

# ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

### NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held in the Council Room of Exeter Hall on Wednesday, the 12th day of July next, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

161A, Strand, London, June 15th, 1882.

## BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Worcester, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1882.

*President:* BENJAMIN BARROW, F.R.C.S., Consulting-Surgeon to the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary.

*President-elect:* WILLIAM STRANGE, M.D., Senior Physician to the General Infirmary, Worcester.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by W. F. WADE, F.R.C.P., Physician to the Birmingham General Hospital.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by WILLIAM STOKES, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., Professor of Surgery in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

The business of the Association will be transacted in Eight Sections, viz.:

**SECTION A. MEDICINE.** (Council Room, Guildhall.)—*President:* Thos. Clifford Allbutt, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* George W. Balfour, M.D.; William Henry Broadbent, M.D.; G. H. Philipson, M.D.; *Secretaries:* Edwin Rickards, M.B., 14, Newhall Street, Birmingham; H. Ashby, M.D., 13, St. John Street, Manchester.

**SECTION B. SURGERY.** (Recorder's Court, Guildhall.)—*President:* Augustin Prichard, F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* T. W. Walsh, F.R.C.S.; Reginald Harrison, F.R.C.S.; T. H. Bartleet, M.B., F.R.C.S. *Secretaries:* F. E. Manby, F.R.C.S., 10, King Street, Wolverhampton; Richard Clement Lucas, M.B., F.R.C.S., 18, Finsbury Square, E.C.

**SECTION C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.** (Committee Room Assembly Room, Guildhall.)—*President:* William Leishman, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* Henry Vevers, M.R.C.S.; J. G. Sinclair Coghill, M.D.; Arthur W. Edis, M.D. *Secretaries:* C. J. Cullingworth, M.D., 25, St. John Street, Manchester; Tom Bates, L.R.C.P., Worcester.

**SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.** (Civil Court, Shire Hall.)—*President:* Alfred Carpenter, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* Alfred Hill, M.D.; Horace Swete, M.D.; E. T. Wilson, M.B. *Secretaries:* Geo. Haynes Fosbrooke, jun., M.R.C.S., Bidford, Redditch; Francis Edward Atkinson, L.R.C.P., Settle, Yorkshire.

**SECTION E. ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.** (North Wing Committee Room, Guildhall.)—*President:* George M. Humphry, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* S. S. Roden, M.D.; Frank Payne, M.D.; Gerald Yeo, M.D. *Secretaries:* J. B. Haycraft, M.D., Mason's College, Birmingham; James Shuter, M.B., F.R.C.S., 58, New Broad Street, London.

**SECTION F. PATHOLOGY.** (South Wing Committee Room, Guildhall.)—*President:* J. Hughlings Jackson, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* W. R. Gowers, M.D.; H. T. Butlin, F.R.C.S.; Wm. Smith Greenfield, M.D. *Secretaries:* Sidney Coupland, M.D., 14, Weymouth Street, London; F. Treves, F.R.C.S., 18, Gordon Square, London.

**SECTION G. OPHTHALMOLOGY.** (City Grand Jury Room, Shire Hall.)—*President:* James Vose Solomon, F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* David Everett, F.R.C.S.; F. Mason, M.R.C.S.; Edwyn Andrew, M.D. *Secretaries:* Geo. Edwin Hyde, L.R.C.P., Worcester; J. A. Nunneley, M.B., 22, Park Place, Leeds.

**SECTION H. OTOTOLOGY.** (County Grand Jury Room, Shire Hall.)—*President:* W. Laidlaw Purves, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* Geo. P. Field, M.R.C.S.; A. H. Jacob, M.D.; E. Cresswell Baber, M.B. *Secretaries:* J. J. Kirk Duncanson, M.D., 22, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh; Peter McBride, M.D., 20, Alva Street, Edinburgh.

*Honorary Local Secretaries:* George W. Crowe, M.D., Shaw Street, Worcester; H. C. Moore, M.R.C.S., 7, King Street, Hereford; Thelwell Pike, M.D., 2, Montpellier, Great Malvern.

*Honorary Treasurer:* G. A. Sheppard, M.R.C.S., Worcester.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH.

- 2.15 P.M.—Meeting of Committee of Council. (Committee Room off Assembly Room, Guildhall.)
- 3 P.M.—Meeting of the Council of 1881-82. (Council Room, Guildhall.)
- 4.15 P.M.—Service in the Cathedral, with sermon by the Dean of Worcester.
- 8 P.M.—General Meeting. President's Address; Annual Report of Council, and other business. (Assembly Room, Guildhall.)

Tea and Coffee after the Meeting.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH. (Jubilee day).

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council of 1882-83. (Council Room, Guildhall.)
- 11 A.M.—Second General Meeting. Address in Medicine.
- 1.30 P.M.—Luncheon given by the Worcester and Hereford Branch to Members of the Association (limited to 500), and afterwards presentation of bust of Sir Charles Hastings to the Mayor and Corporation of Worcester. (Great Hall, Shire Hall.)
- 3 to 5.30 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 7.45 P.M.—Special Service in the Cathedral, at which, by permission of the Dean, Haydn's Sacred Oratorio, "The Creation", will be performed by the Philharmonic Society, assisted by members of the Gloucester and Hereford Choirs, and conducted by W. Done, Esq., Organist to the Cathedral.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH.

- 9 A.M.—Meeting of the Committee of Council. (Committee Room off Assembly Room, Guildhall.)
- 10 A.M.—Third General Meeting. Reports of Committees. (Assembly Room, Guildhall.)
- 11 A.M.—Address in Surgery. (Assembly Room, Guildhall.)
- 2 to 5.30 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner. Tickets will not be issued later than twelve o'clock on the day of the dinner. (There will be two kinds of dinner ticket: one for those who take wine, and the other for abstainers, 21s. and 14s. each.) (Assembly Room, Guildhall.)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH.

