

to this Committee before June 20th; Dr. Lauder Brunton, Dr. Cheadle, Dr. Duckworth, and Dr. Mahomed.

The appointment of an executive committee was postponed for further consideration.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

At the extraordinary meeting of the College on May 17th, the minutes were confirmed. The following were admitted Fellows: James Sawyer, M.D.; G. F. Elliott, M.D.; R. M. Gover, M.D.; J. Dreschfeld, M.D.; F. Warner, M.D.; W. Murrell, M.D.; H. Cook, M.D.; T. C. Allbutt, M.D. Licence to practise physic was granted to Mr. George Arthur Johnson. W. Osler, M.D., was elected a Fellow. The Examiners reported that, of 126 candidates at the first examination for the licence, 87 were approved. The Baly Medal for 1883 was awarded to C. E. Brown-Séquard, M.D. It was resolved that a *conversazione* should be given during the year. The finance report was adopted. The report on protection from fire was referred to the Committee. The Recommendations III and IV of the Council report were considered, and the following were adopted: 1. That the examinations on Hygiene and State Medicine be conducted by special examiners appointed by the College. 2. That registered practitioners be admitted, under conditions, to the examinations on Hygiene and State Medicine, in order to qualify for a distinct diploma or certificate of proficiency on that subject. Dr. Garrod was elected a councillor.

### THE MEDICAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

At the Special Meeting of the Council of the British Medical Association in Birmingham, on Thursday, the 17th instant, Dr. WATERS moved "That the President, the President of the Council, and the General Secretary of the British Medical Association, together with the members of Council, sign the petition to the House of Commons in favour of the Medical Act Amendment Bill, presented by the Lord Privy Seal, as providing for the direct representation of the profession in the Medical Council, and for the compulsory formation of one Conjoint Board of Examination in each division of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the examination of all candidates for the medical profession." He said that he simply moved the resolution as embodying the two remaining principles with which the Association started fifty years ago, and which now seem likely to be recognised.

Dr. DE BARTOLOMÉ: I second the motion.

Dr. McVAIL: Do I understand that this petition commits the Association in any way to the special construction of any single Board? [*No, no.*] With that understanding, I assent to it.

The motion was put and carried; and the petition was signed by all the members of the Council present.

The subcommittee appointed by the Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch to examine the Medical Act Amendment Bill have decided to apply for the following amendments.

In Clause 9, division 9, the insertion of words to prevent women from occupying seats on the Medical Boards.

In Clause 18, the insertion of a provision that medical schools shall not be compelled to admit women to their medical classes.

In Clause 27, division 4, the absolute prohibition of unregistered persons from practising medicine in any of its branches for gain.

In Clause 34, the alteration of the clause in such a way as to prohibit the issuing of their lowest diplomas without examination by the medical authorities. It is considered that the clause, as it at present stands, favours the creation of "bogus" diplomas, over which the Medical Council would have no control.

In Clause 36, provision for a compulsory annual audit by professional accountants.

In Clause 44, the increase of the quorum of the Privy Council from two to five members.

The Committee have applied to Mr. Mundella to receive a deputation from the Branch on the subject of the Bill.

WE are asked by the Honorary Secretaries of the Metropolitan Counties Branch to request those gentlemen who have not yet signed and returned the form of petition sent to them, to be good enough to do so without delay.

Dr. JULIUS ALTHAUS has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

## 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, 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., June 21st, and 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.

Applications, etc., to be addressed

The Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee,  
161A, Strand, W.C.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Infirmary, Derby, at 2 P.M. on Thursday, June 21st. Members wishing to read papers are desired to forward the particulars to Mr. Sharp, Derby, or to the undersigned.—L. W. MARSHALL, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 2, East Circus Street, Nottingham.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON AND SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCHES.—*Preliminary Notice*.—A combined meeting of the South Midland and the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branches will be held at Bedford on June 29th. Members of the former Branch, who are desirous of reading papers or showing specimens, are requested to communicate with G. F. KIRBY SMITH, Honorary Secretary South Midland Branch.—Northampton.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The third general meeting of the present session will be held at the Bell Medical Library, Cleveland Road, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 31st, at 3 P.M. At this meeting, in addition to the ordinary business, a debate will take place upon Acute Pneumonia and its Treatment. Dr. Arlidge (Chairman of the Local Investigation of Diseases Committee) will commence the discussion, and the following gentlemen have promised, if possible, to take part in the debate, viz.: Dr. McDaldowie, Dr. G. H. Lowe, Dr. Malet, Dr. Monckton, Dr. Reid, Dr. Tothorick, and Dr. J. H. Tylecote.—VINCENT JACKSON, General Secretary.—Wolverhampton, April 29th, 1883.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30th, 1883. Gentlemen who intend to make any communication, or to propose any resolution, are requested to inform the Secretary.—E. P. HARDEY, Honorary Secretary, 17, Brunswick Terrace.—May 7th, 1883.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Manchester, on Wednesday, June 13th. The Honorary Secretary will be glad to receive immediate notice of papers or communications.—A. DAVIDSON, Honorary Secretary, 2, Gambier Terrace, Liverpool, May 12th, 1883.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—A meeting of the Executive Council of this Branch will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, May 29th, at 3.15 P.M.—CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., Honorary Secretary.—St. James's Street, Dover, May 21st, 1883.

**SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at Swansea on Wednesday, July 4th. Members wishing to read papers, make communications, or show specimens, are requested to send subject of the same to either of the undersigned between this date and June 15th.—A. SHEEN, M.D., Cardiff; D. ARTEUR DAVIES, M.B., Swansea, Honorary Secretaries.—May 8th, 1883.

**NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Belfast Royal Hospital on Thursday, June 14th, at twelve o'clock.—ALEXANDER DEMPSEY, Honorary Secretary.—Clifton Street, Belfast.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCHES.**—A joint meeting of the above Branches will be held, under the presidency of Dr. Strange, at the Worcester Infirmary, on Tuesday, May 29th, at 3 P.M. *Business.*—Dr. Strange, President of the Association, will give a short address on The Duties and Privileges of the Branches. Dr. Currie: Faith-Cures and Modern Miracles in their Medico-psychological Aspect. Mr. Lawson Tait: Ruptured Pyosalpinx, resulting in Acute Peritonitis, successfully treated by Abdominal Section in Five Cases. Dr. Wilson: Bleeding from the Trachea simulating Acute Pulmonary Hemorrhage. Mr. Miles A. Wood: Some Cases of Diphtheritic Growth on Wounds. Dr. Strange: A Case of Thrombosis from Anemia. Mr. W. Smith Batten: A Case of Dislocation of the Spine (with specimen). Members can exhibit patients and pathological specimens at the commencement of the meeting. The dinner (five shillings, exclusive of wine) will be at the Star Hotel, at six o'clock.—GEO. W. CROWE, RAYNER W. BATTEN, Honorary Secretaries.

#### MIDLAND BRANCH MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Johnson Hospital, Spalding, under the presidency of C. Harrison, M.D., on May 17th. The meeting inspected the newly erected hospital.

A discussion was opened on the subject of Diphtheria.

*Papers.*—The following papers were read and discussed. 1. A Case of Hypertrophy and Prolapsus of the Tongue, by Edwin Morris, M.D. 2. A Few Words on Intermittent Fever, by W. Newman, M.D.

*Dinner.*—After the meeting, the members dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Council held at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, May 17th, 1883, called specially to consider the report of the Committee of Council on the representation of the Branches in the Committee of Council, there were present: Mr. C. G. WHEELHOUSE, President of the Council, in the Chair; Dr. W. Strange, *President*; Dr. W. F. Wade, *Treasurer*; Dr. C. Chadwick, *Vice-President*; Mr. W. D. Husband, *Vice-President*; Mr. Alfred Baker, *Vice-President*; Dr. M. M. De Bartolomé, *Vice-President*; Dr. J. T. Arlidge, Mr. F. J. Bailey, Mr. J. W. Baker, Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Mr. J. S. Bartrum, Dr. G. F. Bodington, Dr. L. Borchardt, Mr. G. A. Brown, Dr. J. M. Bryan, Dr. W. Carter, Dr. Sidney Coupland, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. G. W. Crowe, Dr. A. Davidson, Dr. A. Davies, Mr. H. N. Davies, Dr. E. Dewes, Dr. W. H. FitzPatrick, Dr. R. Foster, Dr. E. Long Fox, Mr. J. S. Gangee, Dr. W. S. Gervis, Dr. C. E. Glascott, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Dr. J. Hardie, Mr. A. J. Harrison, Dr. S. Holdsworth, Mr. T. V. Jackson, Dr. James Johnston, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. H. R. Ker, Dr. D. J. Leech, Dr. W. J. Lunn, Mr. C. Macnamara, Dr. D. C. McVail, Mr. F. Manby, Mr. J. Manley, Mr. Frederick Mason, Mr. C. A. Newnham, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. E. Rickards, Mr. J. Reid, Dr. D. Lloyd Roberts, Dr. James Ross, Dr. S. S. Roden, Mr. R. J. H. Scott, Dr. A. Sheen, Dr. R. Shettie, Mr. W. D. Spanton, Dr. S. Spratly, Dr. A. Strange, Mr. J. V. Solomon, Dr. E. M. Skeritt, Mr. T. Sympon, Mr. H. Terry, Dr. J. R. Thomson, Dr. J. Y. Totherick, Mr. H. F. Vevers, Dr. E. H. Vinen, Mr. R. W. Watkins, Dr. W. Webb, Mr. E. F. Weston, Mr. W. G. Whitehead.

Read circular convening the meeting.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. John Bassett, Dr. Embleton, Dr. Stanley Haynes, Dr. Myrtle, Mr. A. Arthur Napper, Dr. H. Sutherland, Dr. Robert Tiffen, and Dr. John Woodman.

Moved by Dr. B. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bodington, and

Resolved: That the report of the Committee of Council be received and entered on the minutes.

Moved by Dr. Strange, seconded by Mr. Hugh Ker,

That the report of the Committee of Council on the representation of the Branches in the Committee of Council be adopted.

Whereupon an amendment was moved by Mr. Vincent Jackson, seconded by Dr. FitzPatrick,

That the first part of the report be now considered.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be carried.

Moved by Mr. Husband, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and

Resolved: That Part I be adopted, with the exclusion from the words "by this scale" to the end of Part I on page 6.

Moved by Dr. Strange, seconded by Mr. Sympon,  
That the second part of the report be adopted.

Whereupon an amendment was moved by Dr. Borchardt, seconded by Dr. Lloyd Roberts,

That a subcommittee of the Council be appointed to consider in which way the first part of the report can be carried out.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be lost.

Whereupon a second amendment was moved by Dr. Bodington, seconded by Mr. Vincent Jackson,

That the report be considered paragraph by paragraph.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be carried.

Resolved: That paragraph 4, page 8, be adopted.

Moved by Dr. Carter, seconded by Dr. FitzPatrick,

That the return first class railway fares of every member to meetings of the executive body be paid by the Association.

Whereupon an amendment was moved by Dr. Grigg, seconded by Dr. J. R. Thomson,

That the railway fares of representatives of Branches to the quarterly meetings of the Committee of Council be supplemented by grants from the funds of the Association.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be lost.

The original motion was then put, and declared to be carried.

Moved by Dr. FitzPatrick, seconded by Dr. Bodington, and

Resolved: That the President, the President-elect, the President of Council, the Treasurer, and the Vice-Presidents, be *ex officio* members of the executive body.

Moved by Mr. Bartrum, seconded by Dr. Ward Cousins, and

Resolved: That no member, unless resident in the area of a Branch, can represent such Branch.

Moved by Dr. Bodington, seconded by Mr. Hugh Ker, and

Resolved: That the Committee of Council be requested to give due notice, before the annual meeting, of such alterations in the laws and by-laws of the Association as may be necessary for carrying into effect the change in the constitution of the government of the Association embodied in the report of the subcommittee on the representation of Branches in the Committee of Council, as amended by the Council this day.

Moved by Mr. Husband, seconded by Dr. De Bartolomé, and

Resolved: That, as the Council as proposed to be elected will in future be the executive or governing body, and the Committee of Council, thus being no longer required, will cease to exist, the required alterations in the laws and by-laws be made by the Committee of Council, with the assistance of the Solicitor of the Association.

#### REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON THE REPRESENTATION OF BRANCHES IN COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

AT the annual meeting of the Council held at Worcester in August, 1882, the questions of the constitution and government of the Association were raised by the following motion, of which due notice had been given, viz.

Moved by Mr. Hugh Ker, seconded by Dr. Ward Cousins.

"That the Committee of Council be requested to consider in which way direct representation of the Branches can best be secured."

From this point of view the matter was discussed by the Council, and the above resolution was carried.

In response to this resolution, and after due consideration, at a meeting of the Committee of Council on October 18th, 1882, it was determined to refer the matter to a subcommittee, with instruction to report to the Committee of Council at its next meeting; and a subcommittee was appointed consisting of the President of Council, the President, the Treasurer, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Dr. Ward Cousins, Dr. Alexander Davidson, Dr. Grigg, Dr. Holman, Mr. Arthur Jackson, Dr. Parsons, and Dr. A. P. Stewart.

On November 19th, 1882, the subcommittee held its first meeting, and, after carefully considering the subject referred to it, came to the conclusion that its first duty was to ascertain the mind of the Association generally concerning the matter in question. With this object in view, it was determined to issue, through the President of Council, a series of questions, together with a circular letter, addressed to the president and secretary of every home Branch of the

Association, asking for information on the subject. The following is a copy:

Hillary Place, Leeds, November, 1882.

Dear Sir,—For some time past a feeling appears to have been growing up in the Association, and is said, by some, to be already of widely spread extent, that, whatever may have been the case in former years, the Branches of the Association are not now properly and adequately represented on the Committee of Council. At the recent annual meeting at Worcester, this feeling found expression not only at the general meetings, but also at the meeting of the Council, and that body, the Council, passed a vote requesting the Committee of Council to consider the question, and if, after ascertaining the mind of the Branches on the subject, it should be found that any grievance really existed, it would consider and report upon the way in which the evil could best be remedied. The existing by-law of the Association on the subject reads thus.

By-law 25. "The Committee of Council shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the President of the Council, the Vice-Presidents of the Association, the Treasurer, and of the Honorary Secretary for the time being of each Branch, who shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Committee of Council, and also of twenty members of the Council, to be elected by the Council, as hereafter described."

In 1879, in consequence, probably, of the rapidly increasing growth of the Association, a feeling, similar to that now supposed to exist, having made itself heard, the question of the representation of the Branches on the Committee of Council was considered, and the following resolution was passed at the meeting of October 15th, 1879.

That every Branch be informed that it is competent to it to appoint more than one secretary, and to prescribe the duties of each so that one may be required to discharge no other duty than that of representing the Branch on the Committee of Council.

It was argued that the honorary secretaries were men who received their appointments because they had sufficient leisure at their disposal to give to the local duties of their office, and had good personal knowledge of all the members of their Branches, but who had often neither the means nor the time at their disposal to act as the representatives of their respective Branches at the meetings of the Committee of Council, and were so placed at a disadvantage. And yet it was neither ignored nor forgotten that much of the real success of the Association was due to the exertions of the honorary secretaries, a body of men who have never ceased to use their utmost endeavours to advance the interests of the Association, and who have never received any adequate reward for their labours, and it was felt that to deprive them, when they wished to use it, of the right to attend the meetings of the Committee of Council, would be not only a hardship, but a decided injustice. But few Branches have availed themselves of this power, and yet the feeling of insufficient representation is not allayed, and, consequently, the Committee of Council has appointed a subcommittee to reconsider the entire subject, and to report to it as speedily as possible whether any, and what, further steps are advisable. In order that a definite conclusion may be arrived at, the subcommittee so appointed desires to ascertain the opinion of your Branch, and requests that you will kindly consider this matter as an urgent and an important one, and that you will send in your reply, if possible, by December 31st next.—Believe me, dear sir, yours very truly, C. G. WHEELHOUSE, President of the Council and Chairman of the Subcommittee.

QUESTIONS.—1. Is your Branch satisfied with its present method of representation in the Committee of Council by honorary secretary *ex officio*? 2. Has your Branch, having the power to elect a special honorary secretary to represent it in the Committee of Council, availed itself of that power? 3. What is the total number of members of your Branch, and what is the income of your Branch from Branch subscriptions? 4. Are the travelling expenses of your honorary secretary to the meetings of the Committee of Council defrayed by the Branch? 5. Is there any feeling in your Branch of inadequate representation? 6. Is the attendance of your honorary secretary at the meetings of the Committee of Council influenced by the payment, or non-payment, of his travelling expenses? 7. Have you any other suggestions to offer to the subcommittee with regard to the representation of your Branch in the Committee of Council?

This circular letter was also published simultaneously in the JOURNAL, and a short paragraph was appended directing the attention of the members of the Association generally to the subject (see JOURNAL, December 2nd, 1882, page 1111), and requesting those who were unable to attend any meeting called to consider the question, to communicate their views to the President or Secretary of their Branch. The following is a copy.

THE REPRESENTATION OF BRANCHES ON THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.—It will be seen by reference to our "Association Intelligence," that the Committee of Council has lost no time in grappling with the question referred to it at the annual meeting at Worcester, as to the alleged deficiency of representation of the Branches on the Committee of Council, and we are asked to call attention to the steps which have been taken. At its first meeting subsequent to the annual gathering, the Committee of Council, recognising the importance of this question, appointed a subcommittee to investigate it, and to report, at as early a date as possible, the result of its deliberations. The subcommittee had its first meeting on Tuesday, November 21st, at 4, after very careful deliberation, starting from the desire to arrive at the real wish of the Association at large, determined in the first instance, to issue a "circular letter" from the President of Council to the president and secretary of every Branch, and, through them, to the Branches, stating what the grievance is said to be, and seeking their assistance to probe it thoroughly. To effect this end, the subcommittee appends to the letter a series of "questions" calculated, it believes, to elicit the wishes of each Branch on the subject. The letter and the questions appended we publish to-day; and we hope that, after perusing it, any member who takes an interest in the inquiry will, without delay, place his views before the president or secretary of his Branch, and thus assist them in their official replies to lay those views before the subcommittee. The subcommittee asks that the replies may be handed in at as early a date as is possible, in order that time may be given for their classification and consideration, and for the formulation of a definite scheme of reform to be submitted to the deliberations of the Committee of Council at its meeting in April. Time will thus be given for the Committee of Council duly to consider any scheme so propounded, and to put it into a complete shape for presentation to the annual meeting at Liverpool. It is greatly to be desired that all members interested in the subject will give such aid as is in their power to the subcommittee in its endeavours.

It was hoped that every member would thus have an opportunity to make himself directly heard. It will be observed that, in this circular letter, information is sought upon several topics which were not, strictly speaking, included in the reference made by the Committee of Council to the subcommittee, viz., "To consider in what way direct representation of the Branches in the Committee of Council can best be secured."

It was apparent that possibly the outcome of the inquiry might lead to some alteration in the constitution of the Committee of Council, consequent on the introduction of new elements; and involve, perhaps, a reconstruction of the entire executive machinery of the Association itself. In the preparation of a comprehensive scheme of this nature, it was felt that a broad view, not only of our present wants, but also of our possible future needs, would have to be taken; and that any information which the subcommittee could accumulate, bearing on these points, would certainly prove most useful and important in any discussion of the subject which might hereafter ensue.

This report, therefore, consists of two parts: 1st. The subject specifically referred to the subcommittee; and 2nd. Pertinent—if somewhat extraneous—matters. This leaves it open to the Committee of Council to deal with the two parts separately if it thinks fit to do so.

By January 16th, 1883, replies had been received from a large majority of the Branches, and on that day the subcommittee held its second meeting, and proceeded not only to consider the replies, but also to formulate the principles on which this report should be based.

It seemed clear to the subcommittee that, in a majority of the Branches of the Association, no dissatisfaction with its existing constitution had been felt; but that in some—chiefly the larger Branches—a decided opinion in favour of some change was expressed.

The results obtained by the replies to the circular letter are difficult to summarise.

If the answers to question No. 1—"Is your Branch satisfied with its present method of representation in the Committee of Council by honorary secretary *ex officio*?"—be taken as the basis of calculation, it will appear that twenty Branches are content with the *status in quo*, and that these Branches comprise, in round numbers, about 4,064 members; that seven Branches are in favour of direct and proportional representation; and that these Branches comprise, in round numbers, about 1,671 members. Five home Branches, numbering 306 members, have made no reply; and five colonial Branches have not been consulted.

But if the replies to question No. 5—"Is there any feeling in your Branch of inadequate representation?"—be taken as the basis, the result comes out differently, thus:

	No. of Members.
Eleven Branches say "Yes" ...	3,047
Fifteen Branches say "No" ...	2,504
Six Branches send no reply ...	490
Unattached members number ...	2,889
Foreign Branches ...	486
Total ...	9,416

The replies to the questions were given in some Branches by the president or secretary alone; in some Branches by the Council of the Branch, called specially to consider them; and in a few cases by the Branches themselves in general meeting. Your subcommittee is unable to say whether, in any instance, other possible changes in the constitution of the Committee of Council were considered, or whether only the specific change which has been placed under our consideration was discussed.

There is also, besides the members of the Branches, a large number (about 2,889) of members of the Association who are not Branch members, but who have a voice in the general meetings, and of whose opinions the subcommittee has still no knowledge, as in no instance has any unattached member communicated his views to the subcommittee.

Should the principle of direct representation be adopted by the Association, the following is the plan which your subcommittee would suggest:

1. That there be one representative for every Branch.
2. That such representatives be elected "directly" by the Branches.
3. That they be elected annually.
4. That the larger Branches should have the right to elect out of their members additional representatives on the following scale, viz.,

that in Branches numbering more than 200 members, there shall be one additional representative for every 200 members.

Your subcommittee desires, in the second place, to refer to certain considerations, some of which, though incidental to the matter specifically referred to them, are not, or may not be, considered to be strictly comprised within the reference.

1. A record of attendance shall be kept and published annually in the JOURNAL.

2. It appears to your subcommittee, from the replies received to the questions published with the circular letter, that many of those who have now the right to attend the meetings of the Committee of Council habitually fail to attend. This it conceives to arise, in the main, from a combination of causes, amongst which are—(a) the distance to be travelled; (b) the time to be devoted to the business; (c) the expense to be incurred. And it is of opinion that, under the proposed constitution, there will still be a large proportion of members who would remain habitual non-attendants, especially as regards the more distant Branches.

In view of this difficulty, your subcommittee discussed very fully the advisability of allowing such Branches to elect, as representatives, members of the Association outside their own limits. By a large majority, it was held that such provision would soon result in an overwhelming balance of power being given to members of Branches in or near the metropolis, and it was felt that it would be impossible to define strictly what was, and what was not, a "distant Branch," and therefore that this privilege, if conceded to one Branch, must be conceded alike to all.

3. It appears to your subcommittee that, if the plan of proportional representation should be adopted, it would be undesirable to maintain the present dual system of government in the Association. The election of representatives on the executive would cease; the executive would cease to be, in any sense, a "Committee of Council," which body would no longer have any share whatever in appointing it; and the annual report would be made direct to the Association by the executive; the choice of place of annual meeting might also be properly left entirely to the "executive."

4. The Council, and therefore the Committee of Council, would cease to exist, and would be replaced by the new governing or executive body.

5. On full consideration, it was determined to recommend that the payment of travelling expenses should be left to the Branches.

6. Your subcommittee has reason to think that the Association would not desire to remove the Vice-Presidents from the executive. Their removal was not requested by any Branch; was earnestly protested against by one; and their retention was recommended by another, and that the largest Branch in the Association; but it suggests that the right of attendance should lapse in the case of any Vice-President who should fail to attend a meeting for two consecutive years. It was of opinion, however, that it might be well to reserve to the Association the power to restore this forfeited right to any Vice-President who should at any time express a desire to resume active co-operation in the work of the Association.

C. G. WHEELHOUSE, *President of the Council (Chairman)*  
London, March 7th, 1883.

#### APPENDIX.

The following answers to the questions issued by the subcommittee have been received from the Branches. † denotes President; \* Honorary Secretary.

