

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 Fosbroke, 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. (County 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. (City 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 Worcester, 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, 2s. and 1s. 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.—Soiree 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 these excursions 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.

DINNER TICKETS.

Applications should be made as early as possible to the Honorary Treasurer, G. A. Sheppard, Esq., Foregate Street, Worcester; accompanied, in all cases, by a remittance of 2s. or 1s.

HOTELS AND LODGINGS.

A list of accommodation will be shortly published in the JOURNAL. Members may apply for information to Messrs. Griffiths and Millington, House Agents, 50, Foregate Street, Worcester.

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.

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.

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.E.—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.

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, homœopathy 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.

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.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Richmond Hospital on Thursday, July 13th, at 6 o'clock. Members desirous of bringing forward any subject for discussion are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, E. L. FENN, Richmond.—June 20th, 1882.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Library of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary on Thursday, July 13th, at 2.30 P.M. Dr. Eastwood, the retiring President, will resign the chair to Dr. Embleton, the President-elect, who will deliver an address. Dinner at the Douglas Hotel at 5 P.M.; tickets 6s. 6d., exclusive of wine.—T. W. BARRON, M.B., Durham; D. DRUMMOND, M.D., Newcastle, Honorary Secretaries.—June 21st, 1882.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.

THE seventh meeting of this District was held at the New Town Hall, Hackney, on May 18th, at 8.30 P.M.; HERBERT DAVIES, M.D., in the chair. Thirty members and visitors were present.

Sir William Mac Cormac read a paper on Some of the newer Operative Procedures in Abdominal Surgery.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the above District was held, at the Worthing Infirmary, on May 31st; W. J. HARRIS, Esq., in the chair.

Next Meeting.—It was decided that the next meeting should take place in September, at Horsham; and that Mr. E. J. Bostock be requested to take the chair.

Collective Investigation.—A subcommittee was formed to carry out the objects of the Collective Investigation Committee.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. Dr. Kelly read a paper on Small-pox, bearing especially on those cases which had occurred within the last twelve months in the district; and showed that, by proper precautions, patients could be treated in their own homes without the disease spreading.

2. Mr. Simpson read notes of two cases of Spina Bifida, occurring in the same family, both of which were born with breech presentation. The second child he had treated successfully with injections of solution of iodine.

3. Dr. Uhthoff read a paper on the Early Treatment of some Eye-diseases; and drew attention to the proper use of Atropine.

4. Dr. Galton showed a specimen of Congenital Malformation of the Heart. It consisted of one ventricle and two auricles.

Dinner.—Seventeen members afterwards dined together, at the Marine Hotel.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch was held at the Rectory Rooms, Beccles, on Thursday, May 25th; WILLIAM MILLER CROWFOOT, M.B., President.

New Members.—The Council recommended the election of eight gentlemen as members of the Association and Branch.

Collective Investigation.—An influential Committee, with Dr. Elliston as Honorary Secretary, was appointed to assist the Collective Investigation Committee in their work.

Meetings.—It was resolved to hold the autumnal meeting at Dereham, Norfolk, in September; and the next annual meeting at King's Lynn, in association with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch.

President's Address.—An address was delivered by the PRESIDENT (Dr. Crowfoot) upon the Germ-Theory of Disease; and a vote of thanks to him, for his able and exhaustive address, was carried, upon the motion of Dr. BATEMAN.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. Mr. W. Cadge (Norwich): On Nerve-section in the Treatment of Neuralgia.

2. Dr. H. J. Benham (Ipswich): The Treatment of Intestinal Obstruction; and the necessity, in many cases, of Laparotomy.

3. Mr. James Worthington (Lowestoft): A case of Acute Intestinal Obstruction, relieved by Puncture of the Bowel.

4. Mr. T. W. Crosse (Norwich): Details of a case of Obstruction of the Bowels, and operation for its relief; with specimens of concretion found, *post mortem*, in the appendix vermiciformis.

5. Dr. M. Beverley (Norwich): A case of Obstruction of the Bowels.

6. Mr. F. Haward (Halesworth): A case of Obstruction, with pathological specimens.

7. Dr. Barnes (Eye) related details of a case in which Laparotomy had been successfully practised for the relief of an Intussusception in a Child.

