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Two inquiry sheets have been returned filled up, but without the names or addresses of the senders. Total number of replies received up to Tuesday, January 23rd, 571. It is hoped that many of those who have not filled up and forwarded their inquiry sheet, will yet do so. The sheet will be found folded in the JOURNAL of January 6th, 1883.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1883: ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Committee of Council will be held on Wednesday April 11th, July 11th, and October 17th. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before each meeting, viz., March 21st, May 21st, September 26th, in accordance with the regulation for the election of members passed at the meeting of the Committee of Council of October 12th, 1881.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

November 9th, 1882.

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

CARDS and explanatory memoranda for the inquiries concerning Acute Pneumonia, Chorea, and Acute Rheumatism, can be had by application to the Honorary Secretaries of the Local Committees appointed by the Branches, or to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee. Of these diseases, each member of the Association is earnestly requested to record at least one ordinary case coming under observation during the year.

Inquiries concerning Diphtheria and Syphilis have been prepared, and can be had on application by those willing to contribute information on these subjects. There are two cards on Diphtheria, one containing clinical, the other etiological inquiries, together with an explanatory memorandum. One of these cards is intended to serve

as a guide to the systematic examination of a house or district for sanitary purposes. There are also two sets of inquiries concerning Syphilis, one for acquired, the other for inherited, disease. These are accompanied by an explanatory memorandum giving information concerning the most recently observed symptoms of the inherited disease.

All these inquiries will be continued during the present year.
F. A. MAHOMED, Secretary to the Committee.
12, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Royal Cork Institution, on Saturday, the 27th instant, at 4.30 P.M. Members wishing to exhibit pathological specimens, read papers, etc., will intimate their intention to the Honorary Secretary at once. It is hoped that Dr. Mahomed, Honorary Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, will attend and give an account of the work of his Committee.—T. GELSTON ATKINS, B.A., M.D., Honorary Secretary, January 8th, 1883.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.
THE fourth ordinary meeting of the session was held in the Medical Institute, Edmund Street, Birmingham, on Thursday, January 11th. The chair was taken by the President, Dr. Dewes, at 3 P.M.

New Members.—Mr. A. S. Bridges, Gerrard Street, Lozells, Mr. A. Orton, Sollihull, Mr. C. Vokes, Brierley Street, Dr. B. C. A. Windle, the General Hospital, were elected members.

Representation of Branches on the Committee of Council.—The circular and questions from the Committee of Council were considered.

Mr. HUGH KER moved, and Dr. FOWLER BODINGTON seconded, the following resolution, which was carried:

"That, in the opinion of this Branch, no change in the laws which regulate the election of members of the Council will be satisfactory, which does not provide for the election, by the Branches, of one or more representatives from each Branch, in proportion to the numbers of its members."

Mr. GAMGER moved, and Dr. SAWYER seconded, the following resolution, which was carried:

"That this Branch is of opinion that the principle of direct representation, which the British Medical Association insists upon in the constitution of the General Medical Council under a reformed Medical Act, should be applied to the government of the British Medical Association."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SPECIAL MEETING.
A SPECIAL general meeting of this Branch was held at the house of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, on Wednesday, December 20th, at 8 P.M.; THOMAS BRIDGWATER, M.B., President, in the chair.

Representation of Branches in the Committee of Council.—The questions submitted to the Branch by the President of Council (in JOURNAL, December 2nd, page 1111) were considered.

The answers to questions 1 and 5 were deferred until question 7 was answered. To question 2, it was replied that no special appointment had been made, other than one of the secretaries. In answer to question 3, it was stated that the total number of members of the Branch was 906, and its income about £113. To question 4, it was replied that the expenses of the secretary were not paid by the Branch; but that, when the Committee of Council met in Birmingham, the Branch had paid the travelling expenses of the Secretary from the time when it had sufficient funds to do so. Question 6 was answered in the negative. Question 7 (including also 1 and 5) was answered in a series of recommendations which had been agreed to by the Council, and were now submitted to the meeting.

Regarding representatives in the General Council of the Association, the following recommendations were unanimously adopted:

1. That every Branch President for the time being be, *ex officio*, one of the representative Members of the Council. 2. That not less than fourteen days prior to the date of nomination of the members on the Council of the Association, the honorary secretary shall write to each proposed representative of the Branch on the Council, inquiring whether he will be able to attend the forthcoming Annual Meeting or not.

Regarding the Committee of Council, the following recommendations were discussed:

1. Proposed by Mr. SAUNDERS, and seconded by Dr. HARE: "That the present system of placing past Presidents and Treas-

surers of the Association, and Presidents of Council, on the Committee of Council as *ex officio* Members, remain unaltered."

To this an amendment was proposed by Mr. NELSON HARDY, and seconded by Dr. JAMES THOMPSON:

"That not more than six Vice-Presidents be *ex officio* on the Committee of Council."