- 9.30 to 11.30 A.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 11.30 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting. Reports of Committees. (Assembly Room, Guildhall.)
- 3 P.M.—Garden Party, at Madresfield Court, Great Malvern, given by the Lord-Lieutenant and the Countess Beauchamp.
- 9 P.M.—Soirée of the President and G. W. Hastings, Esq., M.P.

### EXCURSIONS.

On Saturday, August 12th, there will be—1. An excursion to Malvern Hills, including the ancient British Camp, the chief interesting features of which will be explained to the visitors on the spot. 2. An excursion to Stratford-on-Avon to visit Shakespeare's house, the church and tomb, Shakesperian Museum, etc. The party will then proceed to Warwick and Kenilworth Castles, returning by way of Leamington. 3. An excursion to the Wye, by which the beautiful scenery on the banks of that river may be viewed either from the railway or by boats from Ross to Monmouth. Particulars of this excursion will be published in an early number. 4. There are steamers and pleasure-boats on the river Severn at Worcester, which will afford very enjoyable short trips up or down the river.

### ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The sixteenth annual exhibition of objects of interest in connection with medicine, surgery, and their allied sciences will take place in the Music Hall, Worcester, during the second week of August, 1882. The floor-space of this building amounts to 4,000 square feet. The Committee appointed to take charge of the arrangements for this Museum will be glad to receive—1. Pathological specimens (wet or dry); 2. Drawings or diagrams illustrating disease; 3. Casts or models; 4. Surgical instruments and appliances; 5. Microscopic preparations; 6. Microscopes, thermometers, and other instruments of investigation; 7. Preparations, diagrams, etc., relating to investigations in anatomy and physiology; 8. New drugs, chemicals, pharmaceutical preparations, and dietetics; 9. Sanitary appliances, including drawings or models illustrating the ventilation of hospitals or private dwellings; 10. New medical books. It is intended that the surgical instruments, sanitary appliances, etc., shall be *bonâ fide* novelties, or improvements on those in common use. The pathological specimens will be arranged in departments.

*Exhibition of Instruments and Apparatus.*—It is intended to arrange for the exhibition of complete series of instruments, electro-therapeutic apparatus, instruments for physical diagnosis, and appliances relating to sanitary science and public health. Facilities will also be afforded, when requested, for the display of instruments in action, or for special explanation by the exhibitors of apparatus, etc.

*The Catalogue.*—It is intended to print a catalogue, which will be as complete as circumstances may permit. The Committee earnestly request those who intend to exhibit to bear in mind that it is impossible that descriptions, etc., can be included in the catalogue unless sent in early. They should be received at least a month before the meeting, that is, not later than July 8th.

Communications, objects intended for exhibition, etc., to be addressed to the Secretary of the Museum Committee, Mr. J. RANDLE BUCK, 26, Sidbury, Worcester. During the week preceding the meeting all

articles should be sent direct to the Music Hall, Worcester, and addressed to the care of the Curator of the Museum of the British Medical Association.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

London, April 13th, 1882.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**SOUTHERN BRANCH.**—The ninth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday, June 22nd, 1882. (The President-elect has kindly undertaken to provide refreshments at the hall.) The general meeting will commence at 12 o'clock. Members desirous of reading papers or other communications at this meeting are requested to forward the titles to the Honorary Secretary before the 15th of June. No communication must exceed seven minutes in length, and no subsequent speech must exceed five minutes. The address will be delivered by the President-elect at 2 p.m. Excursions will be made to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, and Netley Abbey. Carriages will be provided (free of charge), leaving the Masonic Hall in time to cross the Itchen by the 3 p.m. floating bridge. By permission of Colonel Cooke, R.E., C.B., the Ordnance Survey Office will be open for the inspection of the members. The dinner will take place at the Masonic Hall, at 6 p.m. precisely, to allow time for those members who are desirous of leaving Southampton by the evening trains. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, including light wine. The committee request that those gentlemen who intend to be present at the dinner will send in their names to Dr. Trend, on or before Tuesday, the 20th instant.—J. WARD COUSINS, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Wisbech, on Friday, June 23rd, at 2.15 p.m.; W. Groom, Esq., President. The Great Eastern Railway Company have signified their willingness to facilitate the travelling of members by running a special train from Cambridge to Ely at 12.20 p.m., to catch the 12.58 p.m. train from there to Wisbech due at 1.42; and a special train from Wisbech to March at about 11 p.m. to join the up mail, for a payment of 4s. in addition to the ordinary fares. If twenty members will make themselves responsible for 5s. each, the above arrangements may be easily accomplished.—BUSHELL ANNINGSO, Honorary Secretary, Walthamsal, Barton Road, Cambridge.—May 31st, 1882.

**GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on Friday, June 30th, at 3 p.m. The President-elect, Professor George Buchanan, after taking the chair, will give a clinical demonstration on the Operation for the Radical Cure of Hernia; will show cases in which the operation has proved successful; and will perform the operation. Thereafter the President will conduct the members to the University, where they will inspect the Bute Hall, the Randolph Hall, and other new buildings which are approaching completion. The members will afterwards be conveyed into the city, and the annual dinner will take place at 5.30. N.B.—Members of the Association who have not joined the Branch are invited to do so by communicating with the secretary before the meeting.—JOSEPH COATS, Honorary Secretary.

**SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Board Room of the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 2 p.m., under the Presidency of Mr. Joseph Harper. Opportunity will be given after the meeting, if time permits, to visit places of interest in and near Barnstaple. The annual dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel at 6 p.m.; dinner tickets, exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d. each. Members intending to dine, or to read papers, or make communications, are requested to give notice to S. REES PHILLIPS, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Wonford House, Exeter. P.S.—The President invites the members to take luncheon at his house in Bear Street between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.**—President, EDWIN SAUNDERS, F.R.C.S.; President-elect, THOMAS BRIDGWATER, M.B. The thirtieth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Wednesday, July 19th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.; tickets 12s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.—ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D., W. CHAPMAN GRIGG, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

**BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29th, at the Mineral Water Hospital, Bath, at 4.30 p.m.; when the President-elect, Dr. J. K. Spender will deliver his address, and the general business of the Branch will be transacted.—R. S. FOWLER, E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, Honorary Secretaries.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Medical Library, Peirpoint Street, Worcester, on Tuesday, June 27th at 3 o'clock. Business: To elect Officers and Council for the ensuing year. To elect Representatives of the Branch in the General Council. The following new rules will be proposed: 1. That any gentleman wishing to become a member of this Branch shall pledge himself that he is not practising, and will not in future practise, homoeopathy or any kind of irregular practice. 2. The name of any member may be removed from the roll of this Branch by a resolution carried by a two-thirds majority at a meeting of the Branch specially convened for this purpose, of which meeting fourteen days' notice shall be given. 3. That any member of this Branch whose subscription shall have remained in arrear for two years shall receive a written notice of the same from the Honorary Secretary, and should he not pay the same by the next quarterly meeting of the Branch, he shall cease to be a member of the Branch. Members wishing to read papers, or to exhibit specimens, etc., are requested to communicate with Dr. Crowe. The annual dinner will be held at the Star Hotel, at 5 o'clock. Dinner ticket, exclusive of wine, 5s. 6d. Any member who desires to be present is requested to communicate with Dr. Crowe, not later than Saturday, the 24th instant.—GEORGE W. CROWE, Honorary Secretary, Shaw Street, Worcester.—June 12th, 1882.

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.**—The thirty-eighth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Kentish Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, June 22nd, at

two o'clock precisely. The President-elect, Mr. Blackall Marsack, kindly provides luncheon at his own house, Mount Sion, from 12.30 to 2 p.m. After the meeting, members will be afforded the opportunity of visiting the following places: 1. Eridge Castle and Grounds, by the kind permission of the Marquess of Abergavenny; 2. Broomhill (where there is a fine collection of pictures), by the kind permission of Sir David Salomons; 3. Sherwood, by the kind permission of Dr. Siemens. Carriages to convey the visitors will be provided by the local committee. Dinner will be served at the Kentish Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Tickets (not including wine) 7s. 6d. each.—CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 2, St. James's Street, Dover.—June 7th, 1882.

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.**—A meeting of the Executive Council of this Branch will be held at the Royal Kentish Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 1 o'clock.—CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., Honorary Secretary.—Dover, June 14th, 1882.

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.**—The annual general meeting of this Branch will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, at 4 p.m. An address will be delivered by the new President, Dr. E. Dewes. A ballot will be taken for members of the Branch. A resolution will be submitted that a committee be appointed in connection with the Association called "The Local Collective Investigation Committee". The annual dinner will take place at the Grand Hotel after the termination of the annual meeting, at 6 p.m.; dinner tickets, exclusive of wine, 5s. each. Members have the privilege of introducing one friend each to the dinner, whether a member of the medical profession or not.—E. MALINS, M.B., E. RICKARDS, M.B., Honorary Secretaries.

**EDINBURGH BRANCH.**—The annual general meeting of this Branch will be held at 5, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, June 27th, at 4 o'clock.—CHAS. E. UNDERHILL, Honorary Secretary.

**NORTHERN COUNTIES (SCOTLAND) BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Nairn on Wednesday, July 12th. Members desirous of reading papers or other communications are requested to forward the titles to the Honorary Secretary by the 30th of June.—J. W. NORRIS MACKAY, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Elgin.

**LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Chester, on Wednesday, June 28th, at 2 p.m. The Council meets at 1 p.m. The medical practitioners of Chester will entertain the members at lunch at the place of meeting. Dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel at 5 p.m.; tickets 7s. 6d. The gardens and part of the house at Eaton Hall will be open to visitors during the day.—A. DAVIDSON, Honorary Secretary, 2, Gambier Terrace, Liverpool.—June 12th, 1882.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### GLASGOW.

*Medical Classes—Antiseptic Surgery—Glasgow Science Lectures—Food Supply—Ambulance Work.*

THE medical classes of the summer session are in full working order at our different medical schools. At the University, all the practical classes are very largely attended, and the fresh entries of students are quite up to former years. The final examinations are to commence shortly, and I understand that no fewer than one hundred and six students purpose presenting themselves, which is the largest number that have ever come forward at one time. All this seems to show that our Universities are still highly valued for their medical degrees. The prospect of having a Scotch University Commission causes no anxiety in the medical department of our Glasgow University. In fact it would be rather welcomed, for it might benefit several of the chairs by pointing out how much they are in need of pecuniary grants. Without mentioning any special department, it is well known that the expenses incurred in working them are a heavy tax on the professorial incomes.

The question that has been so much of late agitating the professional world, as to the advisability or non-advisability of employing Listerism in abdominal surgery, is watched with much interest by surgeons in Glasgow, which must be regarded as the birth-place of antiseptic surgery. So far, I think, our surgeons have not seen their way to relinquish the use of the spray, and of recent years the successes in ovariotomies at our infirmaries have been very gratifying. On the morning of Wednesday, May 31st, Professor Geo. Macleod operated at the Western Infirmary for a large fibroid tumour of the uterus, which was increasing considerably and causing a good deal of disturbance of the health. The operation was a tedious one, lasting over an hour, but the growth was removed, together with the greater portion of the uterus, which was cut through a short distance above the os externum. The amount of blood lost was small. The pedicle was treated with the ligature, and antiseptic precautions were adopted all through the operation, including the use of the spray. The progress of the case was most satisfactory until the eighth day, when sudden pain came on followed by collapse, from which the patient never rallied. This was found to be due to the bladder, which was accidentally injured during the operation, having suddenly given way, setting up general peritonitis.