Dejeuner.—The members of the Branch adjourned to a *dejeuner* at 4 P.M., at the King's Head Hotel. Upwards of thirty sat down, under the presidency of Dr. Crowfoot. Previously to the general meeting, the Branch Council were most hospitably entertained at breakfast by the President. They subsequently visited the new hospital, the large printing establishment of Messrs. Clowes, and the highly successful sewage farm. The President, who is also Mayor of Beccles, informed the visitors that the farm is now conducted at a profit.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the above District took place at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Wednesday, May 24th; Dr. TROLLOPE in the chair.

Papers.—The following communications were made:

1. Dr. Humphreys: On the Treatment of the Febrile Condition.
2. Mr. Baber: On Adenoid Vegetations of the Naso-Pharynx. The pathology, etiology, and symptoms were described, and also the treatment illustrated by cases under the author's care.

3. Mr. Maynard read notes of six cases of Rotheln, laying special stress on one case which was attended by serious complications. In this case, on the twenty-first day from the appearance of the rash, the child became feverish; subsequently, she complained of pain in and about the left ear. There was afterwards discharge from this ear, becoming more profuse, and then the right ear became affected. After some days' interval, symptoms arose of affection of the kidneys and heart, there being albumen and blood-casts in the urine, and a basic systolic *bruit* over the semilunar valves. There was never any dropsy; albuminuria lasted fourteen days. The fever, which assumed a hectic type, gradually yielded to remedies (aconite, potash, quinine, iron, etc.), and the hearing, which had been materially impaired, returned. The cases were treated with antiseptic syringing. The basic *bruit* was persistent, but the child's health is improving, and the urine is free from albumen.

4. Mr. Campbell: Two Cases of Hip-Joint Disease.

5. Dr. Trollope exhibited the Cirrhotic Liver of a Child eight years old.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE sixth ordinary meeting of the session was held at the Museum and Library, Bristol, on Wednesday, May 24th; DAVID DAVIES, Esq., President, in the chair. There were present fifty-one members and four visitors.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were duly elected: Surgeon-General P. G. Fitzgerald, M.D., of Clevedon; and Messrs. D. A. Fraser, M.R.C.S., of Burnham, and J. R. Woolby, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., of Bristol.

Collective Investigation Committee.—Dr. Markham Skerritt read a communication from the honorary secretary of the Central Committee, with reference to the work of the Committee, and cards were distributed among the members present.

Tax on Carriages.—A petition for the exemption of medical men from the proposed increase of the tax on carriages was signed by all the members present.

Discussion.—The afternoon was devoted to a discussion on Bone-Setting, which was opened by Mr. Richardson Cross. Mr. Howard Marsh, of London, was next invited by the President to speak; and the discussion was continued by the President, and by Dr. Marshall and Messrs. Parette, Greig Smith, Wilcox, Dobson, and Tivy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SAMARITAN HOSPITAL OVARIOTOMY AND ANTISEPTICS.

SIR,—Your strictures on this matter being admittedly founded on the ovarian practice of Dr. Bantock and Mr. Thornton for one year only, I hope, in justice to all parties concerned, you will accord a small space for a short statement of the remainder of it.

Six years is the extent of their ovarian experience at the hospital, resulting, for Dr. Bantock, in a mortality, including his last run of bad cases, of 15 per cent.; for Mr. Thornton, including his run of forty-one cases (two deaths), a mortality of 10.17 per cent., a fraction below Mr. Wells's results, concluding his work at the hospital. Thus, as you see, this comparison, fairly denoting the mortality of the two surgeons respectively, is a very different thing from that appearing in your article. Mr. Wells frequently met with these runs, good and bad, during his long ovarian career at the hospital, without much affecting his averages in the long run.

As to the action of the committee, which you thought somewhat questionable, "antiseptic precautions" is a comprehensive term. With us, it includes objections against the presence at operations of anyone recently participating in septic matters, such as dissecting-rooms, *post mortem* examinations, infectious diseases, etc., together with the observance of the accepted methods of insuring for the patient wholesome surroundings. The committee merely enjoined continued attention to these provisos, in which and on all such Lister appears more or less, in spite of what has been argued not too generously to the contrary. Surgeons of much longer experience than six years appeal impressively to their superior results without the spray; hence the impossibility of forcing it into the practice of any medical officer. The committee could not have done this, and they did not try.