The amendment was negatived, and the original motion was carried by a large majority.

2. Proposed by Mr. SIBLEY, seconded by Dr. GRIGG, and carried *nem. con.*:

"That Branches with not more than two hundred members be represented, as at present, in the Committee of Council by their honorary secretary, or such other person as they may specially appoint to represent them, who should be designated the '*ex officio* representative.'

3. Proposed by Mr. MACNAMARA, seconded by Dr. STEPHEN MACKENZIE, and resolved:

"That, in addition to this, power should be given to every Branch with over two hundred members to nominate to the General Council a second representative, over four hundred a third, over six hundred a fourth, and so on in proportion; and that such nomination take the place of the present nomination of twenty members by the Committee of Council."

4. Proposed by Mr. G. EASTES, seconded by Dr. JOSEPH ROGERS, and resolved:

"That these representatives should not be obliged to retire until they have completed their second year of office."

5. Proposed by Dr. GRIGG:

"That the travelling expenses of the representatives to all the meetings of the Committee of Council be paid by the Association."

Mr. ERNEST HAET proposed as an amendment, and Dr. A. P. STEWART seconded:

"That, in cases where the payment of honorary secretaries is desirable, each Branch should as far as possible defray the travelling expenses of its representative; but that in any particular case in which a Branch desires to pay the expenses of its representative, but does not possess the adequate resources, the Committee of Council should have power to grant a subsidy towards the payment of such expenses."

The amendment was carried; and, having been put to the vote as a substantive motion, was adopted.

The Journal and Finance Committee.—It was agreed that the Committee of Council should be informed that it was the opinion of the Branch, "that not more than three members of a Branch should be, at any one period, members of the JOURNAL and Finance Committee."

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE quarterly meeting was held on January 10th, at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter; Mr. A. J. CUMMING, Vice-President, in the chair. Sixteen members and a visitor were present.

New Members.—Two gentlemen were elected.

Communications.—The following communications were made:

1. Mr. W. E. C. Nourse: A Case of Calculus in the Nostrils.
2. Mr. L. H. Tosswill: On Enucleations of the Eyeball.
3. Dr. J. Thompson: Case of Idiopathic Tetanus.
4. Dr. J. Adams: Case of Plastic Operation.
5. Dr. H. Davy read a paper on Acute Rheumatism, with special reference to the Collective Investigation cards issued to members; which was followed by an interesting discussion.
6. Dr. A. Blomfield showed microscopic specimens of Bacillus Tuberculosis, mounted by Dr. Heneage Gibbes.
7. Dr. R. Hudson showed microscopic specimens of Bacillus Tuberculosis.

Homeopathy.—It was resolved:

"That the Committee of Council be requested to take steps to carry out their own proposal, made in their report to the general meeting at Worcester, to obtain a full expression of opinion on the part of the whole Association, as to whether it will tolerate homeopathy in its ranks, or not."

Representation of the Profession on the General Medical Council

—It was resolved:

"That this meeting is of opinion that the Medical Council cannot be, in any sense, satisfactory to medical men, unless proper provision is made for the direct and adequate representation of the whole profession."

Representation of the Branches on the Committee of Council.—It was resolved that the following recommendations be made:

1. That, every Branch President, for the time being, be *ex officio* one of the representative members on the general Council. 2. That, the twenty representatives on the Committee of Council be elected by the Branches. 3. That these representatives be elected for two years, and be not eligible for re-election for one year. 4. That, the Committee of Council elect not more than two members from one Branch on its Journal and Finance Sub-Committee.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: SPECIAL MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Castle Hotel, Taunton, on December 14th, specially convened to take into consideration a letter from Mr. Wheelhouse, President of the Committee of Council, issued (under circumstances which were fully stated in the JOURNAL of Dec. 2nd, at page 1111) with a view to elicit the opinion of each Branch of the Association as to whether or not its members considered they were properly and adequately represented on the Committee of Council. There were present H. P. OLIVEY, Esq., President, in the chair, and five other members.

Answers from Absent Members.—The HONORARY SECRETARY stated that he had sent out, with the notice of the meeting, a copy of the three principal questions to which Mr. Wheelhouse desired to receive answers from members, and had requested that gentlemen unable to attend would return these questions answered. The questions submitted were as follows.

1. Are you satisfied with the present method of representation of this Branch in the Committee of Council of the Association by the honorary secretary, *ex-officio*?

2. Are you aware if any feeling exists in the Branch of inadequate representation?

3. Have you any suggestion to offer on the subject?

Twenty-five members returned the questions answered, almost uniformly as follows:—To question 1, Yes; to questions 2 and 3, No.

The answers were laid before the meeting, and all which contained remarks or comments were read.

Discussion.—Mr. Wheelhouse's letter and the questions appended to it were read and discussed.