*Bath and Bristol Branch.*—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. Bath, 72, £14 8s.—Bristol, 144, £28 16s. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6. A resolution was proposed and carried, "That the travelling expenses of the secretaries of the various Branches should be borne by the parent Association. Doubtless, payment of expenses conduces to regularity of attendance. The following resolution was passed at the meeting of December 7th: "That in the opinion of this Branch, the travelling expenses of the honorary secretaries of the Branches in attending the meetings of the Committee of Council should be borne by the parent Association. 7. No. \*Richard J. H. Scott. \*E. Markam Skerritt.

*Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch.*—1. No. 2. No. 3. 342. The income of the Branch from Branch and sectional subscriptions is about £55 per annum. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. The expenses are paid. 7. The two following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Branch at which the circular was considered: 1. "That in the opinion of this Branch, no change in the laws which regulate the election of members of the Committee of 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 number of its members." 2. "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." \*Edwin Rickards. \*A. H. Carter.

*Border Counties Branch.*—1. Have no means of judging. 2. No. 3. 100, £12 10s. 100, £12. 4. Was once done I believe. I believe this was done on one occasion. 5. Cannot say. When the matter was brought forward on a former

occasion—1879—there was a feeling that the Branch should be more frequently represented in the Committee of Council. The question of appointing a special secretary has never been before the Branch; why, I do not know. One suggestion as to this way of meeting what is, I believe, really felt to be a weak point; it seems to me that members who have the time and means to attend the Committee of Council probably do not care to appear as Secretaries to Branches. I think we could get members who would represent us with fair regularity whom we could not ask to appear under this denomination. 6. Should think not: rather the loss of time and length of journey involved. 7. That either of the honorary local secretaries may represent the Branch at meetings of Committee of Council, was that Committee might alternate its place of meeting with other large centres. †Alexander A. H. Knight. Roderic Maclaren, Honorary Secretary, *pro tem.*

*Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch.*—1. No opinion has been expressed. Yes. 2. No. 3. 90, £4 10s. or under, per annum. 4. No. 5. None has been expressed. No. 6. The honorary secretary has usually attended the meetings when he has been in London on other business, and has occasionally attended specially. Unavoidable engagements have prevented his attendance sometimes, but the non-payment of travelling expenses has scarcely been a consideration. No. 7. See resolutions on addenda. †William Groom. \*Bushell Annington.

*Resolutions passed at a Special Meeting of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch of the British Medical Association, January 5th, 1883.*—1. The Branch is well satisfied with the present constitution of the Committee of Council under By-law 25. The Branch doubts whether any addition to the number of members would increase the efficiency of the Committee of Council as a working body. 2. If there be a wide-spread feeling of inadequate representation of Branches, as suggested in the circular addressed to the secretary, it may be desirable to introduce some system of proportionate representation. 3. The Branch would much regret the exclusion of Vice-Presidents, inasmuch as, having been elected Presidents of the Association in their respective districts, they are essentially representative men, and from their experience and the part they have taken in promoting the interests of the Association, they are particularly well qualified to be *ex officio* members of the Committee of Council. 4. The secretaries also have been elected to their several offices, and the knowledge possessed by them of the affairs of the Branches, as well as their frequent communications with the members, qualifies them in an especial manner for the Committee of Council.

*Dublin Branch.*—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. 172 members, about £10 per annum. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6. It is the opinion of the Branch Council that the travelling expenses of every Branch honorary secretary should be paid. 7. No. \*G. F. Duffey, M.D.

*East Anglian Branch.*—1. There has been no agitation. 2. Yes. 3. About 180, about £20. 4. The honorary secretary when attending has had his railway fare paid. 6. Yes; he would not attend as an *ex officio* member unless his travelling expenses were paid. 7. I am of opinion that the Council of the Association should be abolished. There should be direct representation of the Branch in the Committee of Council. A Branch of 100 members and upwards should send a representative. Smaller Branches might combine to elect. There should be direct representation. The Council might be abolished. Every Branch of upwards of 100 members should elect a representative. Small Branches might combine for election. \*W. A. Ellison. \*Michael Beverley.

*East York and North Lincoln Branch.*—1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. 81 members. Average income from Branch subscriptions for last six years, £9 16s. 5d.; ditto expenditure, £10 8s. 5d. 4. No. 5. There is not. 6. The honorary secretary does not attend the meeting of the Committee of Council for the reason indicated in the question. The Branch elected the present special honorary secretary to represent it in the Committee of Council because he had exceptional facilities for getting to London, and had offered. 7. The Branch suggest that the person who represents it in the Committee of Council, whether he be the honorary secretary or not, should be called the representative of the Branch. There was also a suggestion that the President of the Branch be, *ex officio*, a member of the Committee of Council. This suggestion was not carried at the meeting held to consider this circular. \*E. P. Hardey.

*Edinburgh Branch.*—1. I have heard nothing to the contrary. So far as I am aware it is. 2. No. 3. Between 60 and 70—£4 to £5. 4. No. 5. Not that I am aware of. I am not aware that there is. 6. I do not think so. No. 7. I consider that the Edinburgh Branch should have a representative in the Committee of Council. No. †Thomas Annandale. \*O. E. Underhill.

*Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch.*—1. Never been referred to. It has considered the question. 2. No. No; the senior honorary secretary is *ex officio* a member. 3. (?) 133—£16 13s. 6d. 4. No. 5. Never been referred to. No feeling on the subject has been expressed. 6. I do not know; but certainly the Branch will never pay his expenses. The cost of a journey to London debars the honorary secretary from attending. 7. I think the chairman of the Branch, besides the secretary, should be a member of the Committee of Council. It seems reasonable that the travelling (but not hotel) expenses of the representatives of the Branches should be paid by the Association. †G. Buchanan. \*Joseph Coates and James Christie.

*Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.*—1. So far as it goes, I believe so. 2. No; the secretary has attended the meetings pretty regularly. 3. Over 800. Last year, £91 2s. 6d. 4. Yes, the railway fare. 5. Yes, a strong one. 6. No doubt. 7. Resolutions passed by the Council of the Branch on this subject have been forwarded to the President, copies of which are as follows, viz: "That no change in the mode of election will be acceptable which does not include direct representation from each Branch in proportion to its numbers." "That the travelling expenses of the representative members of the Branches be defrayed out of the funds of the Association." \*A. Davidson, M.D.

*Metropolitan Counties Branch.*—1. See No. 7. 2. No. 3. 906. Income about £113. 4. No; but when the Committee of Council met in Birmingham the Branch paid the travelling expenses of the honorary secretary from the time when it had sufficient funds. 5. See No. 7. 6. No. 7. See recommendations on Addenda. †Thomas Bridgwater.

*Recommendations approved by a Special General Meeting, held on Wednesday, December 20th, 1882.*—1. *Recommendations as to the Council:* 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 meeting or not.—II. *Recommendations as to the Committee of Council:* 1. That the present system of placing past Presidents and Treasurers of the Association, and Presidents of

Council, on the Committee of Council as *ex officio* members remain unaltered. 2. That Branches with not more than two hundred members be represented, as at present, on the Committee of Council by the honorary secretary, or such person as they may specially appoint to represent them, who should be designated the "*ex officio* representative." 3. 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 of members take the place of the existing nomination of twenty members by the Committee of Council. 4. That these representatives should not be obliged to retire until they have completed their second year of office. 5. That in cases where the payment of the 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 adequate means, the Committee of Council should have power to grant a subsidy towards the payment of such expenses.

THOMAS BRIDGWATER, President, Metropolitan Counties' Branch.

Harrow, January 1st, 1883.

**Midland Branch.**—1. I have heard nothing to the contrary. I think not. 2. No; the matter has not come forward. No. 3. About £20. Over 200; £25. 4. No. 5. I have heard of none. I think so. 6. That is unquestionably the reason for not doing so. No. 7. That the travelling expenses of the representative members of the Branches be defrayed out of the funds of the Association. No. \*L. W. Marshall. †C. Harrison.

**North of England Branch.**—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. 239; income (1881) £43 16s. 4. Yes. 5. No. 6. No. 7. Quite satisfied. †G. H. Phillipson, M.B., Chairman of meeting when this letter was considered. \*David Drummond.

**North of Ireland Branch.**—1. Hitherto no complaints have been made on this matter. 2. No. 3. This year's membership numbers about 140, and the income from these in subscriptions was £17 10s. 4. No. 5. No. 6. The secretary has never applied for travelling expenses. The income of our Branch would not permit of the payment of the travelling expenses of its representative. 7. \*Alexander Dempsey.

**Northern Counties of Scotland Branch.**—1. No. 2. No. 3. 36; about £16. 4. No; so far as I know, he has never attended any meeting. 5. I believe there is, but the subject has never come up for discussion at any of our meetings. 6. Perhaps the absence of our secretary from the meetings is due, not so much to the non-payment of expenses, as to the fact that the distance being so great, he cannot be supposed to spare the necessary time. 7. I would suggest that distant Branches like ours should have the power to elect any member of the Medical Association as their representative. †G. Forbes.

**Reading Branch.**—1. Consider representation might be improved; *vide* question 7. 2. No; but has declined to do so. 3. 44; £5 10s. 4. Yes. 5. Yes; *vide* question 7. 6. *Vide* question 4. 7. Yes; that the president for the year be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Council, and that the travelling expenses of both representatives be paid by the parent Association. \*Richard C. Shettle.

**Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch.**—1. No; it has elected a special honorary secretary for that purpose. 2. Yes. 3. 86; the income for Branch subscriptions is £21 10s. 4. No. 5. Not that I have heard. 6. I should say that hitherto it has been influenced by the non-payment of his travelling expenses. 7. No. †J. R. Humphreys.

**Southern Branch.**—1. I think they have great satisfaction in the present honorary secretary, but from circumstances he is rarely able to be present. This Branch is satisfied with the representation in the Committee of Council. 2. No. 3. About 180; 260. 4. No. Yes. 5. I think every Branch should be better represented than now. There is some feeling of inadequate representation, and that representation on a numerical basis ought to be adopted. 6. I cannot say whether it is so or not, but I think if the Branch had the power, they would nominate some member whose time and means would enable him to attend the Council meetings frequently. The honorary secretary is not influenced by the payment of his expenses. 7. My suggestion is that each Branch should elect one member of their Branch for this special duty, who should represent the Branch at the meetings of Council in case the honorary secretary could not. Although satisfied with the present representation, a fear is entertained that it may lead to the disunion of Branches for the purpose of increasing representation by secretaries. \*Ernest Elliott, M.D. \*W. C. Maclean, M.D.

**South Eastern Branch.**—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. 445; £89. 4. Yes. 5. None whatever, as regards the persons or number of our representatives; but they might be better distributed geographically through the Branch. 6. Naturally it is and must be. Payment ought to be made either by the Branch or Association, or in part by each. 7. The attendance of honorary secretaries, as of other members, should be counted, and in case an honorary secretary has not attended at one meeting of the Committee of Council during the year, that he be ineligible to be re-elected for the space of twelve months, and that the Branch he represents be required to elect a different representative for the ensuing year. \*Charles Parsons, M.D.

**South Midland Branch.**—1. Yes.—Yes, if the honorary secretary attends the meetings of Committee of Council regularly. 2. Yes. 3. 105. The treasurer will inform you.—105. About £11 6s. (£13). 4. Yes; if required. 5. No. 6. No. 7. No.—No; but a very strong feeling is expressed in the Branch, especially by the officers thereof, that the JOURNAL does not sufficiently represent the Branches, by declining to insert addresses and papers read at the annual and other meetings of the Branches. The following resolution has been forwarded to me:—"That reports of meetings or papers read should always be inserted in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, when forwarded by the Honorary Secretary and countersigned by the Branch representative of the Committee of Council. One officer is of opinion that births, deaths, and marriages, should be inserted in the JOURNAL free of charge."—\*G. F. Kirby-Smith.—†C. J. Evans.

**South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch.**—1. No. 2. Yes.—We have two Honorary Secretaries, and it has always been the practice for the senior to attend as our *ex officio* member of the Committee of Council. 3. 160—about £24.—165.—£24 15s. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. The members of this Branch are of opinion that there should be a more general representation of Branches on the Committee of Council, and a different mode of electing them than exists at present.—We think our Branch should have another representative. But we feel strongly that the whole question of the constitution and mode of election of the Committee of Council requires consideration, and I have appended our recommendations on the other side. See Addenda.—†Evan Jones.—\*A. Sheen.