Mr. Thornton is a believer in the spray, and he insisted, against all

precedent, that his practice should appear in a table by itself; unfortunately, his name was appended in such a way as to lead to what would doubtless in reality be a misunderstanding of his intentions. Hitherto, our reports have not been honoured by the least notice on the part of the journals. Copies of this one were not sent to them from the office, nor were those now circulating—the special page marked, or leaf turned down. This page might as well have recorded that, two years ago, the balance moved in favour of Dr. Bantock. The action of the committee did not appear in the report; both probably came to your notice through the same channel.

The flexibility of statistics is notorious. A contemporary makes ours prove Dr. Bantock's mortality to be five times greater than Mr. Thornton's. During their commencing year, the former lost one case, the latter none; *ergo*, they have been going on from bad to worse ever since—conclusions equally tenable statistically.

As the professed object of your article was to assist in the solution of the antiseptic question, I am surprised Dr. Bantock's superior results in "other operations" were allowed to pass unnoticed.

About oophorectomy, the least said the better, except to denounce it as a detestable mutilation. There are evidences more than enough against the expectation of lasting benefit from that odious operation. It is to be hoped that the few recorded of the many deaths due to it may operate as an enduring sting on the consciences of those who hereafter have recourse to it.

The results hitherto of ovariotomy in London hospitals are not of a character to encourage the hope of reducing their ovarian mortality below 10 or even 15 per cent., antiseptics or no antiseptics. London is not Edinburgh, nor is it Birmingham.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

HENRY SAVAGE, M.D.,
Member of the Committee of Management,
Samaritan Free Hospital.

* * * This question is one which interests the profession, and concerns us, solely as one of scientific and practical importance. It is to be regretted that names and individualities have been imported into it, contrary to expectation, and to what we should have wished. Where it has been a question of doing justice to individuals, we could not, however, refuse to publish what was addressed to us on either side. In any other further discussion of this important subject, we must particularly request that all personal questions be set aside, on the principle that methods and results are alone what we desire to see discussed.

SIR,—In reply to the question put by Dr. Savage, I beg to say that my information was got from the article in your JOURNAL of May 20th, in which the writer speaks of the interference in surgical matters by a committee of laymen at the Samaritan Hospital. I have not seen last year's report of the hospital, and the words House Committee were used quite inadvertently. There is thus no mistake on my part. It was the principle of interference by any lay committee that was objected to.

Dr. Savage seems to think that I am blessed with no colleagues. There are at least a dozen. We are a happy family; we have no red tape. "Ephraim does not envy Judah, and Judah does not vex Ephraim."—Yours obediently, T. KEITH.

2, North Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, June 6th, 1882.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

MANCHESTER.

New Pathological Theatre at the Royal Infirmary.—*Ophthalmoscopic Demonstration at the Royal Eye Hospital.*

THE arrangements for *post mortem* examinations and pathological teaching at the Royal Infirmary have, owing to the increasing number of students, become entirely inadequate. The governors of the institution having refused to provide the necessary accommodation, on the plea that they do not feel themselves justified in spending the funds of the hospital in extension of the teaching department, from which they derive no revenue, the medical staff have generously come forward and undertaken to make the necessary structural alterations at their own expense. A pathological theatre for the accommodation of students is to be built, and a new room will be provided for the examination of pathological specimens. It is estimated that the new buildings and appliances will cost about £400.

At the Royal Eye Hospital, Dr. Glascott has commenced his summer course of ophthalmoscopic demonstrations, which is numerously attended by the students of Dr. Little's class of Systematic

Ophthalmology at Owens College. Each student is individually taught the use of the ophthalmoscope, a large supply of typical cases of intraocular disease being drawn from the extensive out-patient department connected with the hospital.

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Monday, June 19th.