formed, and it is in respect of his care at operations, and subsequently in the treatment of the patient that he had such a wonderful run of success (not of luck, for it was all honestly worked for), that he remained unconverted to the tenets of Listerism at a time when that system became triumphant in Edinburgh. One cannot blame a man like Spence, so long wedded to his own methods, and withal so successful with them, for remaining, as he did, a believer in the simpler methods, although he never refused to operate with the spray and other precautions where it was considered desirable. Such a hold had Mr. Spence on the profession that, last year, he was presented by his admirers in it with his portrait, painted by Mr. James Irving, a replica of this being hung in the Royal College of Surgeons; and the President of the Royal College of Physicians (Dr. Rutherford Haldane), in presenting the testimonial, fittingly stated that "No man was more worthy of such an honour; from the very commencement of his medical career, he had set himself to the scientific study of his profession—working first at anatomy, at which he attained almost unsurpassed dexterity. Not only was it anatomy to which he devoted attention, but also to surgical pathology; and latterly, and more particularly, to practical surgery, until he had earned a position as surgeon second to that of no one in the kingdom. It was not, however, only for his professional qualities he was esteemed, but quite as much for the honourable feelings that had invariably characterised him, and for that kindness of heart which always marked him in putting his services at the disposal of his friends." These expressions of Dr. Haldane's will find an echo in many a heart, not only among his old pupils, but among all his former patients: for, although somewhat austere in manner, there never was a more thoroughly kind nature than that of James Spence—not the kindness that expresses itself gushingly, but the kindness that prompted him, on many an occasion, to visit at midnight his Infirmary wards, when one or other of his patients there was the subject of his anxiety. It is impossible, in this imperfect notice, to take the full view of the career of one who had such a busy and useful life; but those who desire to become more familiar with a man who, without wealth, name, or influence, rose by sheer hard honest work to the pinnacle of his profession, may know him professionally by his *Lectures on Surgery*, a new edition of which is now issuing. In that volume will be found recorded much valuable experience; and it is a fitting termination to the professional labours of him whose loss is now felt keenly by many a member of the profession who never knew him personally, and still more keenly by all who knew him, friend and opponent alike (there never could have been a man so firmly rooted in his own opinions who had not opponents); for, while he was loved by many, he was respected by all. He delivered the Address in Surgery at the meeting of the British Medical Association when it met in Edinburgh in 1875.

He had been overworked during the last winter session, and was particularly troubled towards the end of the session with his foot. In April, this became so painful that he had to take to bed, several small abscesses occurring, and being treated. Ultimately, the toes became seriously affected; and, on the Saturday but one previous to his death, three of them were amputated. This, however, did not arrest the disease; and he died early on Tuesday morning.

He was buried on Friday, June 9th, in the Grange Cemetery, Edinburgh. The funeral was a large one, and was attended by the Principal of the University, Sir Alexander Grant, many members of the Senatus Academicus, a large number of lecturers and members of the profession, and a considerable number of students, in addition to public and private friends.

A SINGULAR circumstance happened at Croydon last week. A man was charged at the Petty Sessions with riotous conduct, and in his reply to the charge, the prisoner startled the court by stating that when he was taken in custody, he was assisting in removing his landlord, who was suffering from small-pox, to the hospital. The magistrate was considerably puzzled how to dispose of the case. If he remanded him he would perhaps carry the infection into the prison; and if he were discharged he would probably carry it about him wherever he went. The prisoner was finally discharged, with strict injunctions to get away as quickly as he could, and the police were instructed to disinfect the cell in which he had been confined.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—The following gentlemen have been elected office-bearers for the ensuing year. *Honorary President-Elect*: M. Charteris, M.D.; *President*: Robert Beith; *Senior Vice-President*: R. Bruce Young, M.A.; *Junior Vice-President*: J. Innes Dunlop; *Corresponding Secretary*: C. O. Hawthorne, Esq.; *Minute Secretary*: H. Rutherford, M.A.; *Treasurer*: G. M. Hogg.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such on the 8th instant.

Messrs. Thomas Edwards, L.S.A., Llansaintffraid, Oswestry, diploma of membership dated May 8th, 1835; and Alexander Harkin, J.P., M.D. King's College Aberdeen, College Square North, Belfast, June 26th, 1840.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 8th, 1882.

Faulkner, Henry William, Kennington.  
Gettings, John Salter, Chase Lodge, near Walsall.  
Littlewood, John Oscroft, Guy's Hospital.  
Macphail, Archibald Lamont, Glasgow.  
Waddell, William, Belfast.

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

Vinrace, Edward Dennis, Queen's College, Birmingham.  
West, John Arthur, King's College, London.  
Dowsing, Herbert Leopold, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Middleton-Gavey, Edward Herbert, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Smith, James Edward, Charing Cross Hospital.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

BELFAST UNION.—Medical Officer for No. 8 (Carnmoney) Dispensary District. Salary, £115 per annum, with £20 per annum as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 19th instant, when candidates are expected to attend.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications by the 19th instant.

BOSTON UNION, Lincolnshire.—Medical Officers for the Sutterton and Chapel Hill Districts. Salary, £50 and £20 per annum respectively. Applications by June 17th.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by June 20th.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by June 20th.

CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by June 27th.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by June 22nd.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

FRENCH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY, 10, Leicester Place.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum.

GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N.—House-Surgeon. Salary, 60 guineas per annum. Applications by June 30th.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Mount Vernon, Hampstead.—Physician. Applications by July 6th.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, 49, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Assistant Physician. Applications by the 21st instant.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square.—House Physician. Applications by the 27th instant.

