these words. "It has frequently been remarked, both in prose and verse, that the occasional contemplation of the lives and works of great and good men may help to encourage us to corresponding efforts; and perhaps I may venture to hope that the picture which I have endeavoured to present to you in this passing hour, of the deeds of our recently deceased associates, may serve to deepen our convictions of the value and needs of our noble profession-may nerve such of us as are able to fresh exertions, and concurrently aid in advancing the interests and increasing the prosperity of this Society."

A vote of thanks to the President for his address was moved by Mr. SPENCER WELLS, seconded by Mr. H. W. PAGE; and the motion, having been put to the meeting by the Treasurer, Mr. COOPER FORSTER, was carried with acclamation.

Thanks were also voted, on the motion of Mr. THOMAS SMITH, seconded by Dr. MACFARLANE (of Kilmarnock), and carried unanimously, to the retiring Vice-Presidents and other members of Council; and were also moved by Mr. CHRISTOPHER HEATH, seconded by Mr. R. W. PARKER, and carried with applause, to the retiring Secretary, Dr. Reginald Thompson, and the retiring Librarian, Dr. Edward H. Sieveking; for their zealous and valuable services; the mover especially referring to the rather severe additions to the usual secretarial duties which had fallen to the lot of the retiring Secretary, who, during the three years of his holding office, had had to superintend repairs, alterations, and improvements, external and internal, of the Society's premises, in which his valuable knowledge and judgment in these matters had been of the utmost service to the Society.

During the course of the meeting, the PRESIDENT announced the result of the ballot for officers and council for 1883-84 as follows. *President:* John Marshall, F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* *John Russell Beynolds, M.D., F.R.S.; *Reginald Edward Thompson, M.D.; *William Scovell Savory, F.R.S.; *Richard Barwell. *Treasurers:* Charles Bland Radcliffe, M.D.; John Cooper Forster. *Scoretarics:* *Reginald Southey, M.D.; M. Berkeley Hill. *Librarians:* *Charles Hilton Fagge, M.D.; John Whitaker Hulke, F.R.S. Other Members of *Councell:* *George Fielding Blandford, M.D.; *Dyce Duckworth, M.D.; *Samuel Jones Gee, M.D.; *Frederick William Pavy, M.D., F.R.S.; James E. Pollock, M.D.; George Cowell; Henry Power; Howard Marsh; Septimus W. Sibley; *William Spencer Watson.

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 desirons 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.

Novémber 9th, 1882.

PABLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE. Notice of Meeting.

A MEETING of the Parliamentary Bills Committee will be held at the office of the Association, 161A, Strand, (opposite Newcastle Street) London, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Business: —To consider the following Bills now n Parliament: Notification of Infections Diseases; Scotch Police Bill; Pharmaceutical Society's Bill.

London, March 7th, 1883. FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

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,

* Those gentlemen to whose name an asteriak (*) is prefixed, were not on the Council, or did not fill the same office last year.

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.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the District will be held on Friday, March 9th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Watson Cheyne will read a paper on Tubercle: its Etiology and Modern History. Microscopical Preparations will be shown, illustrating the results of the most recent investigations. Mr. Ernest Hart will preside.—G. W. POTER, M.D., Honorary Beoretary, 12, Grosvenor Road.—February 27th, 1883.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCE.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on Thursday, March 15th, at six o'clock. Members willing to bring forward any subject, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary —EDWD. L. FERN, M.D.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST AND WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS.—A meeting of the above Districts will be held at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, on Wednesday, March 14th, at 3.30 p.M.; building furner, Esq., of Brighton, in the chair. Dinner at 5.30 p.M.; charge 6a, exclusive of wine. The following papers have been promised. 1. Dr. Godson: Retroversion of the Gravid Uterus. 2. Dr. Hollis: A Case of Athetosis, with Remarks thereon (patient shown). 3. Mr. Butlin: On the Fathology and Treatment of Nasal Folypi. 4. Mr. Blaker: a. Case of Battey's Operation; b. A Case of Fragilitas Ossium (patient shown). A member will introduce the question of the formation of a Medical Provident Society.—G. B. COLLET, 5. The Steyne, Worthing, T. JENNER VERBALL, \$5, Western Road, Brighton, Honorary Secretaries.—March 5th, 1883.