Fruit-Pickers.—On the motion of Earl STANHOPE, the Public Health (Fruit-Pickers' Lodgings) Bill was read a second time, the noble lord explaining that its object was to authorise local authorities to look after the housing of fruit-pickers, in the same way that they could control the accommodation for hop-pickers.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Thursday, June 15th.

Pensions of Militia Surgeons.—Mr. O'SHAUGHNESSY asked the Secretary of State for War whether it was true that on the compulsory retirement, under 68a. Circular, January 1882, of Militia Surgeons holding commissions from lords-lieutenant of counties, at the age of 65, the pension of 6s. a day, to which, under certain circumstances, such surgeons were entitled, had been refused them; and whether he would explain under what enactment the right to this pension was alleged to have been destroyed.—Mr. CHILDERS replied that, until 1829, militia surgeons were members of the permanent staff, and, like other officers of that staff, entitled to pensions on reduction of the force or on retirement through age or infirmity. But no militia surgeon appointed since 1829—that is to say, during the last fifty-three years—has been entitled to a retiring allowance. Her Majesty has always had the power to decide at what age militia officers should cease to serve; and in 1872 this age was fixed at 60, although retirement was not enforced in every case. In 1881, it was decided that at 65 all militia surgeons must retire, this being a boon to them compared with other militia officers.

Monday, June 19th.

Local Improvement Bills.—On the consideration of the Blackburn Improvement Bill as amended, Mr. HOPWOOD moved that it was inexpedient to proceed with the consideration of the Improvement Bills, or any of them, included in the reference to the Committee on Sanitary and Police Clauses of March 13th, 1882, unless such portions thereof as create local sanitary or police law exceptional to the law of the realm be omitted therefrom. The hon. and learned member renewed the protest he had made on a former occasion against the slovenly manner in which Local Improvement Acts were passed, whereby alterations were made in the general criminal law by means of private legislation. The influence of the Local Government Board had been felt by the Committee in a far larger degree than was consistent with the interest of the public. He was, however, glad to see that two sets of clauses in the Bill had been rejected; and he would like to give the House one or two instances of the kind of evidence on which large and special powers were obtained. In one case, a medical man declared that infection might be carried by the distribution of tracts and magazines. He moved the following resolution: "That it is inexpedient to proceed with the consideration of the Blackburn Improvement Bill, or any of the Improvement Bills included in the reference to the Committee on Sanitary and Police Clauses of March 13th, 1882, unless such portions thereof as create local sanitary or police law exceptional to the law of the realm be omitted therefrom."—Mr. SCLATER-BOOTH said that these Bills had been submitted to a Select Committee, who had considered them with care, and had greatly improved them by striking out their objectionable parts. If they were to be allowed to pass that House, any amendment that the hon. and learned member might think desirable to have inserted might be inserted during their passage through the House of Lords, where, of course, they would be subject to re-examination.—Mr. PLAYFAIR trusted that, after the great labour which it was well known that Committee had bestowed on those measures, his hon. friend would withdraw his amendment, and that the House would allow their consideration to be proceeded with.—Mr. HOPWOOD withdrew his amendment.

THE second reading of the Infectious Diseases Notification (Ireland) Bill is set down for Tuesday, July 11th.

THE Public Health (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill has been agreed to in the House of Lords.

THE Vivisection Abolition Bill is set down for second reading on Wednesday, June 28th. It is, however, very improbable that any Bills introduced by private members will have a hearing during this session.

A COPY has been presented to the House of Commons of special

pensions or gratuities granted to civilian medical officers and members of the auxiliary forces who were wounded in the South African wars.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SURGERY.—The regulations for the new Degree of Bachelor of Surgery at Cambridge require the candidate to pass all the examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, and, further, to undergo an examination in surgical operations and the application of surgical apparatus, and in the examination of surgical patients, as well as to have gone through a course of instruction in practical surgery, and attended two years' surgical practice at a hospital, and acted as dresser for six months, in addition to the requirements for M.B. The ordeal, therefore, will be no light one, and the rank of the degree will be proportionately high. With the view of meeting some of the requirements, Professor Humphry announces that he will take classes for instruction in surgery during the vacation, and Mr. Wherry will give a course of instruction in practical surgery.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 15th, 1882.