IRVINESTOWN UNION.—Medical Officer for Irvinestown No. 2 Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 per annum as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 21st instant.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARY.—Assistant Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £108 per annum. Applications by the 26th instant.

LONDON HOSPITAL, Whitechapel Road, E.—Fifth Surgeon. Applications by June 20th.

MARKET BOSWORTH UNION.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £35 per annum. Applications by June 27th.

METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL, 81, Commercial Street, Spitalfields, E.—Assistant House-Surgeon.

NEW ZEALAND.—Inspector of Lunatic Asylums. Salary, £800 per annum. Applications by June 20th.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—Assistant Dispenser. Applications, between 11 and 1, to J. S. Blyth, Secretary.

ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL, Bath.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by June 22nd.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL (late Dreadnought), Greenwich, S.E.—Surgeon for the Dispensary. Salary, £63 per annum. Applications by June 20th.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE AND URINARY DISEASES, 54, Berners Street, W.—House-Surgeon. Applications by July 1st.

STANLEY HOSPITAL, LIVERPOOL.—House Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum. Applications by the 23rd instant.

STANLEY HOSPITAL, LIVERPOOL.—Junior House Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary £70 per annum. Applications by the 23rd instant.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.—Clinical Assistant. Applications by July 1st.

THE INFIRMARY, Halifax.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to the Senior Physician of the Medical Staff by June 20th.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Resident Medical Officer. Applications by July 1st.

WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, 155, Marylebone Road.—Clinical Assistant. Applications to the Hospital any afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant. Applications by the 26th instant.

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Physician. Applications by June 24th.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- BLACK, W. G., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Infirmary.
- COGAN, Lee F., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to Her Majesty's Prison, Northampton, *vice* Henry Terry, resigned.
- DONNELLY, T., M.B., appointed Medical Officer for Dunboyne Dispensary District to the Dunshaughlin Union.
- EWART, W., M.D., appointed Assistant-Physician to St. George's Hospital, *vice* J. Cavafy, M.D., resigned.
- FERGUS, A. F., M.B., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Glasgow Ophthalmic Institution.
- FERGUSON, J. M., M.B., appointed Resident Medical Officer for the Workhouse for Sick Poor at Mill Road, Everton, to the West Derby Union, *vice* W. M. Frees, L.R.C.P., resigned.
- FOX, G., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Ingham Infirmary and South Shields and Westoe Dispensary, *vice* W. G. Black, M.R.C.S., resigned.
- FRASER, J. H., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Lancaster Infirmary and Dispensary, *vice* H. C. Moore, M.B., resigned.
- GROOM, H. T., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer for the Workhouse for Sick Poor at Mill Road, Everton, to the West Derby Union, *vice* W. M. Frees, L.R.C.P., resigned.
- HARRIS, A. G. R., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Kington Union, Kington, *vice* W. Langston, M.R.C.S., resigned.
- HYNES, W. H., M.D., appointed Second Medical Officer and Apothecary to the Ennis Union, *vice* M. Greene, M.D., deceased.
- HYSLOP, James, M.B., C.M., Second Assistant Physician at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside, appointed Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.
- LANE, E. S., M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Clun District of the Clun Union, *vice* E. A. Burgess, M.D., resigned.
- LOWES, S., L.R.C.S., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Ingham Infirmary and South Shields and Westoe Dispensary, *vice* M. Rajanah, L.R.C.P., resigned.
- MCGEAGH, J. P., M.D., appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse, Walton-on-the-Hill to the West Derby Union, *vice* R. Worrall, M.D., resigned.
- MCGREGOR, A., L.F.P.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Poor of Eaglesham, *vice* G. Johnston, L.F.P.S., resigned.
- McMURRAY, W., M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Templepatrick Dispensary District, *vice* J. Barron, M.D., resigned.
- MERCIER, C. A., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the City of London Lunatic Asylum, *vice* W. R. Gibson, M.B., resigned.
- MOORE, W. D., M.D., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Wilts County Asylum, *vice* L. Cox, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.
- NEWSHOLME, A., M.D., appointed Registrar and Chloroformist to the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, *vice* H. F. Stokes, L.R.C.P., resigned.
- PETIT, J., L.K.Q.C.P.I., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Sligo District Lunatic Asylum.
- POPE, Percy, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Poor-law Medical Officer to the Pinner District, Hendon Union, *vice* J. R. Pope, M.R.C.S. Eng., deceased.
- OAKLEY, A. R., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Victoria Dock District Dispensary.
- RENNALLS, H. Boyle, M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Fifth District of the St. German's Union, and Visiting Medical Officer to the Mount Edgcumbe Training Ship.
- ROBERTSON, E. W., M.B., appointed Superintendent of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, *vice* R. G. Rattray, M.D., resigned.
- SANDERSON, R., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior House-Physician to the Westminster Hospital, Broad Sanctuary.
- SCHACHT, F. F., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the West London Hospital, *vice* O. G. Bradshaw, M.R.C.S., resigned.
- SHEPHERD, T. A. J., M.R.C.S., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood.
- SMITH, Henry, M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.
- THURSFIELD, T. W., M.D., appointed Physician to the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, *vice* H. Horner, M.D., deceased.
- WHITE, T. B., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Bolton Union, *vice* J. Barr, L.R.C.P., resigned.
- WILLIAMS, J. Alexander, M.B., C.M., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport Hospital, *vice* C. C. Claremont, M.B., M.R.C.S., resigned.
- WISE, C. H., L.S.A., appointed Resident Obstetric Assistant to the Westminster 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.*

## MARRIAGE.

EDWARDS-BROMLEY.—On the 7th instant, at Chester, by the Revd. Lewis Edwards, D.D., Bala, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Revd. T. P. Davies, M.A., James Edwards, M.R.C.S., of Elm Bank, Anfield, Liverpool, to Ellen, second daughter of Urias Bromley, the Old Hall, Chester.