SOUTH-BASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the Royal Hotel, Deal, on March 22nd, at 3 P.M.; Dr. Davey of Walmer in the chair, who very kindly invites members to lunchoon at his house from 1 to 2.30 P.M. N.B.—The Walmer Station is most convenient for those proposing to lunch. Dinner at the Royal Hotel, Deal, at 5 P.M. A discussion on Acute Fneumonia (first card of Collective Investigation Committee) will be led by Mr. Raven, Dr. Parsons, and others. The President will show cases of Extroversion of Bladder and Spina Blida. All published cards of the Collective Investigation Committee can be had on application to T. WHITE-HEAD REID, HONOTARY District Secretary, 34, St. George's Place, Canterbury.— March 1st, 1883.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A general meeting of this Branch will be held in the Board Room of the County Infirmary, Armagh, on Thursday, March 15th, at 12.30 p.M. Business: Dr. Paimer (Armagh) will read notes of a case of Artificial Anus after Operation for Strangulated Hernia; and will abow the patient. The President will read notes of a case of Strangulated Hernia is and will abow the patient. The President will read notes of a case of Strangulated Hernia is of fourteen days' duration successfully operated on. Mr. Fagan will read a paper on the Nature, Symptoms, and Treatment of Hæmarthrosis of the Knee, with reports of cases. Dr. Bernard (Londonderry) will exhibit a Patient, the subject of an Abdominal Tumour. Dr. J. Wilton Browne (Belfast) will give a short account of a case of Tetanus, in which he trephined, and will exhibit the recent parts; he will also give details of a case of Ligature of the Third Part of the Subclavian, and exhibit the recent parts. Dr. Workman (Belfast) will exhibit the Bacilus Tuber culosis. The President will read notes of three cases of Oboras; also notes of a case of Puerperal Convulsions.—ALEX. DEMPSEY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Clifton Street, Belfast.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

THE opening meeting of the Border Counties Branch was held at the Great Central Hotel, Carlisle, on Thursday, February 22nd. The President, Dr. KNIGHT, took the chair at 6 P.M. Twenty-five members and visitors were present. New Members.—Dr. Macdonald of Kirkoswald, and Dr. Alexander

New Members.—Dr. Macdonald of Kirkoswald, and Dr. Alexander of Selkirk, were elected members of the Branch.

The late Dr. R. Elliot.—It was moved by Dr. KNIGHT, and seconded by Dr. TIFFIN,

"That the members of the Border Counties Branch desire to express their sense of the great loss which they and the profession generally have sustained by the removal of Dr. Robert Ellict of Carlisle, who took the greatest interest in the formation of the Branch, and acted as president during one of the early years of its existence. They also beg to convey their sympathy to the family under their mourful bereavement."

President-Elect.—It was unanimously resolved that Dr. Macdougall be appointed President-Elect.

Representatives on the General Council.-Drs. Barnes, Lediard,

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Macbean, Maclaren, Russell, and Tiffin, were chosen to represent the Branch in the General Council of the Association.

Representation of Branches in the Committee of Council.-Dr. TIFFIN proposed, and Dr. BARNES seconded, the following resolutions, which were carried unanimously.

"That this Branch, whilst warmly acknowledging the valuable services of the Committee of Council as hitherto appointed, is strongly of opinion that a more efficient representation of the Branches in the executive government of the British Medical Association is calculated to prove advantageous in the future. That this Branch is of opinion that the meetings of the Committee of Council should not be held exclusively in London."

Cases and Specimens were exhibited by Drs. Barnes, Russell, Maclaren, and Lediard.

Papers .- The following papers were read.

1. A Note on Tracheotomy, by Dr. J. A. Macdougall.

2. Notes of a Case of Pelvic Abscess, by Dr. Muir. 3⁴ The Treatment of Enlarged Glands in the Neck, by Dr. Lediard. Four Years' Treatment of Insanity at Garlands, by Dr. Campbell (taken as read, owing to want of time).

Supper.-The members and visitors had supper at 9 P.M.; Dr. Knight in the chair, Dr. Macdougall in the vice-chair. Subsequently, Dr. Highet introduced a discussion "On the Club System of Pay ment in its Relation to Medical Men," which was listened to with great interest, and participated in by many of the members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MEDICAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

SIR,-Please add my name to those who are anxious to see a medical benefit society established. A few years ago, I brought the subject to your notice, and offered to bear the preliminary expenses; but, to my surprise and disappointment, but few of the profession appeared to take any interest in the matter .--- Yours truly,

H. ERNEST TRESTRAIL, M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. Walmer House, Aldershot, March 3rd, 1883.

SIR,-Will you be good enough to add my name to the list of adherents to the proposed medical benefit society? It has been a matter of considerable surprise to me, that something of a similar nature has never been successfully organised before. The proposed medical benefit society meets a want which is not provided for by any assurance company or medical charity; and I feel certain that a large number of the younger members of the profession will gladly welcome its establishment, and contribute towards its success.-Yours very faithfully,

FREDERICK S. PALMER, M.D., L.R.C.P.Lond. Compton Lodge, East Sheen, S.W., March 5th, 1883.

SIR,-Please add my name to the list of adherents to the medical benefit society. I have long thought that men who have to keep up an appearance, as we have, and cannot, therefore, put by as much as they could wish, ought to have some provident society to which they could belong. I have long been on the look-out for such a society.-Yours faithfully, F. C. GRESHAM, M.D., etc.