Announcement from the Honorary Secretary.—Dr. Kelly announced to the meeting that the state of his health prevented him from undertaking the necessary journeys to attend meetings of the Committee of Council, and that he should be glad to be relieved from his office of representative.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions were passed.

1. That, in the opinion of this meeting, the existing By-law of the Association, No. 25, and the resolution passed by the Committee of Council on October 15th, 1879, defining the powers given by that By-law to Branches for appointing an *ex officio* representative, are sufficient, and that no alteration in the By-laws of the Association on this subject is required.

2. That, under the circumstances of Dr. Kelly having intimated to this meeting that he is unable, from the state of his health, to attend the meetings of the Committee of Council, and that he should be glad to be relieved of his office of representative, in the opinion of this meeting, the power to elect a special Honorary Secretary to represent this Branch in the Committee of Council should be considered, and, if thought proper, be acted upon by the next general meeting of the Branch.

General Practitioners not sufficiently represented.—Three of the gentlemen at the meeting wished their opinions to be recorded to the effect: That the general practitioner is practically not sufficiently represented on the Committee of Council.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

A GENERAL meeting of this Branch was held in the Belfast Royal Hospital on Thursday, December 7th, at twelve o'clock. The President, Dr. JOHN MOORE, Belfast, occupied the chair, and there was a large number of members present.

New Members.—Sixteen new members were elected.

Collective Investigation.—A small subcommittee, consisting of the President, Dr. Whitla, Dr. Byers, and the Honorary Secretary, were appointed to manage the work of collective investigation.

Changes in the Laws.—In pursuance of notice given at the last general meeting of the Branch, Dr. M'KEOWN proposed certain resolutions amending the by-laws of the Branch, which were seconded by Dr. Maconchy (Downpatrick), and adopted.

Representation of the Branches in the Committee of Council.—The circular letter from the President of the Council in reference to the

representation of the Branches in the Committee of Council was read to the meeting, and it was resolved:

“That the Honorary Secretary answer the queries appended to the circular from the President of Council so far as the facts warrant, and that the whole of the questions involved be referred to the Council for consideration and report at the next meeting of the Branch.”

Communications.—The following communications were read.

1. Dr. M'CONNELL showed a patient with an Artificial Anus at the Umbilicus, the result of the sloughing of a large umbilical hernia.

2. Dr. BYERS showed an interesting case of Sporadic Cretinism.

3. The President read the notes of a case of Cancer of the Fundus and Body of the Uterus.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NEW MODE OF AFFORDING PERMANENT RELIEF TO INTRACTABLE CHRONIC CYSTITIS, AND TO CONFIRMED PROSTATIC RETENTION OF URINE.

SIR,—I am fully acquainted with the case reported by Mr. Teevan, in the *Transactions of the Clinical Society* (Vol. xii. “A Case of Cystotomy,” by W. F. Teevan, page 148, March 28th 1879), to which he calls my attention, and on which he rests his claim to have performed “the very operation,” which I have recently termed “a new mode.” And let me first say that, had I, when publishing my own plan, referred to his proposal, I could not have avoided the ungracious task of pointing out its serious defect; a necessity, however, which is now imposed upon me. My reply is simple and distinct. So far is my procedure from being identical with Mr. Teevan's, it is, on the contrary, opposed to it in the most essential particular.

The paper to which he refers me describes the only case of the kind, so far as I can ascertain, that he has ever published, and is entitled, “A Case of Cystotomy”; in which, to use the author's words, he not merely “opened the membranous urethra” (which is all I do), but “incised the prostate and neck of the bladder vertically downwards” as well. Hence, the term “cystotomy,” rightly chosen to designate the proceeding, and not “external urethrotomy” (which, in his second Lettsomian lecture, is applied to it); because, while the first incision might certainly be so described, a second and deep incision followed the first. To this lecture Mr. Teevan also refers me, to illustrate the “raison d'être, results, and indication,” of the same operation, relative to which I have no controversy with him, since I agree with him that “the incisions of lateral lithotomy are unnecessarily severe”—far too severe—for the purpose.

But it is the incision of the neck of the bladder which he adopted in his case, that I regard as unnecessary and dangerous; and I have emphatically pointed out in a paper at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society and elsewhere, that my proceeding is not cystotomy, but an incision from the perineum to the membranous urethra only; an incision sufficing merely to admit the index finger, and therefore almost absolutely devoid of risk. The primary object I had in performing it, was to make “digital exploration” of the bladder, for the diagnosis of obscure diseases (*vide Lancet*, May 6th, 1882*), a method of prosecuting such inquiry not before adopted. It was in connection with several cases of this slight exploratory incision† that I found it amply sufficient to afford rest and drainage to the bladder for the prostatic cases in question; and I desired to substitute it for the “lithotomy” and “cystotomy” which have been long ago employed for that purpose both here and elsewhere, although on rare occasions.—I am, Sir, yours obediently,

HENRY THOMPSON.

Wimpole Street, January 22nd, 1883.