## DEATH.

CROWE.—June 9th, at 9, Eliot Place, Blackheath, John Wainright Crowe, L.R.C.S.I., M.R.C.P.I., Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland (late of Hartlepool).

MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.—Dr. Heron has been appointed a justice of the peace for County Down.

HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES.—Fairly trustworthy indications of the recent health and sanitary condition of various foreign and colonial cities are afforded by the following facts and figures, derived from a table in the Registrar-General's return for June 3rd. According to the most recently received official returns, the annual death-rate averaged 27.8 per 1,000 in the three principal Indian cities, and was equal to 25.5 in Calcutta, 26.6 in Bombay, and 32.1 in Madras; cholera caused 52 deaths in Calcutta, measles 32 in Bombay, and small-pox 15 in Madras. The usual return from Alexandria does not appear to have come to hand. In twenty-three European cities, the death-rate averaged no less than 30.7, and exceeded by 10.8 the average rate prevailing last week in the twenty-eight large English towns. The death-rate in St. Petersburg was equal to 55.4, and showed a slight increase upon the somewhat declining rates in recent weeks; the 711 deaths in this city included 40 from typhus and typhoid fevers, and 30 from scarlet fever. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the mean death-rate did not exceed 22.3; scarlet fever caused 8 deaths in Copenhagen, and whooping-cough 4 in Christiania. The death-rate in Paris was equal to 26.3, and scarcely differed from the rates in recent weeks; the deaths in the city included 49 from diphtheria and croup, 41 from typhoid fever, and 11 from small-pox. The rate in Brussels did not exceed 22.2, although 13 fatal cases of small-pox were recorded, showing a considerable increase upon the numbers in recent weeks. In Geneva, the death-rate was equal to 22.3, and one death from small-pox was recorded. In the three principal Dutch cities, the death-rate averaged 25.2, and ranged from 19.5 in Rotterdam, to 28.0 in Amsterdam; measles caused 7 deaths in Amsterdam, and small-pox 2 in Rotterdam. The Registrar-General's table includes returns from nine German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 30.4; it ranged from 22.2 in Dresden to 38.8 in Buda-Pesth. Small-pox caused 30 deaths in Vienna, 10 in Buda-Pesth, and 6 in Prague; diphtheria showed fatal prevalence in Berlin and Dresden. The death-rate in four of the principal Italian cities averaged 36.1, and was equal to 34.3 in Rome, 31.0 in Turin, 37.1 in Venice, and 39.6 in Naples. Measles caused 21 deaths in Rome and 11 in Turin; while diphtheria was fatally prevalent in Naples. In four of the largest American cities, the average death-rate was 27.6, the highest rate being 34.6 in New York. Small-pox caused deaths in each of these American cities, and scarlet fever and diphtheria showed fatal prevalence in New York and Brooklyn; 11 deaths from typhoid fever were returned in Philadelphia.—According to the Registrar-General's last weekly return, the annual death-rate averaged 27.4 in the three principal Indian cities, and was equal to 23.5 in Bombay, 29.2 in Madras, and 32.4 in Calcutta; cholera caused 106 deaths in Calcutta, and 20 fatal cases of measles occurred in Bombay. The death-rate in Alexandria declined to 24.9, but 11 of the 159 deaths resulted from typhoid fever. In twenty-three European cities, the death-rate averaged 29.0, and exceeded by no less than 9.3 the mean rate prevailing last week in the twenty-eight large English towns. The death-rate in St. Petersburg showed a further decline from the high rates in recent weeks, but was equal to 52.9; the 679 deaths included 39 from typhus and typhoid fevers, and 30 from scarlet fever. In three other Northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the death-rate averaged 22.6; the rates ranged from 14.5 in Christiania to 26.7 in Copenhagen, where 5 fatal cases of measles were recorded. The death-rate in Paris was equal to 25.7, and the deaths included 51 from diphtheria and croup, and 36 from typhoid fever. In Brussels, the rate did not exceed 22.2, but 4 more fatal cases of small-pox were recorded. In the three principal Dutch cities, the death-rate averaged 22.2, the highest rate being 23.9 in Amsterdam, the deaths in which city included 8 from measles. The Registrar-General's table includes returns from nine German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 29.2, and ranged from 22.4 and 22.6 in Dresden and Berlin, to 35.5 and 37.3 in Munich and Prague. Small-pox showed increasing fatality in Vienna, which resulted in 33 deaths; and 7 deaths from the same disease occurred in Buda-Pesth; diphtheria continues fatally prevalent in Berlin and Dresden. In four of the principal Italian cities, the average death-rate was 29.7, the several rates ranging from 29.8 in Naples to 33.2 in Venice. Measles caused 13 deaths in Rome, and scarlet fever 10 in Naples. The annual death-rate in four of the largest American cities averaged 27.1, and ranged from 20.7 in Philadelphia, to 33.5 in New York. Scarlet fever continues to show fatal prevalence in New York and Brooklyn; diphtheria also caused 42 deaths in New York, and 4 fatal cases of small-pox were recorded in Baltimore.

Mr. EDWARD WALFORD, Medical Officer of Health for Ramsgate, reports a death-rate of 5.5 per 1,000 for the fortnight ending June 3rd, and a total absence of zymotic diseases. This we believe to be the lowest death-rate in any town in the kingdom for that period.

## 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., 1; 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, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., Tu. F., 2; Eye, Tu. F., 9.15; Ear, M. Th., 2; Skin, Tu. Th., 1.30; Throat, M. Th., 1.45; 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. T., 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., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY**.—Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson: On Temperament, Idiosyncrasy, and Diathesis in Relation to Surgical Disease.

**TUESDAY**.—Statistical Society, 7.45 P.M. Dr. W. A. Guy: Two Hundred and Fifty Years of Small-pox in London.

**WEDNESDAY**.—Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson: On Temperament, Idiosyncrasy, and Diathesis in Relation to Surgical Disease.