*As to the Council of the Association:* We are of opinion that the business arrangements of the Association would be facilitated and simplified, and its interests equally as well cared for, if the Council were abolished. *As to the Committee of Council:* We recommend that this body should be called the "Executive Council," and should consist of—The President of the Association; the President-Elect; the Treasurer; such Vice-Presidents as consent in writing to act; the Honorary Secretary of each Branch having seventy-five members and upwards (who shall be *ex officio* members); and other elected members, to be elected by the various Branches, in the following proportion, according to their numerical strength, that is to say: Branches of 150 to 300 members, one representative; Branches of 300 to 600 members, two representatives; Branches of 600 members and upwards, three representatives. Where the members of Branches do not amount to seventy-five, it shall be competent to two or more of such Branches to coalesce so as to bring up the number to seventy-five, and entitle them to send one of their honorary secretaries as their *ex officio* representative on the Executive Council. We recommend, further, that the travelling expenses of honorary secretaries who attend the Executive Council, should be paid out of the funds of the Association. In forwarding these recommendations, I think it well to make a few explanatory remarks. As the duties of the Council are practically performed by the Executive Council, we think it would be a saving of time and labour if the latter body were reported direct to the Association, and, in reality, did all the present work of the Council. (The Council only meets at the annual gathering, and, from my experience, is rather obstructive than otherwise.) Seventy-five members is mentioned as the lowest limit for *ex officio* representation by the honorary secretaries. The number is unimportant; it is the principle we contend for, viz., that there should be a limit in this direction. The argument used was, that it was unfair that two Branches, having together, say, 50 members, should have two representatives, whilst one Branch having 190 should only have the same number. Nevertheless, I think myself, that each Branch should be represented by its honorary secretary. Again, the limiting number as additional representatives are not of so much importance as the principle involved, viz., that there shall be some sort of direct representation, according to the numerical strength of the Branches, and that these representatives shall be elected by the Branches. (Some of us thought we should have the power to elect any member of the Association, not necessarily a member of the Branch.) (I think myself, that the travelling expenses of all members who attend the Executive Council should be paid out of the funds of the Association.) By-law 9 should read—"The President of the Executive Council shall be elected by the Executive Council. He shall hold office for three years," etc.—A. SHEEN, Honorary Corresponding Secretary.

**South-Western Branch.**—1. The question has not been raised in the Branch.—No meeting of the Branch has been held since the circular was received, and as the circular must be returned before December 31st, and our next meeting will not be held until the second week in January, I can only give the result of conversation with individual members, and should say No.—I believe so. 2. No; it is doubtful if anyone else would be willing to undertake the duty of attending meetings in London at his own expense.—No; perfectly satisfied with our secretary if only one representative is permitted.—I believe so. 3. 187—about.—Income should be about £23, but there are a few defaulters.—About 180, 2s. 6d. each, £22 10s.—Between 180-190. 4. Yes, if funds permit, but without an increase of subscription the funds would be quite insufficient, as Exeter is at such a considerable distance from London.—Dr. Rees Phillips has replied to this question. 5. No.—Yes; our only genuine band with the Association is the weekly JOURNAL. We are isolated, and the quarterly meetings begun two years ago are as yet puny and feeble.—Yes. 6. Not in my case, but the second Wednesday in each month is committee-day of the asylum I superintend. If the Committee of Council was on any other day I would attend regularly.—No. 7. If the Association would pay railway fare, our Branch representative would no doubt be able to attend, but the feeling is that it is too much to expect a member to give two days up and pay railway fare as well.—The Committee of Council is even now a huge body to act in the capacity of the Executive Committee. For my own part, I have most faith in committees of three workers, with the rest honorary members who are never expected to attend; but if it could be enlarged by the addition of the President's name for the time being of each Branch, few might take the trouble to attend, but in occasional years it would give an energetic President many opportunities for benefiting the Branch and the Association.—\*S. Rees Phillips, M.D.—†R. S. Hudson.—†Joseph Harper.

**Staffordshire Branch.**—1. Yes. 2. No. 3. 131. Each member pays 2s. 6d., and last year 111 subscriptions were received.—£13 17s. 6d. 4. No. 5. No. 6. No. 7. It was unanimously considered that, when the general secretary of the Branch attends the meetings of the Committee of Council, his travelling expenses (railway fare) ought to be paid by the parent Association.—†J. Y. Totherick.

**Thames Valley Branch.**—1. Not altogether. 2. No; not until now, but they have at their last meeting elected a special representative. 3. 58—about £10 or £11 per annum. 4. No. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. Having (now that the question has been raised) determined to elect a special representative in addition to the honorary secretary, the Branch will now rest satisfied. See Addenda.—\*E. L. Fenn.

Richmond, Surrey, December 26th, 1882.

Dear Sir,—I have already, on behalf of the above-named Branch, returned you a reply to the various questions referred to on the subject of the representation of the Branches on the Committee of Council, and I therein stated that my Branch would be satisfied by the appointment of an extra honorary secretary, whose duties should be exclusively to represent the Branch on the Committee of Council, the right of the local honorary secretary of the Branch still to attend *ex officio* the meeting of the Committee being maintained intact. I find, however, from a letter received from the General Secretary, dated December 18th, 1882, that, in making this appointment, the Branch has misunderstood the resolution of the Committee of Council, passed October 15th, 1879, as he now informs me that the local honorary secretary of the Branch, in consequence of his appointment having been made, ceases to be a member of the Committee of Council. As this is, I know, entirely opposed to the spirit and wording of the resolution passed by the Branch at their last meeting, when an unanimous opinion was expressed that the privilege of the local honorary secretary to attend the meetings of the Committee should remain as heretofore, I feel it is my duty to forward to you this explanation, which must be read in connection with the replies already sent to your circular.—Believe me, dear sir, yours very truly,

EDWARD L. FENN, Honorary Secretary.  
C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq., President of the Council and Chairman of the Subcommittee.



*Copy of Resolution, passed by Thames Valley Branch, at a Meeting held at Kingston-on-Thames, December 14th, 1882.*

Resolved: That, in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Council, passed October 5th, 1879, Dr. J. Langdon Down be appointed an extra honorary secretary to represent the Branch upon the Committee of Council, in conjunction with the honorary secretary, who would still retain his position as an *ex officio* representative.

*West Somerset Branch.*—1. Yes. 2. No: the subject was considered at a general meeting on April 3rd, 1879, when it was resolved: "Not to move for altering existing arrangements." 3. At this time 57. The Branch subscription is 1s. 6d. *per annum*; the income is, therefore, £4 5s. 6d. 4. No: but if the Branch requested its honorary secretary to attend for any special purpose, it would doubtless defray his expenses. This was done with a former honorary secretary. 6. I was going to say no, positively; but I may qualify this direct negative by adding that, although the great hindrances to my attendance have been sometimes other engagements, often the state of my health, and always the great sacrifice of time (more than a day and night), yet I think that if the inducement had always been present that my travelling expenses would be paid, I might sometimes have gone to meetings from which I have habitually stayed away. 7. No. See Addenda.—\*W. M. Kelly, M.D.

Taunton, December 16th, 1882.

Dear Sir,—With a view to my sending you, as fully as possible, answers to the questions opposite, I arranged with the President of our Branch that a special general meeting should be called, to be held on Thursday last, the 14th instant; and the meeting has been held accordingly. In the notice convening the meeting, which was sent to each member, I requested, should it not be convenient for him to attend, that he would send me a written reply to Questions 1, 5, and 7, copies of which I appended to my circular; but altering the initial words so as to make the questions apply personally; *i.e.*, 1. "Are you satisfied," etc. 5. "Are you aware if any feeling exists," etc. 7. "Have you any suggestion," etc. To this circular, I received answers from twenty-five members, who replied in monosyllables "yes" and "no," or in words equivalent thereto, as follows: to question 1, "Yes;" to question 5, "No;" to question 7, "No." At the meeting held on the 14th, there were only six members present. Your letter and the questions were read and freely discussed. Three of those present expressed their dissatisfaction to the effect that the general practitioner is practically not sufficiently represented on the Committee of Council. Resolutions were passed as follows: 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 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 that representative office, 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.—I am, dear sir, yours very truly,

W. M. KELLY.

To C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq.  
*Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch.*—1. Yes.—No (see answer to Question 7). 2. Yes; once Dr. Strange was elected special honorary secretary to arrange for the meeting in Worcester this year.—Yes, once. 3. 80—£16. 4. Yes. 5. Not that I am aware of.—Yes (see answer to Question 7). 6. No. 7. No.—At a meeting of the Branch held January 8th, 1883, it was resolved unanimously to suggest: "That in the event of the honorary secretary being unable to attend any meeting of the Committee of Council, his place may be taken at such meeting by a deputy, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Branch."—\*G. W. Crowe.

*Yorkshire Branch.*—1. The Branch Council has every reason to believe so. 2. No. 3. 261—£28 2s. 4. No. 5. The Branch Council has no reason to believe that there is. 6. No. 7. This Branch Council does not consider it desirable to increase the number of elected representatives on the Committee of Council.—T. R. Jessop, \*Arthur Jackson.

*Replies from the following Branches have not yet been received:* Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Branch; Gloucestershire Branch; North Wales Branch; South of Ireland Branch; West of Ireland Branch.

*List of Branches placed according to Number of Members in each Branch.*

Branches.	Attached.	Unattached.
1 Metropolitan Counties ... ..	906	496
2 Lancashire and Cheshire ... ..	827	173
3 South-Eastern ... ..	435	246
4 Birmingham and Midland ... ..	358	34
5 Yorkshire ... ..	267	177
6 Midland ... ..	260	82
7 Southern ... ..	259	65
8 North of England ... ..	251	36
9 Bath and Bristol ... ..	241	52
10 South-Western ... ..	194	67
11 East Anglian ... ..	184	38
12 Dublin ... ..	175	66
13 South Wales and Monmouthshire ... ..	167	39
14 Glasgow and West of Scotland ... ..	137	150
15 North of Ireland ... ..	131	67
16 Staffordshire ... ..	128	18
17 Border Counties ... ..	108	48
18 South Midland ... ..	94	28
19 Shropshire and Mid Wales ... ..	93	18
20 Cambridge and Huntingdon ... ..	92	20
21 Worcestershire and Herefordshire ... ..	81	31
22 Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine ... ..	81	19
23 East York and North Lincoln ... ..	80	9
24 North Wales ... ..	77	25
25 Gloucestershire ... ..	75	21
26 Thames Valley ... ..	62	33
27 Edinburgh ... ..	61	127
28 West Somerset ... ..	59	4
29 South of Ireland ... ..	50	90
30 Reading ... ..	47	19

*LIST OF BRANCHES.—Continued.*

Branches.	Attached.	Unattached.
31 Northern Counties of Scotland ... ..	38	31
32 West of Ireland ... ..	23	21
Army and Navy (No Branch) ... ..	0	434
Scotland ... ..	0	63
Oxfordshire ... ..	0	27
Channel Islands ... ..	0	15
Total ... ..	6,041	2,899

*FOREIGN BRANCHES.*

Branches.	Attached.	Unattached.
33 Melbourne and Victoria ... ..	86	6
34 Adelaide and South Australia ... ..	57	9
35 Sydney and New South Wales ... ..	51	31
36 Jamaica ... ..	40	7
Foreign and Colonial ... ..	0	199
Total ... ..	234	252

*Travelling Expenses.*

The General Secretary was instructed by the subcommittee to get out the cost of the travelling expenses of the honorary secretary to each Branch.