Kealey, John William Gregory, Gosport.
McDougall, Herbert Alan Hosier, Winchester.
Papillon, James William, Reading.

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

Lane, Frederick Herbert, University College.
Dodd, Henry Work, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Mitchell, Walter Frederick, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, the following candidates were successful.

For the Licences to practise Medicine and Midwifery.—George Valentine Byrne, Bray, Co. Wicklow; Edward Baldwin Cashel, Dublin; Frederick Hone Moore, Coothill, Co. Cavan.

For the Licence to practise Medicine only.—Joseph Ignatius Purcell Doyle, Dublin.

For the Licence to practise Midwifery only.—Samuel Macaulay, Belfast.

The following Licentiates in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to Membership, in accordance with the provisions of the Supplemental Charter of December 12th, 1878, have been duly enrolled Members of the College.

Leslie Maturin, 1875, Dublin; Michael Francis Cox, 1877, Dublin; Joseph John Nicholson, 1877, Exeter.

At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, the following candidates were successful.

For the Licences to practise Medicine and Midwifery.—Morris Asher, Sydney, New South Wales; Joseph Lievesley Beeston, Newcastle, New South Wales; Joseph Henry Bond, Rathgar, Co. Dublin; Matthew Maria Louis Hutchinson, New Ross, Co. Wexford; FitzJames Molony, Tulla, Co. Clare; Edmund Rundle, Crediton, Devon; Macnamara Morgan Williamson, Dublin.

For the Licence to practise Midwifery only.—Alan Montgomery Irwin, Donadea.

The following Licentiates in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to Membership, pursuant to the provisions of the Supplemental Charter of 1878, have been duly admitted Members of the College.

Laurence Joseph O'Neill, 1877, St. Doulough's, Co. Dublin; John Freeman Knott, 1877, Dublin; Patrick Matthias Poett, 1878, Rathgar, Co. Dublin.

(The numerals appended to the names indicate the year in which the Licence to practise Medicine was obtained.)

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

BARNET UNION.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the 3rd District. Salary £600 per annum. Applications by July 4th.

BRADFORD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum. Applications by July 3rd.

CITY OF LONDON INFIRMARY.—Bow Road, E.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser. Salary £100 per annum. Board, etc. Applications by 26th instant.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Victoria Park, E. Assistant Physician. Applications by the 28th instant.

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

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.

GOVAN POORHOUSE AND ASYLUM, Merryflats, Govan.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £120 per annum. Applications by July 1st.

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

GUEST HOSPITAL, Dudley. Resident Medical Officer. Salary £120 per annum. Applications to E. Poole.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Assistant Physician. Applications by July 5th.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by July 1st.

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

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

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

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.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £150 per annum. Applications by 29th instant.

MID AND SOUTH YELL AND FETLAR AND NORTH YELL.—Medical Officer. Applications to the Inspector of Poor, Mid Yell, Shetland.

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

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

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

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Surgical Registrar. 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.

WYNAAD, SOUTH INDIA.—Medical Officer, to take charge of the Staffs. Applications by July 1st.

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

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

AIRSLEY, Thomas G., M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Physician to the Hartlepools Hospital, *vice* J. W. Crowe, F.K.Q.C.P., resigned.

ARGO, G. C., M.B., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist to the Durham County Hospital, *vice* J. G. Hardy, L.R.C.P., resigned.

BARNES, R. S. F., M.D., appointed Assistant-Physician to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

BIRT, C., M.R.C.S., appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the South Yorkshire County Lunatic Asylum, *vice* H. C. MacBryan, L.R.C.P., resigned.

BOYD, Stanley, F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Charing Cross Hospital, *vice* H. R. Whitehead, L.R.C.P., resigned.

BRADSHAW, O. G., L.R.C.P., appointed Clinical Assistant to the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital.

CAMERON, Alex., M.B., appointed Medical Officer for the Parishes of Glenlivet and Kirkmichael.

CRESSWELL, N. E., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Medical Officer for the Blisworth District to the Towcester Union, *vice* J. A. B. Thompson, M.D., resigned.