**FRIDAY**.—Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Mr. Frederick S. Eve: On Cystic Tumours of the Jaws.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

## THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

WE intend to publish in next week's JOURNAL, as a complement to the historical sketch of the Association, the histories of the Branches, as supplied to us by the local Secretaries. An account of the proceedings of the Association in regard to Medical Reform and other matters, will also appear as soon as possible.

## UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

SIR,—Seldom has such an amusing piece of Communism as that advocated by "M.R.C.S.E." been broached in England. He wishes to extend the creed of *sans-cultivism* to medical men; the English universities, on the other hand, prefer to give their degrees to the aristocracy of the profession only. According to "M.R.C.S.E.," our universities exclude "applicants" for degrees; true, but they do not exclude men willing to work and wait for their degrees. If "M.R.C.S.E." so pines after an university "diploma" (*sic*), the elastic portals of Durham are ready to receive him. We must, however, disagree with "M.R.C.S.E.," and sincerely hope that neither Oxford nor Cambridge will ever give degrees without residence. An university is not a place the sole object of which is to give degrees, as "M.R.C.S.E." would probably learn if he were to reside at Oxford. There are men at both universities who are also M.R.C.S.E.; men who have held hospital appointments, then think it worth while to go to an university afterwards; and yet such men do not agree with "M.R.C.S.E." The universities, therefore, do not "disregard the wishes of all Englishmen."—Yours truly,

ANOTHER M.R.C.S.

SIR,—May I suggest to the general practitioners who are interested in the matter of medical degrees, that the matter lies very much in their own, or rather our own, hands? If we would only recognise our own strength, and use it, we might do what we thought best for ourselves. The general practitioner has an enormous amount of influence in politics; and a combination of the medical men in almost any constituency can seriously influence the result of an election. My advice, therefore, is that we should draw up a memorandum on the above question, and that a copy of it should be handed to every member of Parliament by a deputation of medical men from his constituency. Such action would soon bear fruit, and place the medical man in his true position. Should my suggestion meet with approval, I shall be happy to co-operate in forming a committee to carry it out. The first step would be to form a committee or association which, for a small subscription or donation from those interested, could commence operations. Awaiting observations on the subject, I am, sir, yours truly,

L.R.C.P.

## CORONERS AND MEDICAL WITNESSES.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform me if it is not the usual custom for coroners to call in the house-surgeon, in the case of an accident brought in dead? The coroner here repeatedly ignores taking any medical evidence in accidental deaths.—I am, sir, yours truly,

J. W.

\* It is entirely within the discretion of the coroner to call in medical evidence.

It is, however, the usual practice to call the medical officer of a hospital or infirmary as a witness; and we do not understand the motive for not doing so, as no fee is payable.

## THE CLAIMS OF LAW AND OF MEDICINE.

SIR,—I had often asked myself whether, in case of being subpoenaed to a court of justice, a call to attend a midwifery case, for which I had been previously engaged, should receive prior consideration. It happened, a little time ago, that I was summoned to such a case on the morning of the holding of a county court to which I had been subpoenaed. Not knowing what to do, I procured for my patient the services of a neighbour; and on the judge's appearance in court, I applied for his advice under the circumstances. His reply was that, had I shown my respect for the court by sending him notice of the cause of my absence, he would have relieved me of any penalty under my subpoena, and have adjourned the case, "as considerations of 'life or death' must come before everything else;" and he immediately took my evidence (though the case was not called for hours afterwards), and set me at liberty. This occurrence may be of interest and service to others.—I am, yours truly,

THOMAS M. WATT.

## SOCIETIES FOR WIDOWS OF MEDICAL MEN.

SIR,—I should feel extremely obliged if either you, or any of the readers of the JOURNAL, would inform me if there is any Society for the Relief of Widows of Medical Men to which provincial practitioners can become subscribers. The one in Berners Street, London, is only applicable to those residing within a twenty mile radius.—I am, sir, faithfully yours,

ENQUIRER.

\* Our correspondent is, of course, aware of the existence of the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom, and of the British Medical Benevolent Fund, the claims of which have been frequently advocated in this JOURNAL. In the country, there are the following societies—and perhaps others, of the names of which we are not at present aware: The Birmingham Medical Benevolent Society (Secretary, Dr. J. Sawyer, Temple Row, Birmingham); The Essex and Herts Medical Benevolent Society (Secretary, Mr. Stephen Austin, Hertford); the Kent Benevolent Medical Society (Treasurer, Mr. G. Rigden, Canterbury); the Lincolnshire Medical Benevolent Society (Secretary, Dr. C. Harrison, Lincoln); the Surrey Medical Benevolent Society (Secretary, Dr. J. Walters, Reigate); the Sussex Medical Friendly Society (Secretary, Mr. R. V. Skinner, Winchelsea); the West Riding of Yorkshire Medical Charitable Society (Secretary, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, Leeds).

## MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR,—Ought I, or ought I not, to meet in consultation a neighbouring practitioner who advertises himself on his plate "advice gratis"? I am inclined to think that we ought to give such an one the cold shoulder, as he refuses to be bound by the etiquette of his profession.—I remain, yours truly,

A. T.

\* In accordance with the principle laid down in the *Code of Medical Ethics* (a copy of which we wish were in the hands of every practitioner), ch. ii, sect. i, rule 3, p. 27, we are of opinion that "A. T." is justified in declining to meet in consultation the practitioner above alluded to.

A MEMBER.—The course taken by the medical man to whom you refer was not in accordance with the usual etiquette. He ought to have communicated with you before calling to examine your patient.

M.B.M.A.—The world is wide, and there is room for all. To deserve goodwill of his colleagues, our correspondent has only to observe the accepted rules of conduct in professional life; and he is not likely to fail in this if he observes carefully the one rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



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#### THE DURATION OF HUMAN LIFE.