Bromley Common, Kent, March 6th, 1883.

FIFTH LIST.

FURTHER letters of adhesion have been received from the following gentlemen :-

Mr. Arthur Hy. Boissier, Pocklington, Yorkshire; Mr. Charles Stacpoole, Salisbury; Mr. J. E. Brooks, Ludlow, Salop; Dr. W. L. Hunter, Pudsey, Leeds; Mr. George F. Edwardes, Blackwell Hos-pital, near Alfreton, Derbyshire; Mr. C. W. Belfield, Bristol; Mr. R. G. Herbertson, New Cumnock, Ayrshire, ; Mr. D. MacLeod, Hawick ; Mr. F. A. Hallsworth, Atherstone, Warwick; Mr. I. J. Baker, Hurst Hill, near Bilston; Mr. H. J. Knight, Brooklands, Rotherham; Mr. W. Ingram Keir, Melksham; Dr. J. Alexander, Paignton; Mr. George Parsons, Hawkhead, Ambleside; Mr. Hugh P. J. Price, Nar-berth, Pembroke; Mr. James G. Macaskie, Belford; Mr. F. J. Good, St. Neot's; Mr. W. H. Twort, Camberley; Dr. P. B. Smith, Aberdeen; and Dr. W. Culver James, Kensington.

. The list is rapidly gaining in numbers; but several hundred adhesions should, we think, be enrolled as a preliminary to practical action, and we shall be glad to continue to receive names.

THE LONDON WATER-SUPPLY.

SIE,—I do not propose discussing my friend Dr. Percy Frankland's paper on London Water, published in the JOURNAL of March Brd. It is enough to say that with much I agree, and that with much I disagree.

I entirely demur, however, to its being supposed that the official returns made to the Registrar-General on the quality of the London water in any respect fairly represent the quality of the month's supply. It is absurd to suppose that the water supplied by a com-pany during one entire month can be judged from the analysis of a single sample. It reminds me of the story told by Hierocles, of a man who, having a house to sell, carried a brick about in his pocket as a specimen.

But I wish, as a medical man, to carry Dr. Percy Frankland's facts one step further than he has done as a pure chemist. And it is this medical aspect of the question (if I mistake not) which will interest your readers. I will accept his table of organic impurity in the Thames water as supplied to London; but against each year I have placed the death-rate of the metropolis (which he has not done), and the results, I venture to think, are most instructive.

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"This organic impurity," says Dr. Percy Frankland, "is a very serious matter." Will he, then, explain how it is that, in the years 1872 and 1880, when the organic impurity in the Thames is reported to have been exceptionally high, that the death-rates were exceptionally low; and that, in the year 1870, when the organic impurity was said to be exceptionally low, that the death-rate was exceptionally high?

When Dr. Percy Frankland has explained these coincidences satisfactorily, I shall have other difficulties of a similar kind (and, let me add, far more remarkable) for him to meet before he can consider his conclusions proved.—Ýour faithful servant,

C. MEYMOTT TIDY, M.B., Professor of Chemistry and of Forensic Medicine at the London Hospital.

3, Mandeville Place, Manchester Square, W.

STUDENTS' RESIDENCES.

SIR,-In a reference to the London Hospital Medical School in your last number, it is stated that, " with the exception of the College at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and University Hall in connection with University College, there are no residences provided for medical students in London." Will you allow me to add that this College has, since its foundation, provided a certain number of rooms for its students, as well as a dining-hall and a luncheon-room? Twenty-eight students are now living in the College, under the supervision of the tutor.-I am, sir, yours very faithfully,

JOHN CURNOW

Dean of the Medical Faculty of King's College. King's College, February 27th, 1883.

DEATHS FROM ANÆSTHETICS.

SIR,-I do not know how we are to arrive at any true estimate of the mortality from anesthetics, except by such a careful record of their occurrence as is given by Mr. Rogers Williams in your last issue. I have for some years published a yearly list of those accidents I have been able to hear of, but many occur unreported. Surely this should be part of the regular work of the surgical registrars of our large hospitals ; and I would suggest that you, sir, should send to the registrars a form to be filled up every six months with some such questions as, "How many deaths have occurred from anæsthetics during the last six months, and from what anæsthetics." leaving a space for noting any particulars. I think, in estimating the mortality from anæsthetics, cases like that of No. 2 in Mr. Williams's list, where the patient was almost moribund, also those numerous ones where the principal agent in the fatal result isth

much of the smell; and, seven days afterwards, she began to be ill, took to her bed, and lived just fourteen days.