EDIS, A. W., M.D., appointed Physician to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

EDWARDS, A. R., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to King's College Hospital.

HARRIS, A. G. R., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Kington Union, *vice* W. Langston, M.R.C.S., resigned.

HART, W. H., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Royal Pimlico Dispensary, *vice* H. G. Brigham, M.R.C.S., resigned.

JAQUET, J. L., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant to the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital.

LOGAN, J. R., M.B., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Liverpool Northern Hospital, *vice* W. Y. Orr, M.B., resigned.

ODLING, A. E., M.R.C.S.E., appointed House-Surgeon to the Croydon General Hospital, *vice* W. Cooper, M.R.C.S., resigned.

PROTHERO, Richard, M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse, Walton-on-the-Hill, to the West Derby Union, *vice* R. Worrall, M.D., resigned.

ROBERTS, T. A., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Chapel Hill District of the Boston Union, *vice* C. Blades, M.R.C.S., resigned.

ROWLAND, E. D., M.B., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the West Riding Lunatic Asylum, Wakefield.

SHEPHERD, T. A. J., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum, *vice* J. E. Barton, L.R.C.P.

SKERRITT, F. T., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Officer for Ardrahan Dispensary District to the Gort Union.

THOMSON, T. P., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Leeds Union, *vice* R. T. Richardson, M.R.C.S., resigned.

WILLIAMS, W. H., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Dorset.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

BIRTH.

CLARKE. On May 25th, at Somerset East, South Africa, the wife of Thomas Furze Clarke, M.R.C.S.Eng., etc., of a daughter (Sylvia).

HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES.—The following statistics, derived from a table in the Registrar-General's last weekly return, afford trustworthy indications of the recent health and sanitary condition of various foreign and colonial cities. In Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras, the annual death-rate averaged 28.4 per 1000; cholera caused 73 deaths in Calcutta, and measles 23 in Bombay. In Alexandria, the deaths were equal to a rate of 33.7 per 1000, and included 3 cases of whooping cough. According to the most recent weekly returns, the average annual death-rate in twenty-two European cities was equal to 29.5 per 1000 of their aggregate population; this showed the usual marked excess upon the average rate in twenty-eight of the largest English towns, which did not exceed 19.0 per 1000. The rate in St. Petersburg was 51.6, and was somewhat lower than the exceptionally high rates prevailing in that city in recent weeks. In three other Northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the death-rate did not average more than 22.0, the highest rate being 25.3 in Copenhagen, where 7 of the 121 deaths were from scarlet fever. The Paris death-rate was equal to 23.4, and showed a further decline from the rates prevailing in the three preceding weeks, which had been 26.9, 26.3, and 25.7 per 1000 respectively; typhoid fever caused, however, 43 and small-pox 22 deaths during the week. The deaths in Brussels were equal to a rate of 21.3 per 1000, and included 7 fatal cases of small-pox. The rate in Geneva was 26.3, and exceeded that returned in any recent week. In the three principal Dutch cities—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague—the death-rates averaged 26.9, and ranged from 22.3 in the Hague to 29.5 in Amsterdam, where 14 fatal cases of measles were recorded. The Registrar-General's table includes eight German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 29.7, and ranged from 25.1 and 25.9 in Berlin and Dresden, to 35.5 and 35.7 in Prague and Vienna. Small-pox caused 33 deaths in Vienna and 5 in Prague; while 27 deaths were referred to diphtheria in Berlin. The death-rate averaged 35.4 per 1000 in the four large Italian cities, and ranged from 27.8 in Rome to 44.5 in Naples; measles showed fatal prevalence in Rome, and scarlet fever in Naples. In four of the principal American cities, the death-rate was 27.5; it was equal to 23.4 in Baltimore, 24.4 in Brooklyn, 24.5 in Philadelphia, and 32.8 in New York. Scarlet fever caused 61 deaths in New York and 25 in Brooklyn, and typhoid fever 15 deaths in Philadelphia.