SIR,—In your issue of May 27th, Dr. Rabagliati seems to adopt a curious method of adding vulgar fractions. Taking his figures, I should deal with them thus:

$$\frac{70}{9} + \frac{190}{3} = \frac{70}{9} + \frac{570}{9} = \frac{640}{9} = 71\frac{1}{9}$$

$$\frac{61}{0} + \frac{111}{6} = \frac{305}{3} + \frac{2799}{3} = \frac{3104}{3} = 66\frac{44}{3}$$

I deal only with the arithmetical side of the question, and leave others to draw conclusions.—I am, etc.,  
Hovingham, York, June 7th, 1882. THOMAS M. WATT.

J. L. H.—The next meeting of the International Medical Congress will be held at Copenhagen in 1884.

#### CHEAP MEDICAL BOOKS.

SIR,—Will you allow us to say that the sixth edition of Sir Henry Thompson's lectures is published at an even cheaper price than appears from your note last week? We issued it at half-a-crown, not three shillings and sixpence. The price is given not only in the advertisements, but also on the cover of the book itself.—We are, sir, your obedient servants,  
11, New Burlington Street, W., June 12th, 1882. J. AND A. CHURCHILL.

#### TRIPLETS.

SIR,—Noticing the letter of Mr. Aldrich in this week's JOURNAL concerning a triple birth, I may mention as a coincidence, or as a matter of interest, that I have lately attended, in this neighbourhood, two cases of triplets within about one hundred yards of each other, occurring in the space of a fortnight, viz., on April 26th and May 9th. The children were all male, and all born alive. In each case, the first two had a common placenta, which came away after their birth, followed in a few minutes by the third child, surrounded by the membranes and having a separate placenta. The first three died, being premature, in a few days, also one of the last ones; but the remaining two still live, and are doing well. I may add that the mother in each case made a good and rapid recovery.—Faithfully yours,

ROBERT E. CLITHEROW, M.R.C.S.

Lancaster House, Peckham Rye, S.E., June 10th, 1882.

SIR,—In reply to the query of "Old Subscriber," I beg to inform him that patients are admitted into the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Grays Inn Road, upon payment of 7s. a week.—Faithfully yours,  
23, Finsbury Circus, E.C. GEO. ABBOTT.

#### PUERPERAL INSANITY VERSUS INDUCED ABORTION.

SIR,—In answer to Dr. Hess's letter in the JOURNAL of May 27th, I would beg to make the following remarks. It is, I think, certain that every attack of acute mania, whether puerperal or not, weakens the nervous centres, or rather accustoms them to an abnormal state, and so renders the patient, after each successive attack, more liable to like mental affections, and ultimately, if the unhealthy state be too often induced, to permanent deterioration of the mind. The repeated appearance of insanity during the puerperal state merely points to a predisposition to insanity, as does its onset in the course of any other diseased or reduced state of the general system where it is not attributable to hyperprexia. If these points be admitted, and it be recognised that insanity tends to shorten life and rob it of all pleasure, equally at least with bodily disease, it is, I presume, clearly justifiable to procure early abortion, in order to escape the almost certain consequences of labour at full term, viz., insanity, ending frequently in death from suicide or exhaustion, and at other times (though more rarely) reducing the miserable patient to that state, perhaps worse than death—hopeless dementia.

It may be argued that abortion does not entirely rid the patient of the risk of insanity; but we find mental aberration so seldom following miscarriage that, for practical purposes, we may regard abortion in the early months of pregnancy almost as a preventive of that form of insanity known as puerperal. The legacy of suffering and misery the offspring of such women too often inherit must also weigh in the scale in favour of the induction of labour at an early period.—I am, etc.,  
S. A. K. STRAHAN, M.D.

DR. HARRIS.—The provincial members of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons are just as constant in their attendance at Lincoln's Inn Fields as the metropolitan members. They are, taking them in seniority, Dr. G. M. Humphry of Cambridge, Mr. Alfred Baker of Birmingham, Mr. Edward Lund of Manchester, and Mr. William Cadge of Norwich.

#### DEATH CERTIFICATES AND CLUB CERTIFICATES.

SIR,—It has always appeared to me to be one of those legal injustices borne by medical men that, while they are bound by law to give a free certificate of death for the registrar, he, by simply giving a duplicate of that certificate, becomes entitled to a fee from the person so demanding his certificate if the dead person has been a member of a burial club or other life-assurance society. That is, the medical man gives that information gratuitously to the registrar, without which this latter could not act, he being entitled to a fee for so acting, besides, of course, his fee of registration from the Government, local or other. Would it not be well if some action be taken to remove this injustice in the Medical Act Amendment Bill about to be brought before Parliament? It betokened, in my opinion, some laxity somewhere, that, when the last Amendment Act was passed, this gratuitous injustice was allowed to pass unremoved or inserted. The remedy is easy—make it legal that a certificate from the medical man similar to the one he gives for the registrar should be recognised by all insurance offices and clubs.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

#### ARREST OF DEVELOPMENT.

SIR,—Last week a patient of mine, aged 40, was safely delivered by my assistant, Mr. Allen, of a female child, very strong and healthy, but on the right side there was not the least indication of a leg. The most careful examination could not detect an attempt at the formation of a thigh. On the same side, there was a stump of humerus about an inch long, and looking as if it had been amputated by the circular method. The mother stated that, three months before her confinement, she had fallen downstairs; and that, at the time she believed herself to be six weeks' pregnant, she unfortunately was in a train whose engine ran off the metals, and frightened her very much. Could this latter have been the cause of the arrest of development? or what was?—I am, etc.,  
Wansford, June 10th, 1882. FERGUS M. BROWN, L.R.C.P.Ed.

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