MOVABLE KIDNEY.

SIR,—Will you allow me a word on this subject, to say I have been a good deal misunderstood about it? I did not say that I had never seen a kidney that was movable. Nearly all enlarged kidneys are more or less movable; some of them, like Dr. Baines's case, very movable indeed. But confining the term “movable kidney” to the state in which the kidney moves by reason of the existence of a mesonephron, I have never seen, nor is there recorded, so far as I can

*“On Digital Exploration of the Bladder through Incision of the Urethra from the Perineum.”—*Lancet*, May 6th, 1882, pp. 724-5.

† I have done this now in fourteen cases of obscure vesical disease, finding and removing tumour in no less than five of them.

ing-house, and he could testify to the great necessity that existed for the lessons they had just heard being repeated incessantly. It was a most unsatisfactory feature in regard to house sanitation that in many cases persons who complained of their houses, and who went the length of skilled examination to find out the defects, shrank then from the cost of making them fit to live in. Nothing, in his opinion, could be more foolish, for healthy human life was the first essential of all enjoyment of existence, and such an expenditure ought to be incurred at any shift. He was sorry to say that in many cases it was an expensive process, but that would in time be obviated by the adoption of better principles of construction, when the useful sanitary appliances would be comparatively cheap. The very first principle of such construction should be, that no drain should pass under any portion of a building. In London, where houses were built in streets, it was impossible to avoid that faulty construction, and the remedy was to make the necessary drains of cast-iron pipes, soldered as for gas and water, and to ventilate them at the back and front of the house, and so to insure that there shall be no escape of sewage or sewage-gas in the basement. From our defective municipal system in London a heavy duty was inflicted on builders who connected houses with the public sewers, and this led in many cases to no junction being made in the case of new houses between the drains and the sewers, with unsanitary consequences that needed no comment.—Sundry other experts bore testimony to the very unsatisfactory condition of things as at present existing in the metropolis, and it was mentioned that in New York recent sanitary requirements obliged every person building a new house to employ the jointed and ventilated iron pipes on which Mr. Rawlinson had insisted.

CERTIFICATION OF PAUPER LUNATICS.

SIR.—I was glad to see your article in last week's JOURNAL, in reference to the certification of pauper lunatics in Birmingham. The medical staff of the parish totally deny any irregularities on their part, but for many years past have objected to certify, not only to paupers, but more so to patients far above that grade, for the paupers remuneration of £5 per year, directly contravening the Law of Lunacy, by which two medical certificates are necessary in cases not of paupers.

Having, after many years' agitation to put the matter in its legal form, at last induced the authorities to see it in its legal light, the whole protective spirit of the Lunacy Law is done away with by appointing one self-interested person to certify for all and every so-called pauper lunatic in the parish of Birmingham. The law expressly states that a magistrate, upon information from a proper authority, "shall call to his assistance a qualified practitioner", and expressly stating that he has done so in his certificate. Now, it so happens that, in our united long experience, we have never been called upon to see a case in conjunction with a magistrate—strong instance of the illegality of the whole practice for a considerable time past.

The medical staff do not object to lose so onerous, difficult, and unremunerative an appointment as it now is; but as the result of their exertions to have the law properly and fairly carried out, they do feel that they should be placed at least in the same position as the whole of the Poor-Law medical officers of the kingdom.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

JABEZ JACKSON,
One of the District Medical Officers for the past seventeen years.
Birmingham, January 23rd, 1883.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted Members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 23rd instant.

Messrs. A. Arthur Ward, Walpole Street, S.W.; G. Sleaman Arthy, Manchester; J. Aspinall Marsden, Camberwell; St. J. Outlaw Rands, Northampton; Alexander Wilson, Manchester; J. Archer Buck, Newmans Row, W.C.; Albert Greenwell, Louth; H. Holdrich Williamson, Mildmay Park; S. Thomas Salter, B.A. Cantab., Woburn Place; Benjamin H. Lane, L.R.C.P. Edin., Victoria Street, S.W.; H. Lyttleton Holt, L.R.C.P. Edin., Devonshire Terrace, W.; J. Arthur Unitt, L.R.C.P. Edin., Walsall; and Richard Hokton, L.S.A., Lincoln.

Two gentlemen passed in Surgery, and when qualified in Medicine will be admitted Members of the College; and six candidates were referred to their studies for three months, and nine for six months.

The following gentlemen passed on the 24th instant.

Messrs. T. George Davy, B.A. Oxon., Exeter; E. Wilkinson Roughton, Brook Green; A. John Williams, Charterhouse Square; Walter Dowson, Upper Chadwell Street; J. Henry Targett, Idmiston; M. Alexander Muirhead, Jamaica; H. Pottinger Keatinge, Trinity Square, S.E.; Yasuzumi Saneyoshi, Tokio; C. John Power, B.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P.L. Torquay; F. Edward Pearce, Frome; E. Waldemar Von Tunzelmann, Wimbledon; Herbert Owen, Coventry; H. Louis Albert, Sloane Street; and C. Gordon Brodie, Isle of Wight.