BISLEY .- Mr. Partridge presents a very favourable report on this district for 1881. Of the total deaths (89), 4 only were due to symotic causes, against 14 for 1880. There was also a marked decrease in the infantile mortality, which represented 10.7 per cent. of the total births, and 21.3 per cent. of the deaths. Although the rate for 1881 was the lowest recorded for some years past, Mr. Par-tridge thinks it higher than it should be in a district so healthily situated, and that the infantile deaths point, with one exception, to a want of care in either nourishment or clothing. Scarlet fever was present in some parts of the district; but the measures adopted by the health-officer prevented any extensive spread of the disease, and no deaths were registered from this cause. The proximity of privies, etc., to wells, is one of the difficulties constantly met with; and, in this connection, the health-officer states, "the convenience of having wells, closets, pigstyes, and drains near to a back door is generally, even by well-informed people, considered before sanitation; and, until illness occurs as a consequence, it is not thought of."

OBITUARY.

JOHN LIGERTWOOD PATERSON, F.R.S.E.

THIS accomplished and greatly esteemed physician died at Bahia, Brazil, a few weeks ago. Dr. Paterson was born in Midmar, Aber-deenshire, in 1820, and was educated at the Grammar School and Marischal College of Aberdeen, where he graduated as Master of Arts. He acted as assistant to the then Professor of Anatomy in Marischal College, and afterwards took the degree of M.D., and the membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He studied at Vienna and Paris, aftewards settled for several years in Pernambuco, from whence he removed to Bahia, where he practised for more than a quarter of a century, and during all that time he never quitted Bahia even for a week's holiday. He returned to Edinburgh several years ago, and devoted some time to attending practical classes. A short time ago he returned to Bahia to attend his brother who, while there, was attacked by paralysis. During this visit to Brazil, Dr. Paterson died. Dr. Paterson was a man of kindly, genial, and warm sympathies, and he lived on the most friendly terms with the native practitioners, by all of whom he was greatly esteemed, and to whose consultations he was invariably called.

FRANCIS GOODCHILD, M.B.(LOND.), M.R.C.S.

THE early and sudden death of Mr. Francis Goodchild, N.B.(Lond.), M.B.C.S., at his residence, Heathfield House, Ealing, has given much sorrow to a large circle of friends to whom he had, in a comparatively short period of time, endeared himself. Born in June 1854, at Heathfield House, Ealing, his career was one of promise. Educated under the care of the Rev. J. Summerhayes, in Ealing, he then went to Marlborough College, and subsequently to the Mcdical College at Epsom. He there won numerous prizes for scientific and literary attainments, and was also distinguished in athletics, holding the challenge cup for one year. After matriculating at London University, he entered St. George's Hospital, which he quitted to help his father in carrying on his practice in this locality. His premature demise was due to the inhalation of chloroform, which, there is little doubt, he had been accustomed for some time past to inhale as a remedy for insomnia, and hence the fatal accident which terminated his days. Mr. Goodchild, who was a partner of Mr. C. A. Patten, had only recently been proposed by that gentleman as a new member of the British Medical Association.

MEDICO-LEGAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

MEDICO-LEGAL FEES ABROAD.

THE fees for medical opinions in a British court of law are hardly in proportion to the trouble which medical evidence entails on the skilled witness, but at least we do not hear of a fee being curtailed after the doctor has been once paid at the court itself. In a remote and the the determines are been once paid at the other tastif, in a remained part of. Bohemia, says the *Casopis Likaru Ceskyok* (a journal written in the language of a nationality that can claim Skoda Ozermak, Czerny, Rokitansky, and other medical men who have done every-thing calculated to elevate the status of their profession in the every of their countrymen), an ophthalmic surgeon received a writ to examine the injured eve of a plaintiff, and to report upon the case.

He took great pains with the patient, using the ophthalmoscope, and giving a careful and well considered opinion in court. He then claimed two florins for the examination of the case, and three florins for the opinion, and the clerk of the court paid the witness five florins, without hesitation. Next day the ophthalmic surgeon received a peremptory order from the court, demanding that he should return three florins ninety kreuzer within three days, as he had made an exorbitant claim. This incident might literally expose the British practitioner to "the envy of less happier states;" but, on the other hand, if comparisons between English legal authorities, and Austrian officials in their relation to medical witnesses, seem odious, the difference between their ideas of liberality is not so very wide.

ALCOHOLIC TEMPERANCE DRINKS.