Name of Branch.	No. of Members.	Residence of Secretary.	2nd Class Return.	1st Class Return.
Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine	81	Aberdeen	£ s. d. 5 0 0	£ s. d. 6 13 6
Bath and Bristol	241	Bristol	1 7 6	1 16 0
Do. Do.	241	Bath	1 4 6	1 12 6
Birmingham and Midland Counties	358	Birmingham	1 5 0	1 13 6
Border Counties	108	Carlisle	3 4 0	4 1 0
Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire	92	Cambridge	0 13 4	0 15 10
Dublin	175	Dublin	3 11 0	4 15 6
East Anglian	184	Ipswich	0 15 6	0 19 6
East York and North Lincoln	80	Hull	1 17 6	2 11 0
Edinburgh	61	Edinburgh	4 5 0	5 9 6
Glasgow and West of Scotland	137	Glasgow	4 5 0	5 10 3
Gloucestershire	75	Gloucester	1 6 0	1 14 0
Lancashire and Cheshire	827	Liverpool	2 3 6	2 18 0
Metropolitan Counties	906	6, Curzon St., W.	0 0 0	0 0 0
Midland	260	Nottingham	1 6 10	1 12 8
North of England	251	Newcastle-on-Tyne	3 0 6	3 16 6
North of Ireland	131	Belfast	3 15 0	5 0 0
North Wales	77	Wrexham	1 18 6	2 11 9
Northern Counties of Scotland	38	Elgin	5 11 0	7 8 6
Reading	47	Reading	0 8 3	0 11 8
Shropshire and Mid Wales	93	Shrewsbury	1 15 0	2 7 3
South-Eastern	435	Dover	1 5 0	1 13 6
South of Ireland	50	Cork	4 7 6	5 16 6
South Wales and Monmouthshire	167	Cardiff	2 3 3	2 19 6
South-Western	194	Exeter	2 0 0	2 15 0
South Midland	94	Northampton	0 14 8	0 18 8
Southern	259	Southsea	0 18 6	1 6 0
Staffordshire	128	Wolverhampton	1 8 0	1 17 3
Thames Valley	62	81, Harley St., W.	0 0 0	0 0 0
West of Ireland	23	Galway	6 10 8	7 2 10
West Somerset	59	Taunton	1 17 9	2 10 0
Worcestershire and Herefordshire	81	Worcester	1 5 0	1 15 0
Yorkshire	267	Sheffield	1 14 10	2 1 10
Four Meetings	...		72 18 1	94 14 6
			291 12 4	378 18 0

**BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.**—The Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, has received £1,000 under the will of Mr. T. Hewitt of Meole-Brace.—Mr. Joseph Shuttleworth of Heighington, has bequeathed £1,000 to the Lincoln County Hospital, and £1,000 to the Lincoln General Dispensary.—Messrs. Horrocks, Miller and Co., have given £250, with a conditional promise of £250 more, and Messrs. Swainson, Birley and Co., £100 to the Preston and County of Lancaster Royal Infirmary.—The Great Northern Hospital has received £271 under the will of Mrs. Barbara Caslake.—The Lincoln County Hospital has received £200 under the will of Mrs. Marten of Beverley.—Mrs. Elizabeth Rebecca Churchill of Exeter, has bequeathed £100 each to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, the Western Counties Idiot Asylum at Starcross, the West of England Eye Infirmary at Exeter, and the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and £50 to the Exeter Lying-in Charity.—The Grocers Company have given £100 to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, and £100 to the Royal Hospital for Incurables.—The General Hospital, Birmingham, have received £100 under the will of Mr. John Jackson, and £50 under that of Miss Elizabeth Simpson.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, LIVERPOOL.

JULY 31ST; AUGUST 1ST, 2ND, 3RD.

NOTICE is hereby given, that at the Annual Meeting to be held at Liverpool, on the 31st day of July next, and three following days, it will be moved on behalf of the Committee of Council that the present by-laws be rescinded, and that the following be the future by-laws of the Association.

### DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED NEW BY-LAWS OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Any qualified medical practitioner not disqualified by any by-law of the Association who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members may (subject as hereinafter mentioned) be elected a member by the Council, or by any recognised Branch Council, provided that the power of such Branch Council shall only extend to the election of male persons.

No person shall be elected a member unless he has the votes of not less than three-fourths of the members present at the meeting of the Council or Branch Council at which he is proposed for election, and has agreed in writing to become a member, and to pay his subscription for the current year.

Any member may be expelled from the Association by a resolution of the Council if carried by three-fourths of the members present, subject to confirmation by the next annual meeting, and he shall thereupon cease to be a member and shall not be eligible for re-election. One month's notice of the intention to propose such resolution shall be given to any member affected thereby.

#### SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscription to the Association shall be one guinea *per annum*, which shall entitle each member to the privileges of membership, and to receive the publications of the Association for the current year. The subscription shall date, and be considered due in advance, on the 1st of January in each year, except in the case of a member admitted on or after the 1st July, when the subscription for such part of a year shall be half a guinea in advance.

Any member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before the 31st December of the current year shall be suspended from all privileges of membership; and, at the end of the succeeding year, if the arrears be still unpaid, he shall cease to be a member, and shall be ineligible for readmission until he shall have paid all arrears due at the period of his suspension. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Association shall give written notice of his intention to the General Secretary on or before the 1st December of the current year.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Any person of professional or scientific eminence, and recommended by the Council, may be elected an honorary member at the annual meeting of the Association.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The date of the annual meeting shall be fixed by the Council; the place of meeting being determined prospectively in each year by the vote of the Association.

#### OFFICERS.

The President of the Association shall be elected annually, at the annual meeting, and shall enter upon the duties of his office at the next annual meeting, and until then shall bear the title of President-elect. Each retiring President shall be eligible for election as a Vice-President for life, provided that he continue to be a member of the Association.

The President of the Council shall be elected by the Council. He shall hold office for three years; and at the first meeting of the Council after the determination of such office, a new President of Council shall be elected for the then ensuing three years; and every member who has served the office of President of the Council shall be eligible for election as a Vice-President of the Association, provided that he continue to be a member of the Association.

The Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting. He shall hold office for three years, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Council, and every member who has served the office of Treasurer shall be eligible for election as a Vice-President of the Association for life, provided that he continue to be a member of the Association.

The Treasurer of the Association shall receive the subscriptions and other monies payable to the Association, and discharge all accounts which have been ordered by the Council to be paid.

The Editor of the JOURNAL shall be elected by the Council, and be remunerated in such manner as the Council shall think fit.

The Secretary of the Association shall be elected by the Council. He shall reside in London, and devote his whole time to the business and affairs of the Association and the office of the JOURNAL.

The duties of the Secretary shall include being present at the meetings of the Association and Council, the recording their respective minutes, the conducting of the correspondence of the Association; the superintending the collection of subscriptions; the enforcement of the regulations as regards those in arrear, and acting in general obedience to the directions of the Council.

The Secretary shall be remunerated in such manner as the Council think fit. The Editor and Secretary shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the Council, subject to receiving or giving (as the case may be) three months' notice to determine their respective appointments.

The offices of Secretary and Editor of the JOURNAL shall not be held by the same person.

#### COUNCIL.

The Council shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the President of Council, the Vice-Presidents of the Association, and the Treasurer (who shall all be *ex officio* members of the Council); and of members representing the Branches, who shall be elected as follows:

(a) Every Branch shall be entitled to elect directly one representative member.

(b) The election of such member shall be annual.

(c) The return of the election of such member shall be communicated to the Secretary not less than one month prior to the annual general meeting of the Association.

(d) No person shall be eligible as such representative unless, at the time of

his election, he shall be resident within the area of the Branch nominating him as their member.

(e) Every Branch the number of whose members amounts to 200, shall be entitled to elect a further representative for every 200 members of such Branch, subject in all other respects to the conditions of election and membership before mentioned.

(f) In default of and until election by any Branch of a representative member or members, or so far as such election shall not be complete, all the powers conferred on the Council shall belong to and be exercised by the *ex officio* members thereof alone or by the *ex officio* members and such representative members of the Council as may have been duly elected by any Branch or Branches, and of whose election return shall have been duly made as before mentioned.

Notice shall be given forthwith to the Secretary of the Association by a Branch, of a representative having ceased to belong thereto; but until such notice shall have been received by the Council, no resolution or vote shall be deemed invalid by reason of a disqualified member taking part in its proceedings.

The Council shall annually prepare a report of the general state and proceedings of the Association for the past year, to be presented by them at each annual meeting of the Association.

The Council shall, at each annual meeting, propose the place of meeting for the next annual meeting, and nominate the President-elect.

A record of the attendance of each member of the Council at its meetings shall be kept and published annually in the JOURNAL.

The Council shall meet not less than four times a year, and shall be presided over by the President of the Council, or in his absence by a chairman to be appointed by the meeting. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Council shall appoint. Seven members shall be a quorum.

The President of Council may, if he think right, and upon receiving a requisition, signed by not less than ten members of the Council, and specifying the business for which a special meeting is required, shall call together a special meeting thereof, but at such meeting no business shall be transacted other than that for which such special meeting was called.

The Council shall manage the general affairs and business of the Association, except as otherwise provided by the articles or by-laws. They shall also regulate the order of business, and shall nominate the readers of addresses at each annual meeting. They shall decide what shall constitute a section, and who shall preside over the same; and shall also arrange the division into sections of the matters to be discussed and considered at such meeting.

The Council shall direct the publications of the Association, and shall take cognisance of any matter which may require immediate decision.

The Council shall at each meeting next after the annual meeting of the Association, appoint a public accountant to audit the accounts of the Association, and if directed by them, to prepare a balance-sheet, financial statement, and report, up to December 31st in each year. A financial statement shall be published in the JOURNAL within the first four months of each year.

In the event of the incapacity of any officer of the Association during his term of office, the Council may appoint any member to act for him. In the event of the death or resignation of any officer, the Council may appoint a successor till the next annual meeting.

#### JOURNAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Council held next after the annual meeting in 1883, a subcommittee of fifteen members of the Council shall be elected, who, together with the President, the President-elect, the President of the Council and the Treasurer (who shall be *ex officio* members), shall constitute the Journal and Finance Committee. Three members shall form a quorum. Three of the elected members shall retire annually by rotation, and shall be ineligible for re-election for the ensuing twelve months. Members shall be annually elected by the Council to fill places vacant by retirement, death, or otherwise.

The Journal and Finance Committee shall meet not less than four times a year, twice at least at the office of the Association, and shall enter a report of its proceedings in a book which shall be read to the Council for adoption.

The Journal and Finance Committee shall examine into the general working of the office and JOURNAL, and certify the quarterly accounts, prior to their being presented to the Council.

#### TRUSTEES.

The property of the Association shall, when necessary, be vested in three trustees chosen by the Council. The Trustees shall be eligible for any other office of the Association.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

All communications to the Association shall be the property of the Association, unless the Council allow the right of property therein to be specially reserved to the contributors.

#### BRANCHES.

Any number of members, not being less than twenty, may form themselves into a Branch of the Association, subject to such Branch being recognised by the Council.

Each Branch shall be free to govern itself as its members shall think fit; but no Branch law shall be valid which, in the opinion of the Council, may contravene any fundamental law of the Association.

Each Branch shall pay its own expenses, and no Branch shall be deemed for any purpose the agent of the Association, or have power to incur any obligation in its behalf.

#### ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

No by-law shall be made, altered, or repealed, except at an annual meeting, nor unless a written notice, specifying the nature and object of the proposed amendment, shall have been given to the Council at least one month previously. Such notice shall be forthwith published in the JOURNAL.

The President of the Association gives notice that he will move the following addition to the by-laws:

"That the President, the President-elect, be *ex-officio* members of all committees and subcommittees of the Association."

"That, in order that members of Colonial and Indian Branches; members in the army, navy, and those residing abroad; and members of the distant Branches in Scotland and Ireland, may be represented on the Executive Council, the members of the Association assembled at the next annual meeting shall elect twelve members to represent the above named Branches as persons on the Executive Committee, or other named governing body of the Association."

"Of the twelve representatives so chosen, four shall retire by ballot of the Executive Council at the end of the first and second years, and afterwards by rotation according to date of election, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the expiration of one year."

The election of such twelve representatives shall be conducted after the following manner:

"Any five members of the Association may nominate a representative, such nominations to be forwarded to the General Secretary not less than one month before each annual meeting, and the General Secretary shall insert the names of such nominees, and of the members nominating them, in the JOURNAL on two successive weeks before the annual meeting."

"The election shall be by members entering their names in a poll-book to be kept open, under the superintendence of the General Secretary, from 12 to 6 o'clock of the second day of the annual meeting, and signifying therein the names of those persons, nominated as above, whom they propose to vote for, not exceeding twelve in all. The number of votes recorded for each proposed representative shall be declared at 11 o'clock in the morning of the third general meeting, and the President shall then declare the twelve persons having the highest number of suffrages, who shall be the representatives accordingly."

"At each succeeding annual meeting, four persons shall be elected to supply the places of those who retire, in the same manner as in the case of the twelve."

Dr. Fothergill hereby gives notice that, at the annual meeting to be held at Liverpool, he will move that By-law 12 be altered by the addition of the words following, viz.:

"That the editor shall be elected for a period not exceeding five years; but shall be eligible for re-election for a like period."