The following seven candidates, who passed in Surgery at previous meetings of the Court, having subsequently obtained medical qualifications, were admitted Members of the College.

Messrs. John Orford, L.R.C.P.L., Ipswich; Adolphus V. Bernays, M.B. Edin.,

Birmingham; J. Rowland Payne, L.R.C.P. Edin., Coleford; Charles Harri-
son, L.S.A., Braintree; C. Stephen Sparkes, L.S.A., Guildford; H. Morgan, Davidson, L.R.C.P. Edin., Alderhough; and F. Thomas Frampton, L.R.C.P. Edin., Gloucester Terrace, W.

The following candidate, who had previously qualified in Surgery and Medicine, having passed in Midwifery, was also admitted a Member.

S. Reginald Dyer, Harlesden, N.W.

Four candidates passed in Surgery, and when qualified in Medicine and Midwifery will be admitted Members of the College. Four candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court, were referred for three months, three candidates for six months, and one for nine months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, January 18th, 1883.

Butler, Francis Henry, 25, Paddington Green, W.

Verity, Herbert William Steele, Cheltenham.

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

Bird, Henry, University College.

Newey, William Edward, Middlesex Hospital.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—The following lists of candidates examined and approved have recently been issued.

First Examination for Degree of M.B. Class 1.—Fuller, St. John's; Kimmins, Downing; Sprague, St. John's. Class 2.—Andrews, St. John's; Arkle, Gonville and Caius; Carter, Pembroke; De Jersey, Pembroke; Dickinson, Gonville and Caius; Dickinson, Downing; Dickson, Jesus; Doubt, King's; Emerson, Clare; Ferguson, Gonville and Caius; Gervis, Trinity; Graves, Gonville and Caius; Hiley, Pembroke; Jaques, B.A., St. John's; Kerr, St. John's; Luard, St. Catherine's; Manners, B.A., Pembroke; May, Trinity; Mitchell, Gonville and Caius; Olive, St. John's; Parker, Cavendish; Ronald, Trinity; Shaw, Gonville and Caius; Smyth, B.A., King's; Trott, Gonville and Caius; Tuppen, Gonville and Caius; Turner, non-collegiate; Van, Cavendish; White, Clare; Wickham, Gonville and Caius; Wilkinson, St. John's; Williams, St. John's; Wynne, St. Catharine's.

Second Examination for Degree of M.B. Class 1.—Evans, Clare. Class 2.—Castle, B.A., Pembroke; Clapp, Gonville and Caius; Clark, B.A., Gonville and Caius; Dickinson, B.A., St. Peter's; W. P. Graham, Gonville and Caius; Hillier, B.A., Gonville and Caius; Maudslay, Christ's; Piggott, B.A., Emmanuel; Priestley, B.A., Trinity; Ritchie, Trinity; Rutherford, B.A., Gonville and Caius; Stericker, Clare; Whishaw, Cavendish; White-Cooper, B.A., Trinity.

Third Examination for Degree of M.B.: Part II. Class 1.—Brinton, B.A., Downing; Fuller, B.A., Gonville and Caius; Harrison, M.A., Clare; Richardson, M.A., King's; Shield, Downing. Class 2.—F. J. Allen, B.A., St. John's; Buller, B.A., Trinity; Buller, M.A., Trinity; Driver, M.A., Christ's; Hewitt, B.A., Christ's; Holthouse, M.A., Trinity; Newnham, M.A., Gonville and Caius; F. F. Schacht, Trinity; Swift, B.A., Gonville and Caius; Vos, B.A., Christ's.

M.D.—The degree of Doctor of Medicine has been conferred upon William Collingridge, M.A., M.B., S.Sc.Cert. Camb. (Christ's College), Medical Officer of Health of the Port of London. The subject chosen by Dr. Collingridge for Thesis was, "Scurvy; its Causes and Prevention."

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.—At the recent final examinations for the degree in Medicine and Surgery, the following candidates satisfied the examiners.

Degree of Doctor in Medicine for Practitioners of Fifteen Years' Standing.—Ptolemy S. H. Colmer, L.R.C.P. Edin.; Philip Cowen, M.R.C.S. Eng.; Eugene Goddard, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.; Alex. Clement Rayner, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.; George Thompson, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.

Degree of Doctor in Medicine.—Alex. Wm. W. Dowding, M.B.; Thomas Dutton, M.B., L.R.C.S. Edin., M.R.C.P. Edin.; Alfred Mantle, M.I., M.R.C.S. Eng.; George Lucas Pardington, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng.

Degree of Master in Surgery.—Charles H. Melburn, M.B.; William J. Sheppard, M.R.C.S. Eng.