A SERIOUS blow to total abstinence was inflicted in the Queen's Bench Division on Tuesday, before Mr. Baron Pollock and Mr. Baron Huddlestone, in the case of Leah, appellant, r. Minns, respondent. The respondent was summoned before the justices at Nottingham for having sold Summer's Botanic Beer without having a beer license. The justices dismissed the charge, and it was this decision that was now appealed against. The botanic beer was made of herbs and sugar, and contained 5.80 per cent. of proof spirit. In Bass's pale ale there was from 10 to 12 per cent. of proof spirit; in ordinary table beer from 24 to 8 per cent., and in lager beer from 10 to 12 per cent. An analysis of other bottles of botanic beer showed less than 5 per cent of proof spirits, and an analysis of ginger beer sold at a halfpenny per bottle contained a similar quantity of spirit. Mr. A. L. Smith appeared for the Commissioners of Inland Revenue; Mr. R. S. Wright for the respondent. The Court said that the information was laid under the 4 and 5 William IV., and they thought that since then various things had been sanctioned for the brewing of beer; yet this botanic beer did not come within any definition of beer. The respondent had been summoned for a penal offence, and they must not extend the law so as to bring him within it. The appeal was dismissed with costs. We doubt the accuracy of the estimate of 5 per cent. of alcohol in ginger beer. If it be at all correct, the total abstainers have been imbibing for years abundance of alcoholic liquor, in spite of their wishes and intentions.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

- MEDICAL VAUANCIES. ARMAGH UNION, Blackwatertown Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum, with fees. Election on the 15th instant. CAMBRIDGE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Fulbourn.—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £000 per annum. Applications by March 16th. CAMBRIDGE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Principal Medical Officer. Salary, £175 per annum. Applications to Mr. W. P. Littlechild, 5, Queen's Lane, Cambridge, by March 23rd. CARLISLE DISPENSARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Mr. John Ostell, Honorary Secretary, 14, Bank Street, Carlisle.
- CHICHESTER INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by April 7th.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell.-Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by March 22nd.
- GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Caledonian Rond, N.-House-Surgeon.-Salary, 203 per annum. Applications by March 22nd.
- GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N. Junior Resident Medical Officer. Applications by March 17th.
- HARTLEPOOLS FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, -Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, 2120 per annum. Applications to J. Tweddell, 12, Albion Terrace, Hartlepool.
- KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.-House Surgeon. Salary £80 per annum. Application by March 23rd.
- LIVERPOOL NORTHERN HOSPITAL .- Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, 270 per annum. Applications by March 31st.
- MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY, DISPENSARY, AND LUNATIC HOS-PITAL OR ASYLUM. Honorary Assistant-Physician. Applications by March 31st.
- MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, W. Assistant Dental Surgeon. Applications by March 10th.
- NOTTINGHAM DISPENSARY .- Resident Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum.
- Applications by March 22nd. PARISH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser of Medicines. Salary, 2100 per annum. Applications by March 13th.
- STAMFORD HILL AND STOKE NEWINGTON DISPENSARY. Honorary Surgeon. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, Dispensary, Stoke New-ton, by Harch 18th.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE AND URINARY DISEASES, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden .- House-Surgeon. Applications by March 21st.

TOWN AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL, Newark-upon-Trent .-- House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by March 12th.

- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, London.—Demonstrator of Physiology. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to Professor Schäfer before March 15th.
- WEST, END HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, PARALYSIS, AND EPILEPSY, 73, Welbeck Street, W.-Casualty Physi-cian. Applications to P. F. Proctor.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, Broad Sanctuary .- Physician. Applications by March 20th.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, Broad Sanctuary, S.W. - Assistant-Physician, Applications by March 20th.

YORK LUNATIC ASYLUM.-Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £350 per annum. Applications by March 17th.

YORK FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION .- Assistant Medical to J. Brown, Park Street, Groves, York.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BEEVOR, W. C., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport Hospital, vice J. A. Williams, M.B., resigned.

BRIERLEY, J. B., M.D., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Chorlton-upon-Medlock Dispensary.

DAVIS, E., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser to the Central London Sick Asylum.

FELL, W., M.A., M.B.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

FERGISON, J. H., M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Killygordon Dis-pensary District of the Shanorlar Union.

GRIFFITHS, C., L.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the County and Borough of Carmarthen Infirmary, vice W. Williams, M.R.C.S., resigned.

GULLIVER, G., M.B., appointed Assistant-Physician to the London Fever Hos-pital, vice G. C. Henderson, M.D., resigned.

HAIG-BROWN, C., M.B., C.M.Aberd., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

HARDY, L.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Queen Char-lotte Lying in Hospital, vice W. H. Quicke, M.R.C.S., resigned.

HEATH, Christopher, F.R.C.S., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the North-West London Hospital.

HEATHCOTE, R. G., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Chorlton Union, vice J. S. Main, M.D., resigned.

HININGS, J. W., L.R.C.P., appointed District Medical Officer and Public Vac-cinator to the Bromyard Union, vice J. Owen, M.D., resigned.

HULL, W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

JAMES, W. Culver, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.E., appointed Honorary Physician to the Westminster Hospital for Women, Vincent Square.

JESSOP, W. H. H., M.B., appointed Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Paddington Green Hospital for Sick Children, vice R. M. Guun, M.B., resigned.

KEITH, S., M.B., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent Square, vice W. Tolwell, M.R.C.S., resigned.

LANE, A., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Dore Union, vice S. K. Powell, M.D., resigned.