TINEA FAVOSA IN A RABBIT.—M. Megnin, at a recent meeting of the Paris Biological Society, described a case of tinea favosa of an unusual form he had observed on a rabbit. The animal died when it was a little more than a month old. A scab closing the anus was the cause of death. The scab was hard only on the surface; it was easily torn, and a white floury-like substance escaped, which, on microscopical examination, was seen to be composed solely of sporules, generally oval or spherical in form; some few lengthened out; their diameter varied between four and seven thousandths of a millimetre. The latter were the most numerous. This form of tinea is not cup-shaped; it sooner resembles an unbroken blister. It resembles a chorion Schönleinii in all respects, except its whiteness and that it is free from a mousy smell. This form of tinea is very contagious among rabbits four months old. Whether it can be communicated to the human subject is a question M. Megnin hopes to be able to answer.

SINGULAR LEGACY TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.—M. Giffard, the well-known Parisian inventor of balloons, who died some time ago, has left a legacy to the French Government under the most singular conditions. He desires that it be devoted to the establishment of *suicidaria*, or national institutions in which persons suffering from painful and incurable diseases may be allowed, by the use of chloroform and other such agents, to shorten their own existences, acting under the direction of medical experts, and with the consent of their friends. M. Giffard secured a euthanasia for himself by a special apparatus he invented for the inhalation of chloroform. M. Renaud has joined the movement for the promotion of painless suicide in France, his only stipulation being that no man shall, by law, be entitled to take his own life, until he has obtained the consent of his friends in what is known as the *conseil de famille*.

MR. JACOBSON has been appointed surgeon, and Mr. Day assistant-surgeon and administrator of anaesthetics, to the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road.

DR. LIONEL A. WEATHERLY has been appointed Deputy Coroner for the North-East Division of Somerset, in the place of Mr. Robert Biggs of Bath, deceased.

A COPY of a short memorial of the late Dr. William Paterson, printed for private circulation, having been forwarded to the Queen, Dr. Paterson (Bridge of Allan) has received a gracious reply, accompanied by a portrait of Her Majesty.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY..... Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY..... Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.

WEDNESDAY.. St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 10 A.M.

THURSDAY.... St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 P.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—North-west London, 2.30 P.M.

FRIDAY..... King's College, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY.... St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin M. Th.; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.

GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 12.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th.; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

LONDON.—Medical, daily exc. S. 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, W., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.

ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; 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.

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. Frederic S. Eve: On the Etiology of Tumours.

WEDNESDAY.—Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Mr. Frederic S. Eve: On the Etiology of Tumours.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 161, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 161, Strand, W.C., London.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the Manager, 161A, Strand, W.C.

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.

PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS.

SIR.—Will you kindly allow me to mention, through your columns, that at the *soirée* of the Royal College of Physicians, on the night of the 14th instant, several visitors who took an interest in the pathogenic organisms which I was there showing under the microscope wrote their names and addresses on a sheet of paper, with a view to my sending them reprints of an article describing these organisms in the current number of the *Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society*; but at the conclusion of the meeting, the paper with their addresses was unfortunately lost, and I have consequently no means of fulfilling my promise to them; but if they will be good enough to write to me here, I shall have much pleasure in doing so.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

G. T. DOWDESWELL.

The Windham Club, St. James's Square, S.W., June 22nd, 1882.

DR. HARRIS.—At the last election into the Council of the College, only ninety-three provincial Fellows attended. There was one provincial candidate, Mr. Reginald Harrison of Liverpool, who polled 87 votes, with 12 plumpers, against Mr. Haynes Walton's 72, with 5 plumpers. Mr. Walton was unseated by Mr. Christopher Heath, who polled 133, with 5 plumpers. Mr. Harrison declines to oppose Mr. Baker of Birmingham, who has been as regular in his attendance as the metropolitan Councillors.

SINGLE QUALIFICATIONS.

SIR.—Can an L.S.A., recently passed, practise with one qualification; can he call himself surgeon; and also, is he allowed to sign death-certificates in surgical cases?—I am, etc.,

W. B.

* According to the thirty-first clause of the Medical Act of 1838, an L.S.A. is legally entitled to practise medicine, and to recover in any court of law, with full costs of suit, reasonable charges for professional aid, advice, and visits, and the cost of any medicines or other medical appliances rendered or supplied by him to his patients. By Clause 40, it is enacted that "Any person who shall wilfully and falsely pretend to be, or take or use the name or title of, Surgeon (etc.), shall, upon a summary conviction for any such offence, pay a sum not exceeding £20." An L.S.A., according to the strict letter of the law, is not entitled to sign death-certificates in surgical cases; but no registrar of deaths would, we apprehend, refuse to accept a certificate so signed by a registered medical practitioner.

T. M. R.—The aniline and other dyes may be obtained from Mr. Martindale, 10, New Cavendish Street, or from Messrs. Hopkins and Williams.

NETHERFIELD INSTITUTION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SIR.—The statistics of a single year in any hospital are hardly enough to draw conclusions from, still less so if the hospital be a small one. The following table, showing the number and mortality of the various cases treated in this hospital from its foundation up to June 1st, will compare favourably with those quoted in your article on this institution on May 27th.

| Disease. | Total Number of Cases. | Deaths. | Mortality per cent. |
|---|------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Typhus | 958 | 214 | 22.2 |
| Small-pox (vaccinated and unvaccinated) | 921 | 125 | 13.4 |
| Measles | 161 | 1 | 0.6 |
| Typhoid | 299 | 53 | 17.7 |
| Scarlatina | 682 | 48 | 7.0 |
| Other diseases simulating fever | 307 | 47 | 15.3 |

The somewhat higher mortality from small-pox last year, is accounted for by the severity of the type of the disease.—Your obedient servant,

Liverpool, June 20th, 1882.

E. W. HOPE.

A YOUNG MEMBER.—The late Mr. Partridge was very particular about thoroughly clean sponges, and recommended, for the purpose of softening and cleaning them, to put a teaspoonful of the liquor soda chlorinated in half a tumblerful of water, and wash well, rinsing afterwards in fresh cold water.

THE MEDICAL CONGRESS AT SEVILLE.

SIR.—In your account of the Medical Congress at Seville, you state that a paper was read by Dr. Arthur of Edinburgh on an "Antiseptic Naso-oral Respirator". The paper was one which I communicated to the Congress, concerning certain advantages possessed by Messrs. Mayer and Meltzer's naso-oral respirator (one of which respirators was sent by that firm to the exhibition of the Congress). I can only account for the mistake in name and address by the assumption that my name has been used in place of my surname, and the address of the Edinburgh College of Physicians as my private address.—Yours, etc.,

ARTHUR ALLBUTT, M.R.C.P.E.

24, Park Square, Leeds, June 17th, 1882.

A LIFE SUBSCRIBER would need to append his name to his letter if he desire publication for it.

A CONVENIENT CARRIAGE FOR MEDICAL MEN.

SIR.—Practising as I have for fifty years in a bleak and hilly country with bad roads, I have long wished for a vehicle of light weight and draught in which I should be protected from the weather. A brougham is out of the question, on account of its weight and expense. For years, I have driven a Victoria phæton with a head, but I was not protected from a driving storm, besides being very cold and draughty. Seeing the advertisement of Messrs. Harrison and Brass, of Elgin, Scotland, I concluded it was just the conveyance I wished for, and I ordered one. I am happy to say I have not been disappointed, and am highly pleased with it. I consider it a highly finished, convenient, and most comfortable carriage, even without the head on; and, in the back seat, with a small umbrella, I am more sheltered from the rain than in the Victoria with the head up. The Elgin Acme Car, with the hood on behind, is a complete and perfect protection from wind and rain.

I certainly have much pleasure in strongly recommending to the notice of my professional brethren (who are in want of a handsome, well built, and most comfortable conveyance) the Acme Car, built by Messrs. Harrison and Brass, carriage manufacturers, of Elgin, Scotland.—I remain, yours truly,

WILLIAM HEANE, F.R.C.S.Eng.

The Lawn, Cinderford, Gloucester, June 14th, 1882.

SPECIALITY.—See the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, December 17th, 1864, p. 675. "A man may know how to make a nail, and not know how to make a lock; but would it be possible for a doctor to understand the eyes, and be totally ignorant of the ears? A speciality is good, provided always there is generality also."