Degree of Bachelor in Medicine.—David Henry Barley; F. W. Giles, M.R.C.S.; Percy Brown, M.R.C.S. Eng.; Isaac Hartley; William J. Sheppard, M.R.C.S.

A gold medal for the best thesis for the degree of Doctor in Medicine was awarded to W. S. Porter, M.B.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the quarterly examination for the Certificate in Sanitary Science, held on Thursday and Friday, January 11th and 12th, the following candidates were successful.

George Purcell Atkins, L.K.Q.C.P., 1882, Dublin; John Byrne Power, L.K.Q.C.P., 1871, Kingstown.

At the First Professional Examination, held on Monday and Tuesday, January 9th and 10th, the following candidate passed.

Augusta Stolte, London.

At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, January 9th, and the three following days, the following were successful.

For the Licences to practise Medicine and Midwifery.—William Thomas Cuthbert, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary; Percy Herbert Delamere, Rathmines, Dublin; Johnson Gore Hunt, Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford; Percy Newell, Dublin.

For the Licence to practise Medicine only.—Alan Montgomery Irwin, Donadea Rectory, Co. Kildare; Francis Saunderson Morrison, Warrenpoint, Co. Down.

For the Licence to practise Midwifery only.—Edward Francis Pigot, M.B., B.Ch.Dubl., Dublin; Samuel Stronge, M.D., M.Ch. Royal Univ. Ire., Belfast; West Wheldale Wilson, M.B., B.Ch.Dubl., Fahan, Co. Derry.

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 enrolled Members of the College.

Philip Crampton Smyly, 1860, Dublin; William Edward Robson, 1869, Dundalk; John Weddick, 1874, Dublin; Montagu W. C. Perceval, 1877, Greenwich; George Stoker, 1878 London.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

CENTRAL LONDON SICK ASYLUM.—District Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 27th.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £180 per annum. Applications by February 1st.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by February 1st.

CHORLTON-UPON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY, Manchester. Honorary Surgeon. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, A. Fox, Esq., 53, Princes Street, Manchester.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR CHILDREN, Park Place, Manchester.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications by February 6th.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR CHILDREN, Park Place, Manchester.—Honorary Assistant Medical Officer. Applications by February 6th.

COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Lancaster.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 31st.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, Leicester Square.—Assistant Dental Surgeon. Applications by February 12th.

DÒRE UNION, Hereford.—Medical Officer. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by February 6th.

GLASGOW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Out-door Accoucheur. Applications to the Secretary by February 3rd.

GLENAMADDY UNION, Dummore Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £55 per annum, with fees. Election on January 27th.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, 3 and 4, Vincent Square, S.W.—Honorary Physician and Honorary Surgeon. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by February 3rd.

KENSINGTON DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £125 per annum. Applications by February 10th.

LISNASKEA UNION, Maguirebridge Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £55 per annum, with fees. Election on February 1st.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Dental Surgeon. Applications by February 2nd.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Medical Registrar. Applications by February 2nd.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum. Applications to J. Logan, jun., Honorary Secretary, Nelson Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by January 30th.

PAROCHIAL BOARD OF AUCHTERGAVEN.—Medical Officer, Officer of Health, and Vaccinator for the Western District of the Parish. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications to Mr. Donald Cumming, Inspector of Poor, Auchtergaven, Bankfoot, Perth, by January 30th.

PAROCHIAL BOARD OF NEW ABBEY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications to Captain Stewart, Shambellie, New Abbey, Dumfries.

RANGOON MUNICIPALITY.—Health-Officer. Salary, 600 rupees per month. Applications to the President by January 31st.

ROYAL PORTSMOUTH, PORTSEA, AND GOSPORT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by February 8th.

ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by February 6th.

SALFORD AND PENDLETON ROYAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary by February 6th.

STRANORLAR UNION, Killygordon Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, and £20 as Medical Officer of Health. Election on February 2nd.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith.—Assistant Dispenser. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by January 29th.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, Broad Sanctuary, S.W.—Second Dental Surgeon. Applications by February 6th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BATTLE, W. H., F.R.C.S., reappointed Surgical Registrar to St. Thomas's Hospital.

CREAN, W., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Northavine and Delling Parishes, Shetland, vice J. Mitchell, M.D., resigned.

GAYTON, Francis Carteret, M.B. & C.M., Aberdeen, M.R.C.S. Eng., Assistant Medical Officer, County Asylum, Bodmin, Cornwall, appointed Senior Assistant-Physician to the Surrey County Asylum, Brookwood.

LUCAS, R. Clement, B.S., F.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Consulting Surgeon to the Princess Louise Home.

MAKINS, G. H., F.R.C.S., appointed Resident Assistant Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, vice B. Pitts, F.R.C.S., resigned.

PITTS, Bernard, M.A., M.C., F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

SMITH, R. P., M.D., appointed Resident Assistant-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital, vice C. E. Sheppard, M.D., resigned.

SMITH, T. F. Hugh, F.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Medical and Surgical Registrar to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Chelsea.

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.

BIRTH.

GREATHEAD.—On 19th December, 1882, at Grahamstown, South Africa, the wife of J. B. Greathead, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HOYLE—SHARP.—On the 19th instant, at Union Chapel, Oxford Road, Manchester, by the Rev. Alex. McLaren, D.D., William Evans Hoyle, M.A., M.R.C.S., of Edinburgh, to Edith Isabel, eldest daughter of E. Hamilton Sharp, Esq., of Manchester.

TUKE—WYLDE.—On the 12th December, at St. John's Church, Grove Park, Chiswick, by the Rev. Lawford Dale, M.A., vicar of Chiswick, assisted by the Rev. Thornhill Webber, M.A., vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Holborn, Charles Molesworth Tuke, M.R.C.S., third son of Dr. Tuke, of the Manor House, Chiswick, and Almearie Street, London, to Mary Ella, second daughter of William H. Wylde, Esq., C.M.G., of Westfield, Putney, Lieutenant-Colonel 2nd South Middlesex Volunteers.

DEATHS.

MIDDLETON.—At 17, Stratton Place, Portobello, N.B., on the 16th instant, John Middleton, M.D., L.R.C.S. Friends will please accept this the only intimation.

WILDING.—On the 17th instant, at Church Stretton, Shropshire, Richard Wilding, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., aged 65.

HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES.—It appears from statistics, published in the Registrar-General's last weekly return, that the death-rate recently averaged 33.4 per 1000 in the three principal Indian cities; it was 25.0 in Bombay, 40.8 in Madras, and 41.4 in Calcutta. Cholera caused 99 deaths in Calcutta, showing further increase upon previous weekly numbers, and small-pox 13 in Bombay; fever fatality showed the largest excess in Madras. According to the most recent weekly returns, the average annual death-rate per 1000 persons estimated to be living in twenty-two of the largest European cities, was 28.4, and was no less than 5.0 above the mean rate last week in twenty-eight of the largest English towns. The death-rate in St. Petersburg was equal to 39.0, and showed a slight decline from higher rates in previous weeks; the 694 deaths included 26 fatal cases of scarlet fever, and 25 of small-pox. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the death-rate averaged only 22.0; 5 fatal cases of measles occurred in Stockholm, and 2 of diphtheria in Copenhagen. In Paris, the death-rate was equal to 26.3; the deaths included 68 of typhoid fever, and 15 of small-pox. The 204 deaths in Brussels were equal to a rate of 26.5; and including 4 fatal cases of small-pox, and 4 of fever. The rate in Geneva did not exceed 19.4. In the three principal Dutch cities—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague—the mean death-rate was 26.7, the highest rate being 30.7 in Rotterdam; diphtheria caused 6 deaths in Amsterdam, and small-pox 2 in Rotterdam. The Registrar-General's table includes nine German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 28.5, and ranged from 23.8 in Berlin, to 32.6 in Prague and 36.8 in Breslau. Small-pox caused 5 deaths in Budapest, and 3 in Vienna; diphtheria continues to show fatal prevalence in most of these German cities, especially in Berlin and Dresden. The death-rate averaged 28.6 in three of the principal Italian cities, and was equal to 34.7 in Venice, where 17 of the 90 deaths resulted from measles; typhoid fever caused 8 deaths in Turin, and 3 in Rome. In four great American cities, the mean death-rate was 24.5; the rate ranging from 23.0 in Brooklyn, to 30.5 in Baltimore. Small-pox caused 71 deaths in Baltimore, showing a further considerable increase upon recent weekly numbers. The deaths in Philadelphia included 12 from typhoid fever and 10 from small-pox. Diphtheria fatality was excessive in each of these American cities.

It appears in the *Times* summary of the meteorological conditions of the last month, that under the influence of the long-continued fogs diseases of the organs of respiration increased rapidly, so that in London the number of deaths from these complaints rose from 424 in the week ending on December 2nd to 447 in the following week, and to between 630 and 640 in each of the two following weeks in the month. Bronchitis, was, of course, the most active of these diseases, and the sufferers, as usual, were mainly young children and elderly people.

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.—Hospital for Women, 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 A.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. W., 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., 1.30; 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. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.

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.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Whipham; A Case of Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis (to open a discussion on the Association of Tuberculosis and Bacilli).

THURSDAY.—Harvelian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. W. H. Lamb: A Case of Pleuropneumonia. Mr. H. C. Stewart: On Fevers and Exanthems treated by Antiseptics.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with *Duplicate Copies*.

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 BRITISH MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR.—Though not, strictly speaking, within the objects of the JOURNAL, may I, for the sake of the interests involved, beg place for the following letter, written to a hitherto guinea subscriber to the British Medical Benevolent Fund, who is withdrawing that subscription in favour of the smaller sum of five shillings, to be paid through the secretary of the Yorkshire Branch. If the guinea subscribers in other Branches are adopting a similar method, the movement of the South Wales Branch will be disastrous, and not beneficial to the funds of this urgently necessary and most admirable charity.—I am, yours obliged,

DAVID GOYDER, Honorary Local Secretary (Bradford),

British Medical Benevolent Fund.

“Dear Dr. —, I did receive your guinea, but I regret to find you are about to discontinue it, and give only the five shillings being raised through the Yorkshire Branch of the Association; that was intended to supplement the work of the honorary local secretaries, not to supplant it. The Fund would be in poor case if all the annual subscribers of a guinea were to withdraw their subscriptions, and give only five shillings instead; for example: I raise, by guinea and half-guinea subscribers, £25 yearly, which is equal to the sum furnished by 100 contributors at five shillings each. Now I understand that, out of the 280 members of the Yorkshire Branch, only about seventy are subscribing the five shillings, which is to be gathered by Mr. Arthur Jackson, and transmitted to London as a Branch contribution, that is to say, a total sum of £17 10s., or only three-fourths of what I have hitherto been able to forward without the Branch's assistance. It was never contemplated nor suspected that the Branch effort would damage the previous guinea subscriptions to the Fund, or possibly the promoters of the effort (of whom I was one) would have stayed their hands before issuing the appeal to the members of the Branch. The object was purely to induce members of the Association who had not hitherto subscribed to the Fund to assist it by a small contribution, leaving the guinea and half-guinea subscribers to continue their yearly assistance intact as before. I therefore earnestly beg that you will reconsider your decision, and continue your guinea subscription at least until the whole 280 members of the Branch become five-shilling subscribers, when, indeed, we might send the Fund a handsome contribution.—I am, dear sir, yours, etc.,

D. GOYDER.”

BENTLEY TESTIMONIAL FUND.

THE retirement of Professor Bentley from the office of Dean of the Medical Faculty of King's College, London, a position which he has filled with so much ability, energy, and courtesy during a period of twenty years, has induced a number of his old pupils and colleagues to take the opportunity of presenting him with some memorial of their affectionate regard and esteem. A large and influential committee has been formed. Contributions to the Fund should be forwarded to the treasurer, Mr. John Wood, F.R.S., at 61, Wimpole Street, London, W., before the end of March 1883.

ERRATA.—In the JOURNAL for December 16th, p. 1237, in the second letter headed “An Obscure Disease,” the signature should be “Herbert Collier, M.D.”; and “fistula,” in the first line of the last paragraph of the same letter, should be “prostate.”

W. G. (Richmond).—We see no reason to ascribe our correspondent's nervousness to the cause alleged. We recommend him to consult a respectable medical man on the subject.

“PREVENTIVE FAMILY PRACTICE.”

SIR.—With reference to the paragraph, a “Preventive Family Practice,” in your issue of the 13th instant, may I be permitted, in common fairness to myself, to ask the author thereof to quote any portion of my recent paper in the *Practitioner* (to which he refers) which will justify his statement that, “without absolutely stating that it should, I, at any rate, lean to the opinion,” that “unmasked” for advice should be given to our clients in delicate family matters, having reference to the prevention of the spread (in the only radical manner) of the propagation (at compound interest, so to speak) of certain very hereditary and fatal diseases, which contribute to our preventable mortality to such an alarming extent.

In any case, I respectfully beg you to allow me to state that, whilst humbly advocating an endeavour to get our clients to previously consult us, and take our advice in such important matters, I decidedly disown “unmasked” for advice under such circumstances; considering, as I do, that such a course of unsought-for meddling in private and personal matters would only tend to frustrate, instead of to promote, the object I had in view in writing the paper, viz., that we should, in the future, seek to prevent (or have means of preventing) disease, as far as possible; and, in doing so, to endeavour to educate our clients into considering that such preventive advice is really more valuable and worthy of compensation, than advice and treatment after the damage is effected. I claim simply to have tried to give effect, as best I could, to the old adage, that “prevention is better than cure,” which nobody can deny, however much we may differ as to the particular methods of promoting such a scheme—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. WILKIE BURMAN, M.D.

Ramsbury, Hungerford, Berks, January 17th, 1883.

*** As any medical practitioner would give the advice respecting marriage if asked for it, there would be nothing new or worthy of mention by the author of the paper if he did not, as a part of “preventive family practice,” advise that it should be offered when unmasked; of course, always supposing that both parties were known to the medical attendant. The letter, however, states that we have made a mistake, and we are left, therefore, to suppose that nothing more is advised than all medical men do at present, viz., give an opinion when asked for it.

THERE are now about 2,400 diseases, and every year the strain on a single patent medicine becomes harder and harder; yet the medicine stands up manfully, and promises to cure them all.—*Druggist* (Chicago).