LAYTON, Henry A., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cornwall County Asylum, Bodmin, vice F. C. Gayton, M.B., resigned.

MCDONNELL, J., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Glenmaddy Union, tice P. J. Bodkin, L.K.Q.C.P.I., resigned

MADDISON, W. T., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

MAYLARD, A. E., M.B., appointed Extra Dispensary Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

SHELSWELL, O. B., L.B.C.P., appointed Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser to the Holborn Union, vice S. H. Moore, L.R.C.P., resigned.

SINCLAIR, H., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Parochial Board of Auchtergaven.

STRUTHERS, James, F.R.C.P.E., appointed Consulting Physician to the Leith Hospital, vice the late Dr. Combe.

THOMPSON, C. S., M.B., appointed Medical Officer to the Barnstaple Union, rice J. Thompson, M.D., resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 38.6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTHS.

BUDDLE .-- On March 5th, at High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, the wife of C. Biddle, L.R.C.P.Lond., etc., of a daughter.

HAMMERSLEY .- On the 5th instant, at Rushey Green, Catford, the wife of J. Hammersley, M.R.C.S.Eng., of a son.

DEATH.

BAGON,-On February 22nd, at the Cambridge County Asylum, Fulbourn, George Mackenzie Bacon M.A. (Hon.) Cantab., M.D., in his forty-seventh year

HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES. -- It appears from the statistics. published in the Registrar-General's return, for the week ending the 3rd instant, that the death-rate recently averaged 38.8 per 1000 in the three principal Indian cities; it was 36.0 in Bombay, 37.3 in Madras, and 42.1 in Calcutta. Small-pox caused 71 deaths in Bombay and 4 in Madras, while 47 fatal cases of cholera were recorded in Calcutta; "fever" showed the largest proportional fatality in Calcutta. According to the most recent weekly returns, the average annual death-rate per 1000 persons estimated to be living in twentytwo of the largest European cities, was 29.5, and was no less than 6.5 above the mean rate during the week in twenty-eight of the largest English towns. The death-rate in St. Petersburg was 38.3, although showing a further decline from the higher rates in recent weeks; the 683 deaths included 24 from small-pox and 23 from scarlet fever. In three other northern cities-Copenhagen, Christiania, and Stockholm-the death-rate averaged 23.7, ranging from 17.1 in Christiania to 26.3 in Copenhagen ; measles caused 6 more deaths in Stockholm, and whooping-cough 5 in Copenhagen. In Paris, the death-rate was equal to 27.7, and was somewhat lower than in the previous week; the deaths included 34 from typhoid fever, and 9 from small-pox. The usual return from Brussels does not appear to have come to hand. The rate in Geneva was equal to 28.3, but no fatal case of zymotic disease was noted. In the three principal Dutch cities-Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Haguethe mean death-rate was 29.2, the highest rate being 33.1 in Amsterdam, where 10 fatal cases of diphtheria were recorded; 7 deaths from small-pox occurred in Rotterdam. The Registrar-General's table includes nine German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 29.7, and ranged from 23.4 and 23.6 in Berlin and Dresden, to 38.6 and 40.9 in Prague and Trieste. Scarlet fever and diphtheria showed more or less fatal prevalence in all these German cities. The death-rate averaged 26.9 in three of the principal Italian cities; it was equal to 22.8 in Rome, 30.0 in Turin, and 30.3 in Venice; small-pox caused 2 and diphtheria 5 deaths in Turin. In four of the largest American cities, the rate averaged 24.5, and ranged from 21.5 in Philadelphia to 28.7 in Baltimore. Small-pox caused 49 deaths in Baltimore, showing a further decline from recent weekly numbers. Seven deaths from small-pox and 8 from typhoid fever were returned in Philadelphia, Diphtheria was more or less fatally prevalent in each of these American cities.

DISEASED MUTTON.-Illness of a most serious nature has been reported as having occurred in the neighbourhood of Snake's Valley, Western Anstralia. During the last few weeks there have been several cases in the neighbourhood of Snake's Valley of persons being attacked with illness of a most serious nature. The first symptoms are twitchings of the nerves, somewhat similar to those produced by strychnine, and some days after sudden pain and mania seize the patients, who, if not forcibly restrained, would dash their brains out against the wall, and during the paroxysm do all in their power to bite those holding them. In the last cases, where two were attacked at the same moment, four men were required for four and a half hours to hold one of them on the bed, and after the violence of the attack had passed, that one remained for over twenty-four hours in a state of insensibility. It is suggested that these might possibly have arisen from the presence of parasites in diseased sheep, and the mutton when consumed not being sufficiently cooked.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE REFORM.- At the usual monthly meeting of the Sanitary and Economic Supply Association, held on the 17th ult., in the School of Science, Gloucester, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol in the chair, after a discussion on the above subject, in-troduced by Dr. Wright, F.R.S., Medical Officer of Health for Cheltenham, the following resolution, proposed by Dr. Bond, and seconded by Mr. G. Bowly, was unanimously adopted :---" That this meeting desires to express its warm approval of the principle of public slaughter-houses as conducive to the interests of economy, health, and humanity; and its earnest hope that the local authority of this neighbourhood will, with as little delay as possible, take such steps as may be in their power to provide for this most pressing want.