Dr. Ward Cousins hereby gives notice that he will move the following alterations in the by-laws, at the annual meeting to be held at Liverpool on July 31st next, viz.:

40. Any number of members, not less than 100 residing within, or not less than 25 residing without, the limits of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, may form themselves into a Branch of the Association, subject to such Branch being recognised by the Committee of Council.

41. The existing Branches of the Association, as now recognised by the Committee of Council, shall constitute the Branch organisation of the Association. An outline of such organisation shall be annually published in the form of a chart, showing the areas and distribution of the Branches, together with any other particulars that may be determined upon from time to time by the Committee of Council.

42. Any modification or division of an area of a recognised Branch shall be subject to such modification or division being recognised by the Committee of Council.

43. In the event of any two or more recognised Branches being desirous of uniting to form one Branch, a requisition specifying the particulars and objects of such union must be forwarded by each of the Branches to the Committee of Council. In the event of such union being recognised by the Committee of Council, the recognition shall date from the first day of January then next ensuing.

44. Any number of members, not less than 100, residing in a district of a recognised Branch, being desirous of forming within the area of such district a new and separate Branch of the Association, may hold a special meeting of the members residing in such district, and then forward through the honorary secretary of the Branch the requisition adopted by such meeting, specifying the particulars and object of the proposed separation to the Committee of Council. In the event of such separation being recognised, the recognition shall date from the 1st day of January then next ensuing.

45. Same as By-law 41.

46. Same as By-law 42.

47. The honorary secretary of each Branch shall forward to the General Secretary, on or before the 31st day of March, on or before the 30th of June, and on or before the 31st day of October in each year a statement of the moneys received by him on behalf of the Association; and on the 31st day of October in each year he shall close the Branch account for the current year, and shall give notice that all unpaid subscriptions must be forwarded direct to the General Secretary of the Association. A notice of the annual closing of the Branch accounts shall be inserted in the JOURNAL during the month of October.

FRANCIS FOWKE,

General Secretary British Medical Association.

London, May 24, 1883.

**SHEFFIELD MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.**—The following members have been appointed office-bearers for 1883-84. *President*: Dr. H. F. Banham. *Treasurer*: Mr. G. S. Taylor. *Secretary*: Mr. S. Snell. *Members to complete Committee*: Dr. Bartolomé, Dr. Law, Dr. Keeling, and Mr. B. Walker. *Pathological Committee*: Dr. Dyson, Dr. Gwynne, Dr. Cleaver, and Mr. Pye-Smith.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BELFAST.**—The following have been awarded prizes at the termination of the winter session:—*Anatomy and Physiology. Second Year*: J. J. Redfern, W. A. Cameron, Andrew Buchanan, J. P. Jameson, J. K. Close, W. Baird McQuitty. *First Year*: E. M. Woods, M. C. Steer.—*Practical Anatomy. Third Year*: James Morwood, John Barron, G. A. Junk, R. J. Purdon, Robert Sayers, J. P. Jameson. *Second Year*: J. J. Redfern, J. K. Close, W. Baird McQuitty, A. S. Thompson, James Tomb, John Menary. *First Year*: Andrew Buchanan, E. M. Woods.—*Practice of Medicine. Second Year*: J. J. Brownlee, Isaac Crawford. *First Year*: James Morwood, Nicholas J. McDonnell, R. H. Sproule.—*Surgery*: J. R. Burrows, James Morwood, J. J. Redfern, Thomas Kean, R. H. Sproule.—*Materia Medica*: W. Baird McQuitty, D. J. McKinney, David Mark, J. W. Wilson, T. D. Smyth, James Tomb and John Menary equal.—*Practical Chemistry*: D. J. McKinney, C. E. Shaw.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE PROPOSED MEDICAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.

The following additional sums have been received and promised:—

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Messrs. Vawdrey and Johnstone,		Mr. M. R. J. Behrendt, Birming-	
Handsworth .....	10 0	ham .....	10 6
Mr. Thomas Clarke, Pewsey .....	10 6	Dr. Ptolemy S. H. Colmer, Yeovil ..	10 6
Mr. W. Owen Hackney .....	10 6	Dr. C. E. Gosling, Moseley, Bir-	
Dr. J. H. Daly, Chippenham .....	10 6	mingham .....	10 6
Mr. George Jackson, Plymouth .....	10 6	Mr. W. E. Stainton Stanley,	
Mr. B. D. Taplin, Binbrooke,		Wellow, Bath .....	10 6
Market Rasen .....	10 6	Mr. James Stewart Harris, N.B. ..	10 6
Dr. J. Ward, Sparkbrook, Birm-		Dr. A. B. Munro, Bradford .....	10 6
ingham .....	10 6	Mr. Thomas M. Watt, Hovingham ..	10 6
Mr. A. H. Boys, Pill, Bristol .....	10 6		

SIR,—I have been preparing a scheme, some weeks now, to present to the medical profession, similar to what is proposed in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, with regard to a medical provident society. It struck me, that as a profession, we have no provision amongst ourselves for old age, or for our more unfortunate, or invalid brethren, who in most cases have commenced life under as good auspices as the more fortunate amongst us. To make a society such as this, however popular, it must not be a "charity," but a "mutual provident society;" also all profits, except the expenses that are necessary for carrying on such a society, must go to the benefit of the members. No paid agents being required, if the profession will give that help which is necessary, and which is of mutual benefit to all, a considerable advantage must accrue to the society. The name I had adopted of "The Medical Mutual Benefit Society," being longer and more cumbersome than that used by writers in the JOURNAL, I resign, for the more simple and equally comprehensive one of "The Medical Provident Society." The main points of the scheme I would propose, and which are offered here merely as a suggestion, are open to criticism and remark:—

1. The Society to admit only qualified practitioners, resident in the United Kingdom, as members.

2. The Society to consist of a Central Court of Directors, President, Vice-President, and Trustees; also a Court of Members in each county, and Honorary Secretaries, all of whom must be members of the Society.

3. The Society to appoint a secretary at a salary of £300 a year, whose office shall be in London, and called the Central office.

#### BENEFITS.

4. The claims upon the Society's funds to be as follows:

a. When a member is ill and unable to attend to his professional duties, not exceeding 26 weeks, £1 10s. per week. b. After a sick member has received benefit for 26 weeks; or, when a member is totally incapacitated; or, on attaining the age of 70 years, £1 per week. c. Widows of members, as long as they remain unmarried, for ten years, £1 per week; after ten years, 15s. per week. For every child born in lawful wedlock, until each shall attain the age of 18 years, 5s. per week extra.

5. No benefit to be received until the expiration of six months after date of entry.

6. No practitioner over 65 years of age eligible for membership.

7. Every policy to become void if:—

a. A member shall enter or be employed in actual war service beyond the limits of the United Kingdom, or shall go beyond the limits of Europe, unless licence shall have been first obtained from the Court of Directors, upon such terms as they shall think fit.

b. If the premiums of assurance shall remain unpaid above fifteen days after the date on which the same become due; but it may be revived within twenty-two days upon payment of a fine of 10s.; within twenty-nine days, £1: within thirty-six days, £1 10s.; and after that time and within three calendar months, £2. If the member shall die within the fifteen days next after the day on which the premium becomes due, the policy to remain in force, but the premium to be deducted before any benefit can be granted.

c. A member shall be found guilty, by the Court of Directors, of practising any fraud upon the Society; notwithstanding it is left to their discretion to fine the offending member, and allow him to retain his policy.

8. Each applicant for membership must undergo an examination by a doubly qualified practitioner who has been in practice for at least five years, and who must reside in the same county. The life to be submitted to the next Court of Members, and elected or rejected by ballot as they may think fit.



noble lord was aware that the report was not even yet in the hands of members, although it was published in the newspapers last Saturday.—The Marquis of HARTINGTON: I deeply regret what has occurred. For some time past, the *Times* has devoted considerably more space to military matters than other papers; and, having regard to that, and also to the fact that, from time to time, unauthorised and inaccurate statements had somehow or other got out of the War Office; considering also that, if questions of this kind were discussed at all, it was desirable that they should be discussed in a careful and deliberate manner, it has been the practice for some time past to allow a person connected with the *Times* to have an early proof of papers intended to be presented to Parliament to publish them. The Department had satisfactory proof of the good faith and discretion with which the papers would be used, and they were always given on the distinct understanding that nothing whatever should be published until the papers were in the hands of members. Acting upon that practice my noble friend Lord Morley, Chairman of the Committee, gave to a gentleman connected with the *Times*, immediately before the Whitsuntide holidays, his own proof of the report and the evidence taken, in the belief that the papers would be in the hands of members on the House reassembling, and on the understanding that nothing whatever should be published until they were so distributed. He was himself extremely surprised to see the report and extracts from the evidence published at great length in the *Times* of Saturday and subsequent days. He had communicated with the editor of the *Times*, who had expressed great regret for what had occurred. But I must say that, looking to the great want of care, to say the least, which has been exhibited in this case, it appears to me necessary that that practice should be altogether abandoned. I am sorry to say the evidence and report are so voluminous that they will not be in the hands of members till Tuesday, and the Army Medical vote will accordingly be postponed. The vote relating to the Contagious Diseases Acts will also be postponed until members have had an opportunity of considering the Government Bill on the subject.—Sir W. BARTLELOT: But this is what has happened before. I think the Prime Minister gave us an assurance that no publication of any sort should take place until the papers were in the hands of members; and yet immediately after that we have this full authentic report of the Committee at the War Office.—Mr. GLADSTONE: The promise to which the hon. member refers was of a departmental character.—Dr. CAMERON, complaining of the unfair character of the extracts as given, gave notice that to-morrow he should question Lord Hartington as to their accuracy.—Mr. CALLAN gave notice that he should ask whether Lord Morley had not simply followed the bad example set by the late Chief Secretary for Ireland, who gave the report of the Land Commission to the *Times* two days in advance.—The Marquis of HARTINGTON: One of the reasons why I regret this improper and premature publication is, that it is not only premature, but, in my opinion, has been done in a manner altogether calculated to mislead the public.—Mr. A. BALFOUR: Can the Prime Minister now give us a promise not of a "departmental character"?—Mr. GLADSTONE: I don't think my answer called for such a taunt.—Mr. BALFOUR: I certainly did not mean to taunt the right hon. gentleman.—Mr. GLADSTONE: If the question of the hon. gentleman does not imply a taunt, I must be more obtuse than on former occasions. As to the matter of fact, I entirely concur in the letter and the spirit of my noble friend's (Lord Hartington's) decision, and I would wish to act upon it on all occasions.—Mr. O'DONNELL: I wish to ask the Secretary of War whether the understanding on which early copies of documents are given to the *Times*, is that the review in the paper shall, on the whole, be favourable to the Government of the day.—The Marquis of HARTINGTON: So far as I am aware, the object of the practice was as stated by me in answer to the first question. If the object had been to obtain a review of a favourable character, that object has not been attained.

## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

**THE PROFESSORSHIP OF ANATOMY.**—Applications of candidates for the Professorship of Anatomy, vacated by the resignation of Professor Humphry, must be sent in to the Vice-Chancellor of the University before June 7th, and the election will take place soon after that date. The board of electors are Professors Paget, Liveing, and Newton, Dr. Michael Foster, and Mr. J. W. Clark (Cambridge), Professors Huxley and Flower, and Dr. Allen Thomson.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.**—Admitted Fellows, May 17th, 1883:

James Sawyer, M.D. London, Birmingham  
George Frederick Elliott, M.D. Dublin, Hull  
Robert Mundy Gover, M.D. St. Andrews, Home Office, S.W.  
Julius Dreschfeld, M.D. Wurzburg, Manchester  
Francis Warner, M.D. London, 24, Harley Street, W.  
William Murrell, M.D. Brussels, 38, Weymouth Street, W.  
Henry Cook, M.D. St. Andrews, Shaldon, Teignmouth  
Thomas Clifford Allbutt, M.D. Cambridge, Leeds

Admitted Licentiate:

George Arthur Johnson, Guy's Hospital, S.E.

**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 17th instant, viz.:

Messrs. J. Philip Glover, L.R.C.P. Lond., Osborne Terrace, S.W., J. Edward Kershaw, Richmond, and R. Edward Rouse, L.S.A., Worcester Street, S.W., students of St. Thomas's Hospital; Reuben Levi, M.D., McGill, Montreal, of the University of McGill; Frederick W. Cock, L.S.A., Westbourne Park Terrace, of University College; A. P. Henry Griffiths, Kennington, of Guy's Hospital; William Brewster, L.S.A., Manchester, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; G. Beaman Hicks, Hackney, of the London Hospital; Herbert Mickle, M.B. Toronto, of the Toronto School of Medicine; and H. W. Steele Verity, L.S.A., Cheltenham, of King's College.

Two candidates were referred to their studies for three months, three for six months, and one for twelve months.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 18th instant, viz.:

Messrs. E. Treaches Collins, L.S.A., Primrose Hill, and St. John Thornton, L.R.C.P. Lond., Strand, of the Middlesex Hospital; R. B. Drury Batt, L.S.A., Camden Road, and Robert Jones, M.B. Lond., Tirmadoc, North Wales, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. F. Bestall Halpin, Arklow, co. Wicklow, and H. Wheatley Hart, L.S.A., Putney, of the Westminster Hospital; A. Henry Mason, L.R.C.P. Lond., Hampstead, of University College; Mark Style, L.R.C.P. Lond., Acton, of St. Mary's Hospital; T. William Buckley, L.S.A., Betley, near Crewe, of St. Thomas's Hospital; and V. Norman Bindley, L.S.A., New Wandsworth, of the London Hospital.

Three candidates passed in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine and Midwifery, will be admitted Members of the College. Eight candidates were referred to their professional studies for six months, including one for three months.

At the half-yearly primary examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, the following gentlemen were successful on the 21st instant, viz.:

Messrs. Edward J. Lewis, of the Cambridge School; Thomas Thynne, of Charing Cross Hospital; Percy Fleming, of University College; R. Field Castle, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. Herbert Mayo, of the Leeds School; R. J. Bliss Howard, of McGill College; W. Brewster Platt, of Harvard University; and Archibald Watson, of the University of Paris.

Twelve candidates were referred to their studies for six months, The following passed on the 22nd instant, viz.:

Messrs. J. Michell Clarke, B.A. Cantab., and E. Waymouth Reid, B.A. Cantab., students of the Cambridge School; C. Edward Tanner, and F. Pinsent Maynard, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; W. Henry Bowes, and W. Leonard Braddon, of Guy's Hospital; C. Leopold Hudson, of the Middlesex Hospital; Frederick Edge, of the Manchester School; and C. Yelverton Pearson, of the Cork School.

Eleven candidates were referred for six months.

The following gentlemen passed on the 23rd instant, viz.:

Messrs. L. Asher Lawrence, and J. Paul Roughton, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Reginald R. Whishaw, of the University of Cambridge; Priestley Leech, of the Manchester School; J. P. Williams Gray, of King's College; G. W. Henry French, of St. Mary's Hospital; F. Henry Mead, of St. George's Hospital.

Nine candidates were referred for six months.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, May 17th, 1883.

Bindley, Victor Norman, Southborough Road, South Hackney.  
Hearnden, Walter Carrington, Sutton, Surrey.  
Jones, David Llewellyn, Llandilo, Carmarthenshire.  
Leech, Arthur Herbert, Woolpit, Suffolk.  
Sinclair, Robert Duffy, South Wellington Street, Glasgow.  
Tuckett, Walter Reginald, Daniel Street, Bath.  
Webster, Trevor, High Street, Bewdley.

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

Benson, Christopher Richmond, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Swindlehurst, Thomas Newton, Guy's Hospital.

**UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.**—The following candidates passed the first examination for degrees in Medicine and Surgery, held on April 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th:

**Second-class Honours.**—Simpson Powell, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; Francis Henry Mead. *Pass List.*—William Baigent, Raymond Courteen, James H. Crouch, Robert T. J. Crozier, Charles B. Davidson, Solomon A. Erulkar, Robert L. Hildyard, Frederick P. Maynard, Reginald Folland, Frederick Proud, William Rawes, Francis A. Saw, William Slater, Joseph S. H. Sumner, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Charles J. Taber, Charles E. Tanner, Francis J. Walker, Francis Winter, William M. Yeoman.

The following failed to satisfy the Examiners in Chemistry, but passed in the other subjects:

William G. Richardson, Basil C. Simpson, William J. Ruddock, Charles F. Rumbold, John Straughan, John Barker, Edgar B. Sugden, James Hindle, M.R.C.S.

The following failed to satisfy the Examiners in Botany, but passed in the other subjects:

Fallon P. Wightwick, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Robert Crosby, F. J. Malden, George Cranston.

The following (the only candidate) passed the examination for proficiency in Sanitary Science:

Arthur W. Wheatley, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**—The following have passed the examination for the degree of Bachelor in Surgery:

Morrison, B.A., Christ's; Wallis, B.A., Gonville and Caius; Ward, M.A., Trinity.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.**—During the last sittings of the Examiners, the following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted L.R.C.S.E.:

David Prain, Fettercairn; James Whitton, Queen's County; John Clancy, County Kerry; Frank Sturges, London; William Guy, Kent; Arthur Herbert Butcher, Ripon.

The following gentlemen passed their first professional examination for the Licence in Dental Surgery:

James Maynard Dunlop, Dumfries; James Graham Munro, New York; John Wood, Dalbeattie.

The following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted L.D.S.

William John Mason, Somersetshire; William Thomas Elliott, Diss, Norfolk.

**KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.**—Examinations for the Licences of the College were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th. The Oral Examinations took place, at four o'clock, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The following candidates were successful:

*For the Licences to practise Medicine and Midwifery.*—Alfred John Charlek, Birkdale Park, Southport; Jones Henry Davis, Dublin; Paul Robert Dillon, Dublin; Richard Thacker King, Rathgar, Dublin; Herbert Harrison Marsden, Birkenhead; John Latimer Parke, Tideswell, near Sheffield; Robert Dixon Patterson, Moy, co. Tyrone; Henry Robinson, Liverpool; John Joseph Todd, Omagh, co. Tyrone; William Henry Waterfield, Dublin; Edward Wynne, Upper Rathmines, Dublin.

*For the Licence to practise Medicine only.*—Thomas Wetherall Sproule, Moville, co. Donegal; George Albert Walpole, Stokestown.

*For the Licence to practise Midwifery only.*—Arthur Wellington Fenton, M.B., B.Ch., Easkey, co. Sligo; Samuel Alexander Swan, M.D., Belfast.

**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.**—At the graduation ceremonial on April 20th, the following degrees were conferred by the Chancellor of the University:

*Degree of Doctor in Medicine.*—Petrus Jacobus Retief, Cape of Good Hope, M.B. and C.M. of 1880.

*Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery.*—William Alexander Mackay, Scotland, and Thomas Wood, Scotland.

*Degree of Doctor of Science.*—Archibald Campbell Munro, M.B., B.Sc., in the Department of Public Health; Alexander Scott, B.Sc., in the Department of Chemistry; John Muirhead Macfarlane, B.Sc., in the Department of Natural Science.

*Degree of Bachelor of Science.*—George Goudie Chisholm, M.A., Edmund Wearne Clarke, Edmund Wyatt Gibson, George Lovell Gulland, M.A., John McFadyean, M.B., and John Rattray, in the Department of Natural Sciences; Hugh Robert Mill, Andrew Thomson, M.A., and Samuel Walker, M.A., in the Department of Physical Experimental Sciences; William Edward Bailey, M.B., James Crombie, M.B., Francis William Grant, M.B., William Atkinson Harrison, M.B., Henry Aubrey Husband, M.B., and William Robert Smith, M.D., in the Department of Public Health.

The following is a complete list of those students who have passed the second professional examination for the M.B. and C.M. degrees of the University of Edinburgh, viz.:

Charles Aitken, M. S. P. Aganoor, M. S. Altounian, Samuel Arnold, E. H. Bannister, E. Batten, D. G. Bennett, Wm. Bird, Robert Blair, Frederick Bond, J. E. Bottomley, C. K. Bourne, Paul Bowes (with distinction), T. M. Buncle, P. B. Bury, J. M. Cadell, Edward Carmichael (with distinction), W. R. Carter, R. T. Clark, J. G. Cossins, R. S. Coulthard, A. S. Cumming, Richard Davidson, T. W. Dewar, W. O. Dow, H. J. Dring, T. G. Evans, H. S. Fairbank, W. C. Faulkner, J. E. A. Ferguson, William Flett, W. G. Galletly, D. J. Galloway, A. R. Gray, F. G. Greenbury, C. G. D. Hales, P. B. Handyside, E. B. Hector, J. R. Henderson, R. S. Hubberstey, E. E. Iastrebski, Thomas Johnstone, J. E. H. Kelso, G. H. Kenyon, D. O. Kerr, William Laing, W. S. Lang (with distinction), T. A. Leishman, G. S. P. Loubser, W. R. Love, R. H. Lucy (with distinction), C. M. Macalister, W. G. M'Fee, H. Mackay, F. W. Mackenzie, N. J. M'Kie, W. R. M'Kinnel, Murray MacLaren, W. H. M'Lean, Jas. M'Leod, John M'Myn, G. D. Malan, Angus Matheson, Alexander Menzies (with distinction), Duncan Menzies,

Gustave Michel, David Milligan, Robert Mitchell, A. E. Morison, Daniel Mowat, W. J. Munro, Frederick Murray, J. T. Nesbit, John Noble, F. E. O'Flaherty, James Paterson, R. J. Paton, F. A. Pockley (with distinction), J. M. S. Preston, A. W. G. Price, C. A. Kenny, F. G. Retief, John Riggs, John Robertson, A. H. Robinson, F. H. Simmons, Wm. Sneddon, A. C. Stark, J. B. Stephen, H. F. D. Stephens, G. H. H. Symonds, J. O. Taylor, Wm. Taylor, Geo. Thomson, H. A. Thomson (with distinction), T. J. Thynne, C. G. Traill, G. A. Tullis, J. W. O. Underhill, Edmund Walker, N. H. Walker, N. P. Walker, David Wallace, T. A. Watson, S. F. Wernich (with distinction), Algernon Westlake, Claude Wilson (with distinction), J. T. Wilson, J. E. Wolphagen, and A. J. Wood.

The undernoted gentlemen passed the first professional examination (Chemistry, Botany, and Natural History) in the University last month:

Messrs. A. R. Aldridge, J. A. Armitage, W. S. Armitage, J. W. Astles, O. R. Bain, C. A. Ballingall, W. H. Bausall, H. L. Barker, A. A. Bartholomew, Victor Black, G. M. Brown, James Brown, J. H. Bruce, W. J. Cameron, J. M. Campbell, J. J. Carson, R. L. Caunter, W. W. Chamberlain, P. P. Chetti, W. S. Council, Wm. Craig, A. J. Cross, F. E. Crossley, J. E. Davies, H. G. Dickman, Arthur Drury, Thos. Edwards, Wm. Elder, L. G. Fischer, Alex. Fisher, T. H. Fiske, H. S. T. Frobourn, G. V. Gilray, T. F. Gray (with distinction), J. A. Guthrie, F. J. Hart, J. T. Harvey, T. H. Hayton, F. W. Hennessy, J. R. Hill, Robt. Howden, Saml. Hughes, C. W. Hunter, W. H. M. Ingham, G. L. Jenkins, E. J. Jennings, F. M. Johnson, J. J. Johnson, S. G. Kinloch, J. A. Kynoch, R. F. C. Leith, H. H. Littlejohn, Thomas MacDonald, Thomas MacGregor, C. R. M'Guffie, T. M. MacKnight, C. J. R. M'Lean, G. H. Mason, C. H. Melville, W. F. Menzies, S. H. Merryweather, A. van der Merwe, R. H. Mitchell, W. G. Mitchell, Wm. Murphy, Glenmore Ozzane, F. G. Philippo, E. E. Pringle, G. F. Rhodes, J. K. Robinson, Robt. Robinson, J. G. da Rocha, Tennent Ronalds, J. R. H. Ross, D. H. Scott, K. M. Scott, F. R. Shepherd, A. W. Shields, R. B. Simms, J. L. M. Smith, C. E. Southwell, W. C. Spiller, A. J. M. Stenhouse, K. T. Stewart, R. C. Stode, Jas. Strother, G. A. Sutherland, W. H. Sutherland, J. W. Talent, Inglis Taylor, William Evans Thomas, A. E. Thomson, J. K. Tomory, W. H. Turton, W. J. Visser, Hen. Ware, Duncan Watters, J. A. Wetherell, J. H. Whiteside, J. C. Williams, James Wilson, W. C. Wilson, and Andrew Young.

**UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.**—At the recent medical examinations, the following candidates passed:

*First Professional Examination.*—Messrs. John Allan, W. Carrick Allan, John Baird, Samuel J. Baird, David Reid Barrie, Charles W. Bell, H. Duncan Brown, Hugh D. Buchanan, William M. A. Butchart, Archibald S. Campbell, Robert Corbett, Alexander D. Crawford, William C. Crichton, Donald Currie, William Davidson, George W. Davis, Josephus L. Downs, William Findlay, W. J. Gibbin, Adam Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Charles S. Harris, James E. Hunter, William M. A. Huntly, William J. Keir, George Marshall, John Marshall, Alfred E. Miller, George Miller, Alexander Munro, Donald S. MacCall, J. R. Ronald MacOrindale, George G. M'Donald, Hugh M. M'Houl, Archibald MacLachlan, Alexander H. MacLean, David T. MacLeod, Charles Macleagart, Andrew H. Richmond, John Ritchie, John Rowatt, Pratham Roy, Walter Sandeman, William Shand, John S. Stewart, Robert Stirling, John Thorburn, James Watson, Robert Whitelaw, Leonard Williams, and William York.

*Second Professional Examination.*—Messrs. Samuel P. Alexander, William Allan, Harry Bamber, William T. Blakely, William Brown, John J. Brownlee, William Buchanan, Quintin Chalmers (3), George M. Connor, James Crawford, Alexander Dewar, William Downie, M. A. Robert Eaglesham, James D. Farquharson, James Findlay (3), Alexander Frew (3), Andrew R. Fulton, Robert C. Gilroy, John Graham, W. James Holme, John A. Kerr, Alexander M. Kinghorn, William Kirkland, Alexander Kirkpatrick, J. Begbie Laing, Robert Livingstone, W. Gray Marshall, R. Gibson Miller, David Moffat, William C. O. Mair, Andrew Murdoch, Thomas C. M'Quilloch, Roderick M'Donald, Alexander M'Kean, Ernest M'Kenzie, Charles M'Kinnon, M. A. Donald J. M'Intosh, Digby M. M'Phail, James Ralley, William Rankin, John O. Reddie, George O. Rodger, Robert Routledge, David Roxburgh, Thomas Russell, Gavin S. Scott, J. Charles A. Smith, Miller Temple, John White, and Andrew Wilson.

*Third Professional Examination.*—Samuel Alexander, Alexander G. Auld, John Beveridge, George Clark, John Clark, William Colquhoun, Francis H. Colvin, J. B. Cumming, John Cunningham, David Finlay, Alexander Frew (2), Herbert M. Gay, Michael H. Greener, Thomas Howard, Alexander Jack, Arthur G. Keogh, George A. Morris, James W. A. Murdoch, Duncan Macartney, M.A., Wm. M'Cracken, William M'Creadie, David MacDonald, Neil C. M'Donald, Duncan M'Gilvray, Hugh M. Mackintosh, David Orr, Alexander B. Paterson, Alexander Peacock, John Ritchie, Richard A. D. Robb, Alexander Robertson, Frank Russell, James Shaw, Alexander J. F. Skottowe, William F. Somerville, M.A., James P. Smith, Joseph Thornley, George B. Todd, R. Bruce Young, M.A., and Robert H. Young.

**UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—The following registered medical practitioners, having passed the required examinations, have had the degree of Doctor of Medicine conferred upon them:

Messrs. James Lawton Andrew, L.R.C.P. Ed., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.M. Eng., L.S.A., Moseley, near Manchester; Harvey Eustace Astles, F.R.C.P. Ed., Adelaide; Andrew Brown, M.B.C.P. Ed., L.R.C.S. Ed., London; Henry Francis Fisher, L.R.C.P. Ed., L.F.P.S.G., Liverpool; Thos. Gambier, M.R.C.S. Ed., L.S.A. Lond., St. Leonards-on-Sea; William Kitto Giddings, M.R.C.P. Ed., M.B. and L.M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond., Calverley, Leeds; James Jamieson, F.R.C.S. Ed., Edinburgh; Frederick Fitzherbert Jay, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., Slough; Wm. Hen. Kempster, L.R.C.P. Ed., M.R.C.S. Eng., London; Thomas Smith, F.R.C.P. Lond., F.R.C.S. Ed., Woodley, Stockport.

John Edward Hanson, M.B. and C.M. St. And., Huddersfield, has also proceeded to the degree of M.D.

At the same time, the following gentleman passed the first pro

Professional examination for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery:

John Martin, L.R.C.S. Ed., L.A.H. Dublin, A.M.D., Cork.

At the recent graduation, the following candidates received degrees in Medicine and Surgery:

*Degree of M.D.*—John Barrett, M.B., C.M., P. and O. Service; Harry A. Benham, M.B., C.M., Dundee; Alexander H. Griffith, M.B., C.M., Manchester; Frederick M. Hawkins, M.B., C.M., London; William Reid, M.B., C.M., Kensington; Charles B. Richardson, M.B., C.M., Brighton; William D. Steel, M.B., C.M., Abergavenny; David Tulloch, M.B., C.M., Winnipeg, Canada.

*Degrees of M.B. and C.M.*—John Baker, Aberdeen; Robert Milne Beaton, Aberdeen; Alfred Brown, M.A., Welshpool; George Buchan, Aberdeen; Sylvester J. Cole, Freetown, Sierra Leone; Henri Cook, Greenock; Alex. Cowley, Dublin; George F. A. Da Costa, Kingston, Jamaica; Francis Falconer, M.A., Aberdeen; James T. Fraser, Longsight, Manchester; John Gerard, M.A., Aberdeen; John Gordon, Aberdeen; Andrew Hosie, Aberdeen; John Inglis, M.A., Aberdeen; David Ireland, Brechin; Charles Jeffrey, Tarrland; George Johnston, Pintray; Thomas M. Johnstone, Ellon; John B. Kerr, Manchester; James F. Macdonald, Aberfeldy; John Matheson, M.A., Plockton, Ross-shire; Frederic Maude, Highgate; John M'Combie, Oxtou, Morayshire; Grenville E. Moffett, Calcutta; James Moir, St. Kilda, Victoria; James Murray, Nairn; Alexander Nicoll, Rhynie; David Petty, Montrose; James Robert Purdy, Morpeth; Alexander Rennie, M.A., Wester Fintray; James T. Robb, Keith; William Scott, Auchairn, Keith; William J. H. Sinclair, Dunbeath, Wick; William A. Stewart, Buxburn, Newhills; James Taylor, M.A., New Deer; George J. K. Turner, Ellon; John Turner, Portsmouth; George Vincent, Bedford, Middlesex.

Of the above-named candidates, John Gerard M.A., David Ireland, James F. Macdonald, Alexander Rennie, M.A., and William Scott, received their degrees in Medicine and Surgery with honourable distinction.

At the same time, William Kelty, William L. Ruxton, James L. Smith, and George C. Still, were certified as having passed all the examinations, but did not graduate.

The following candidates have passed the first division of the first professional examination:

Messrs. John F. Cumming, John G. Dallas, Edward G. W. Deane, Frederick A. Foy, John J. Gray, James W. M. Gunn, Albert E. Henderson, James T. Lewis, James T. Macpherson, John Malcolm, James Melvin, Edward R. Orchard, David A. Shirres, Charles Smith, John W. Smith.

The following candidates have completed the first professional examination:

Messrs. Charles M. Aird, Alfred W. Alcock, Charles S. Anderson, Matthew F. Anderson, Joseph Marshall Barnes, James W. Bett, John Harley Brooks, David M. Brown, John Christie, James F. Craig, Alexander G. Davidson, John S. Davidson, James S. Dickie, Leslie Durno, George Forbes, John F. S. Fowler, William S. Gaddie, David Gill, Henry W. Godfrey, George Gordon, William H. Gray, George N. Henry, F. G. Jones, David A. F. Kydd, John M. Lamb, Andrew A. Macleannan, Farquhar M' Rae, Alexander S. Manson, Alexander Milne, James Black Milne, James Shaw Milne, William V. Morgan, James Murray, John C. Myles, Arthur E. Paterson, Eapen Poonen, Patrick W. Rattray, Cecil Robertson, William Robertson, Hugh Ross, George Scott, David Simpson, William B. Simpson, John R. Skinner, William G. Stott, Alexander J. Stuart, James T. Thorne, Andrew Whyte, Reginald G. Wills, and James M. Young.

The following candidates have passed the second professional examination:

Messrs. Henry M'K. Adamson, George H. Alden, John Anderson, Joseph Anderson, John Baker, Christopher G. Battiscombe, Charles G. Bennett, William E. Clark, James W. Cook, Alexander M. Cowie, George B. Currie, Augustus W. Dalby, George Duffus, Walter A. Elmslie, Henry Gibbons, John Gordon, Thomas B. Graham, Arthur S. Inglis, James Logie, Stuart Macdonald, Frank I. Mackintosh, Alexander Maclean, James M. Munro, Alexander Murchison, Robert D. Presslie, Alexander Reid, Herman Thiele, John E. Webb, Arthur M. Whitehead, and John T. Windle.

The next professional examination for degrees in Medicine commences on Saturday, July 28th.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

- ADELAIDE HOSPITAL, Dublin.—Surgeon. Applications by June 1st.
- ARMAGH UNION, Blackwatertown Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum and fees. Election on the 28th instant.
- BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTH SURREY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Anerley.—Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications to Mr. H. J. Chaldecott, 68, North End, Croydon.
- BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Physician's Assistant. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by May 28th.
- CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by June 9th.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Four Assistant Physicians, a Pathologist, and an Administrator of Anesthetics. Applications by June 6th.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Resident Medical Officer for the new hospital. Salary £80 per annum. Applications by June 6th.
- CITY AND COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Stapleton, near Bristol.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee of Visitors, by June 7th.
- COUNTY ASYLUM, near Dorchester.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £140 per annum. Applications addressed to the Chairman of the Visitors, under cover to Thomas Colborne, Esq., Clerk to the Visitors, 8, South Street, Dorchester, by May 28th.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. £100 per annum. Applications by June 15th.

DENBIGHSHIRE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £85 per annum. Applications to the Secretary by May 26th.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, Leicester Square.—Dental House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by June 11th.

DEVON COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to Mr. T. E. Drake, Solicitor, Exeter.

DONCASTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by June 3rd.

GLASGOW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Out-door Accoucheur. Applications by May 31st.

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Teacher of Chemistry. Applications by June 15th.

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Teacher of Physiology. Applications by June 15th.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by May 30th.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Resident Physician. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by June 20th.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—Two Examiners in Midwifery, either from the Fellows of the College or from Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Applications by the 26th instant.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum. Applications by June 6th.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Two Casualty Physicians. Applications by June 8th.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Physician. Applications by June 7th.

STOCKTON-UPON-TEES HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary £200 per annum. Applications by July 14th.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Physician (must be Fellow or Member of the Royal College of Physicians, London). Applications by May 28th.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Assistant Physician for Diseases of Women (must be Fellow or Member of the Royal College of Physicians, London). Applications by May 23th.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Two Surgeons (must be Fellows or Members of the Royal College of Surgeons.) Applications by May 28th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BARKER, H. M., M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Civil Surgeon to the Garrison and Military Hospital, Sandown, vice G. J. Thurston, M.R.C.S., resigned.

BLAKENEY, Edward J., L.K.Q.C.P., appointed Surgeon to the Roscommon County Infirmary, vice R. Peyton, M.D., deceased.

HOWELL, J. B., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest.

JULER, Henry, F.R.C.P., appointed Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital.

LALMEER, F. J., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, vice Henry Briggs, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., resigned.

LEACH, J. Comyns, M.D. Durham, B.Sc. Lond., S. Sc. C. Camb., reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Sturminster Rural Sanitary District for a period of five years.

TYLER-SMITH, Ernest Louis, M.B., B.A. Cantab., appointed Honorary Physician to the Brighton and Hove Dispensary, vice T. W. Fuller, M.B. