Weston Favell, Northamptonshire
Mann, John Dixon, West View, Kendal
Matthews, James, Cowes, Isle of Wight
Miller, John Nicholas, The Square, Hampstead
Patrick, Samuel Alexander, Tipping Street, Manchester

APPOINTMENTS.

Fox, Wilson, M.D., appointed Assistant Physician to University College Hospital.

*HARLEY, George, M.D., appointed Assistant Physician to University College Hospital.

MATTHEWS, Charles S., Esq., elected Surgeon to the Farringdon General Dispensary.

MURRAY, J. Jardine, Esq., appointed Surgeon to the Brighton and Sussex Infirmary for Diseases of the Eye.

WILLIAMS, William R., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Resident Apothecary to Bethlehem Hospital.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE.

GRAHAM, Fitzgibbon L., L.K.Q.C.P.I., to be Medical Officer to the Celbridge District of the Celbridge Union, co. Kildare.

HORTON, Henry, Esq., to be Medical Officer for the West District of the parish of Wednesbury.

RUSSELL, William S., Esq., to be Medical Officer for the Eckington District of the Chesterfield Union.

SHANNON, Thomas E., M.D., to be Medical Officer for the Ropsley District of the Grantham Union.

ARMY.

LAMB, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon H., to be Assistant-Surgeon 50th Foot, *vice* O. Owen.

To be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon:—

OWEN, Assistant-Surgeon O., 50th Foot.

ROYAL NAVY.

<p>CALDWELL, John, Esq. COGHIAN, Thomas, M.D. CONICE, William H., Esq. EVANS, Richard, Esq. CRAWFORD, William, Esq., Surgeon (supernumerary), to the <i>Clyde</i> convict-ship. FERGUSON, Robert, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital. FLETCHER, William B., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the <i>Narcissus</i>. LITTLE, Archibald J., Esq., Staff-Surgeon, to the <i>Colossus</i>. POWELL, W. L., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the <i>Racoon</i>. STARLES, William, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the <i>Narcissus</i>. YOUNG, James, M.D., Surgeon, to the <i>Racoon</i>.</p>	<p>} Assistant-Surgeons to be Surgeons.</p>
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INDIAN ARMY.

JOHNSON, Assistant-Surgeon C., Bengal Army, to be Surgeon.
PEARSON, Assistant-Surgeon F., Bengal Army, to be Surgeon.

VOLUNTEERS. (A.V.—Artillery Volunteers; R.V.—Rifle Volunteers):—

GOULD, W., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 2nd Manchester R.V.

To be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon:—

MARSHALL, W., M.D., 1st Dumfriesshire R.V.

BIRTH.

HEWITT. On February 1st, at Winkfield, near Windsor, the wife of *T. S. Hewitt, M.D., prematurely of a son, who survived but a few hours.

DEATHS.

BEALE, Miles, Esq., Surgeon, at 31, Finsbury Square, on Feb. 2.
BUCKNILL, Samuel, Esq., Surgeon, at Rugby, aged 78, on Feb. 1.
CUMMING. On January 30th, at Limehouse, aged 26, Duncan, youngest son of W. S. Cumming, Esq., Surgeon.
FARNSHAW, John, Esq., Surgeon, at Oldham, on January 17.
HALLAM, William, M.D., at Newcastle, Staffordshire, aged 49, on January 30.
HARRIOTT, Wm., Esq., Surgeon, at Rainford, aged 38, on Jan. 30.

HOVELL. On January 30th, at Clapton, aged 3, Henry S. R., third son of D. De Berdt Hovell, Esq., Surgeon.
HUDSON. On January 29, at Shepton Mallet, Jane, wife of Thomas St. J. Hudson, Esq., Surgeon.
JOHNSTONE. On December 24th, 1862, at Rajcote, Elizabeth, wife of Assistant-Surgeon T. P. Johnstone, 16th Native Infantry.
SHERWOOD. On January 20th, at Melcombe Place, Dorset Square, aged 5 years, Digby, youngest son of W. H. Sherwood, M.D., of Bathurst, Gambia.

THE CONSOLIDATED FUND. The Lunacy Commissioners', etc., expenses were £11,929 in 1861-2, as compared with £12,278 in 1860-1.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. The Hunterian oration will be delivered on Saturday next, in the theatre of the College, at three o'clock, by Professor Gulliver, F.R.S., and on Tuesday Professor Huxley, F.R.S., will commence his course of lectures.

THE QUEEN'S PHYSICIAN. On the occasion of the christening of the infant son of Dr. W. Jenner on Friday week, her Most Gracious Majesty was pleased to stand sponsor, being represented on the occasion by Lady Augusta Bruce, who, in obedience to the wishes of the Queen, gave the boy the name of Alfred Victor, accompanied with the present of a magnificent tankard, bearing a suitable inscription, and as a Royal recognition of the great professional attention paid by Dr. Jenner to his Royal Highness the Prince Consort.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN IN LONDON AND ITS VICINITY. A half-yearly general meeting of the members of this society was held on January 28th, T. A. Stone, Esq., President, in the chair. It appeared that during the past year £1,933 had been distributed in half yearly grants amongst forty-three widows and twenty-six orphans of former members; £10: 10: in immediate relief to a family; £45 towards the self-maintenance of two older orphans; £15 for extra relief to a widow; and £20 as a special grant to an adult son in great distress and illness abroad. We are happy to state that a much larger number than usual of new members has been elected by the Society, and we hope that this increased ratio will continue, so lamentable, and often unexpectedly, is the condition of the families of deceased medical men. The following officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected: *President*—T. A. Stone, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*—M. Ware, Esq.; E. A. Brande, Esq.; P. M. Latham, M.D.; J. Bacot, Esq.; T. Turner, M.D.; D. H. Walne, Esq.; A. J. Sutherland, M.D., F.R.S.; E. Tegart, Esq.; G. Burrows, M.D., F.R.S.; John Miles, Esq.; Sir John W. Fisher; Cesar H. Hawkins, Esq., F.R.S. *Treasurers*—J. T. Ware, Esq.; G. H. Roe, M.D., (Atg.); R. S. Eyles, Esq. *Directors*—B. G. Babington, M.D.; J. Wetherfield, Esq.; J. J. Sawyer, Esq.; T. Brown, Esq.; C. J. B. Aldis, M.D.; W. Dickinson, Esq.; J. C. Salisbury, Esq.; H. Blenkarne, Esq.; T. K. Chambers, M.D.; J. Clarke, M.D.; D. Scannell, Esq.; P. E. Hewett, Esq.; W. J. Little, M.D.; J. G. Forbes, Esq.; W. Munk, M.D.; B. W. Holt, Esq.; C. Miles, Esq.; W. Cathrow, Esq.; H. Sterry, Esq.; A. Fisher, Esq.; H. Jeafferson, M.D.; J. Paget, Esq., F.R.S.; H. S. Illingworth, Esq.; F. Hawkins, M.D. The seventy-fifth anniversary dinner of the Society, is appointed to take place on May 20th, at the Albion Tavern.

ABUSE OF TOBACCO. There is another habit respecting which I shall venture to say a few words, because it is both a bad one and a comparatively new one—I mean the immoderate use of tobacco—a habit brought amongst us from the continent of Europe, on the cessation of the French revolutionary war. Young military men are apt to regard the habit as a manly one, until severe dyspepsia, giddiness, shattered nerves, sallow complexion, disturbed action of the heart, and other symptoms show themselves, and then it is frequently too late to stop. "The sallow complexions, black, broken, and unsound teeth"

of the Germans are matters of notoriety to all travellers. "You may," says one of them, "smell a German in any part of the room, or scent him at a quarter of a mile's distance in the open air, if the wind be favourable. Much is talked of the good effects of tobacco-smoking in damp and malarious localities, by persons who, in defiance of geographical differences, carry the habit wherever they go—from the marshes of Burmah to the arid plains of Hindustan, forgetting that, meanwhile, in the language of Cassio, "they put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains;" but I think there is good reason to question the benefits of this habit of smoking even in the fatherland of fog and damp, or that tobacco ever acts as a preventive to any disease, and least of all to fever. The truth is, that many persons puff themselves into the good graces of snops and spoonies like themselves, and use cigars by the score now, as Lord Chesterfield drank and smoked in his time, notwithstanding his aversion to wine and tobacco—"because he thought such practices very genteel, and made him look like a man." How his lordship may have looked under the united influence of wine and tobacco, his biographers have failed to relate; but we all know how our modern "spoonies" and "snobs" in our thoroughfares look after a course of cigar-smoking alone. (*Sir R. Martin.*)

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.
TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Thomas Bryant, Lettsomian Lecture "On the Differences between the Physiological and Pathological Processes in Children and Adults, and on some Congenital Deformities, as Hæmelip and Malformations of the Rectum."—Royal Geographical.
TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society. 8 P.M. Ballot; 8.30 P.M. Continuation of Dr. Marston's paper on "Constitutional Syphilis"; Mr. T. Longmore, "On Two Cases of Kelis."—Zoological.
WEDNESDAY. Society of Arts.—Microscopical.—North London.
THURSDAY. Royal.—Antiquarian.
FRIDAY. Astronomical.—Royal Institution.
SATURDAY. Royal Botanical.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—JANUARY 31, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.		Deaths.	
During week.....	{ Boys ..1123	2111	1354	
	{ Girls.. 968			
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62		2008	1466	

Barometer:
Highest (Wed.) 30.296; lowest (Sat.) 29.353; mean, 29.857.
Thermometer:
Highest in sun—extremes (Th.) 85.6 degs.; (Sat.) 52 degs.
In shade—highest (Th.) 55.2 degs.; lowest (Wed.) 32.2 degs.
Mean—44.5 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—6.6 degs.
Range—during week, 23 degrees; mean daily, 11.9 degrees.
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 83.
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.60.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

* * * All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 57, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

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

DR. HARRISON'S BOOK ON CHILDREN.—SIR: I beg respectfully to state, that the comments made on my little work on the *Diseases of Children*, in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 13th, 1862, appear to me unfair in imputing to me a wish to "cast reflections on the medical body in general." I must distinctly deny the most remote intention of so doing. On the contrary, I have always entertained a high opinion of the medical profession as a body, both for its enlightened humanity and varied learning. At the same time, I cannot but think that remarks which are not of a personal nature, may be fairly directed against errors which occasionally arise. Indeed, you properly say yourself in the next issue of your JOURNAL, page 660: "We need not tell our correspondent that from one end of the country to the other amateur and professional quacks daily prescribe and daily administer medicines."

I am, etc., J. BOWER HARRISON.

Higher Droughton, Manchester, January 1863,

[We willingly insert Dr. Harrison's note. We are satisfied, however, that the construction we put upon Dr. Harrison's words, as they stand in his book, was the legitimate one. We are very glad to hear from him that no such idea was present in his mind in writing them. EDITOR.]

FOREIGN PRACTICE BY ENGLISHMEN.—SIR: Can you inform me what examination an English registered M.R.C.S. is required to pass, before he is allowed to practise in a French town?

I am, etc., H. W.

[We believe that there is something more than examination required. It is requisite for a foreigner to obtain permission from *l'autorité* to settle in France as a medical man; and we have always understood that such permission is not easily obtained. EDITOR.]

DECAPITATION BY HANGING.—Dr. Gibb has kindly sent us a Canadian newspaper, containing an account of the decapitation already referred to in this JOURNAL. We must still, notwithstanding the printed details, hold the fact as hard of belief. If the body was emaciated, its weight would have been slight. No medical man gives any information on the subject. It seems incredible that any rope of the ordinary strength used in hanging criminals, should not give way, rather than the neck. We read in the journal referred to:—

"The fall being so great, and the man's body being in a diseased condition, the vertebra and muscles connecting the head with the shoulders gave way, and, terrible to relate, the head rolled off, while the body fell with a heavy plunge into the interior of the scaffold! The life-blood of the criminal poured out in livid streams from the headless trunk, while the torn muscles and gaping arteries presented a sickening spectacle."

W. C.—Our correspondent is, no doubt, aware that it is often much easier to ask than to answer a question. The names attached to the programme prove the authenticity of the society; but, with regard to the announced proposal of a new society, we are disposed to think that, as so many societies now exist in this metropolis, to invent a new one, except upon very distinct and urgent grounds, is very undesirable. An Anthropological Society certainly seems to us to be, from its title, much of a kin with the Ethnological Society; and, if it really be so, then we can only say that, in our opinion, it falls under the category of an undesirable novelty. To the institution as a publishing society, however, there may be less objection.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. WILLIAM RUDD; Mr. H. HALL; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. J. HUGHES BENNETT; Mr. P. HEWITT; Mr. THOMPSON; Dr. HANDFIELD JONES; Mr. ROGERS; Dr. OGLE; Dr. SKINNER; Mr. LIONEL REALE; Mr. A. B. STEELE; Mr. J. KENT SPENDER; Mr. HENRY WADE; Dr. HEWITT; Dr. TENISON; Mr. S. BEECROFT; Mr. KENT JONES; Mr. W. COOKE; Mr. J. B. CURGENVEN; H. W.; Dr. JAMES RUSSELL; Dr. STYRAP; Mr. S. WOOD; Mr. T. M. STONE; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Mr. DUNS; Mr. P. LESLIE; and Mr. J. J. GODFREY.