A GREAT MEDICAL TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION is announced to take place this (Friday) evening, at the Royal Victoria Coffee Hall, Waterloo Road (formerly Victoria Theatre), at a quarter to eight, Dr. Norman Kerr in the chair. The following gentlemen, it is expected, will address the meeting: Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Dr. C. R. Drysdale, Surgeon-General C. R. Francis, M.B., Dr. S. Wielobychi, Surgeon-Major G. K. Poole, M.D., Dr. J. J. Ridge, Mr. Harrison Branthwaite, and Dr H. W. Williams.

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, 13 O P.M. —Royal Orthopædic, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.
- TUESDAY.Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthal-mic, 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 р.м.
- 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.—Banari-tan 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 Orthopædic, 10 A.M.
- THURSDAY.8t. 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.
- Gur's.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30;
 Bye, 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; Ophhalmic 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.
- IDDLESEX.--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. MIDDLESEX.
- 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; Orthopædic, 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; Orthopædic, 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. Routh: A Case of Poisoning by Citrate of Caffein. Dr. Robert Lee: On the Diffusion of Medicinal Agents in the Atmosphere. Dr. Symes Thompson: On Alpine Health-Resorts.
- TUESDAY .- Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. A. Willett and Mr. W. J. Walsham: Second Case of Malformation of the Left Shoulder-Girdle, with Remarks on the Nature of the Deformity. Dr. Percy Kidd : Two Cases of Congenital Syphilis of the Larynx.
- WEDNESDAY.-Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M. Council. 8 P.M. Mr. Tatham : Malformed Heart. Dr. Warner: The Advantages of Antiseptic Precautions in Draining Dropsical Legs.
- THURSDAY .- Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Clinical evening. Several cases and specimens of interest will be exhibited.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

A MARINE MEDICAL SERVICE.

IR,—As one who has been a medical officer in the mercantile marine, I should like to be allowed to make a few brief remarks on one of the points dis-cussed in the leader that appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of the 10th instant.

cussed in the leader that appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of the loth instant. In connection with the subject of remuneration, the following passage occurs: "Let saloon passengers be required to pay the surgeon for his services, should they need them, according to a just and specified scale of charges." Now, Leannot but think that the sum accruing in this way would be, not only variable, but, in general, triffing. People, as a rule, are not more likely, by the fact of being afloat, to know when they stand in need of medical services than they do when ashore. Preventive advice they are not yet enlightened enough to ask and spontaneously pay for; and one reason why so many fail to consult the doctor, when from actual illness they ought to do so, is because they do not want to spend a fee, or an unknown number of fees, for what often seems to them a trifle. It appears to me, moreover, simply inexcusable that a mode of remuneration which, like other survivals, has nothing to commend it but the plea of custom — a mode which reason and advancing knowledge alike condemn —should unnecessarily be adopted as a part of anything that professes to be a reform. And further, the anomaly is increased by the fact that the method of payment proposed is different, for no apparent reason, from that suggested for the steerage passengers and crew. It is not in the least necessary that " the saloon passengers should be pauperised in this respect;" and I am only surprised that, after all that has been said and written recently on the system of provi-dent payments for medical services, such a proposal should be found in a medical leader. medical leader.

and the bayments for metrical services, such a proposal should be found in a medical leader. I must venture to suggest that the plan required is something like this. Let the shipowner be required to pay, say £10 a month, the Government contribut-ing the same amount towards the medical officer's salary; and where the number of passengers exceeds, say 500 let an assistant medical officer be appointed at half the salary of the principal. The money required for the purpose might be raised wholly, or in part, by a levy of sixpence per head on steerage pas-sengers, and two shillings and sixpence on saloon passengers, the former moneys being perhaps appropriated as indemnity by the shipowners, and the latter by the Government; or both levies might be made, and the medical officer's salary paid therefrom, at the rate of £20 a month by the Govern-ment alone. But in whatever way the money be raised, the medical officer should be saved the trouble, the embarrassment, and the indignity of collecting it. Everything considered, it will probably be found that the necessary ser-vants, the improved accommodation, and the board required to be provided by the shipowner, would be quite as much as we could reasonably ask him to con-tribute, the salary coming from the passengers indirectly, in the manner I have tribute, the salary coming from the passengers indirectly, in the manner I have indicated.

indicated. The objection to paying the medical officer by capitation fees directly, is that in all ships, except perhaps the colonial emigration ships, the number of pas-sengers varies considerably from time to time, and the medical officer's salary would vary of course directly in proportion. From the nature of the case, a large salary cannot be looked for; all the more need, therefore, that its should be constant in amount, and certain and regular in payment. Of course, £500 a year is not a penny too much for a good man, but that is scarcely the point. There are plenty of good men who would be content to fill the post for less, and not a few who do even harder and more onerous work on shore without a payment. On shore is not invariably in proportion to professionel and not a few who do even harder and more onerous work on shore without such pay. Payment on shore is not, invariably, in proportion to professional skill, and is not likely to be while practices are bought and sold, while any-thing like a just and ready test for the skill that is worth so much a year, has not yet been invented. On the other hand, to make reasonable demands, would probably only succeed in raising an amount of opposition which might defeat our efforts at reform, or greatly mar the results. W. F. PHILLIPS. St. Mary Bourne, Andover, February 19th, 1883.

ANOTHER VEGETARIAN'S EXPERIENCE. -It may be of interest if any other medical men besides your correspondent IR,—If may be of interest if any other medical men besides your correspondent of last week will give their experience of vegetable diet—or, rather, of a diet exclusive of butchers' meat—stating why they have adopted it, and the result. I am aged 57, and have suffered from lithiasis and rheumatic pains, besides periodic attacks of gastric catarth. The following is my dietary: Breakfast— $2\frac{1}{2}$ ounces of American breakfast cereals in porridge, a small cup of coffee, and bread. Dinner—First course: $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of Snodgrass' prepared pea flour made into soup, with one drachm of Kemmerich's extract of meat; second course: potatoes and milk; third course: rice and milk, or tapicea and milk. Tea—4 cup of weak tea, an egg, and bread. I take 15 or 20 ounces of milk in various forms in the course of the day. I have got rid of the rheumatism and the lithiasis. I still suffer from the gastric catarth when exposed to cold and damp.—Yours, etc., A. W. W.

"GUARANA" COFFEE. R. G. II. wishes to be informed whether there is such a preparation as "Guarana" Coffee, and, if so, he would feel obliged with information as to the manufacturer and price. He has not been able to learn of it through any druggist.

A CAUTION. EIR.--I think it right to publish the following facts, and put my medical brothron on their guard against an impostor. A tall, dark man, of fairly good address, called on me a few days ago to ask for assistance. He stated that his name was Phillips, and that he was nearly related to two medical gentlemen of that name in practice in London. On inquiry I found that the man's statements were absolutely faise. He took good care to leave the neigh-bourhood before I could ascertain the *isats* of the case, otherwise I should have given him in charge.-Yours faithfully, Hopefield Villa, Lydney, Gloucetershire, ANDREW S. CURRE, M.D. February 23th, 1883.

PARAPHIMOSIS.

EXAMPSINGSIS. BIR.—Having been called to a case of paraphimosis in a youth, and having tried the usual remedies, without success, I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the utility of the application of the narrow bandage, as recently advocated in your JOURNAL—when reduction was easily accomplished.—Your JURAL Folkestone. ALLEN DURE.

Folkestone. ALLEN DUER. THEATMENT OF PUERPERAL MASTITIS BI IODIDE OF LEAD OINTMENT. DE. TROMAS T. GAUXT, in the American Journal of Obtetrics, expresses his dis-appointment at the ill success of belladonna in checking the secretion of milk, but reports good effects from iodide of lead. He says: "The breast being thoroughly dried and perfectly cleansed, we smear its surface with the officinal ointment of the iodide of lead, and then gently rub it in until a considerable quantity is absorbed. Scale a piece of sheet-lint, of a size sufficient to cover the breast, in the following solution : Acetate of lead, from Sij to Sas to the pint of a one-to-four solution of alcohol. If we desire a more elegant prepara-tion, as de Gologne may be substituted. If there be much pain, it is often well to apply an ice-bladder upon the sheet-lint covering the breast. The lint abould be frequently dipped in the lead lotion. The following phenomena will present themselves: first, a cessation of pain, fulnes, and uneasy feeling of distension, which is so annoying. It is common for the patient, who has been axhausted by pain and consequent less of sleep, to fail into a refreshing alumber even after the application is made. In the course of three or four hours, the breasts may be completely emptied by an experienced hand. The ointment; the evaporating lotion and cold being only adjuncts. I have proved by repeated trials that, when applied alone, it is capable of exerting an absolute control over the secretion. Il believe we here invoke a specific action from the lead folde. A point of considerable moment is the partial ansethesia it is capable of inducing, which thus enables us to empty the glands, where before even slight pressure was badly borne. Its action without doubt extends to the epithelial cells and inhibits their secretory activity, as is seen in it action, in cases like the above, in emaing the drying up of the secretion." en in its action, in cases like the above, in causing the drying up of the secretion."

RUSH .- In the pages of recent back numbers, this subject has frequently been treated.

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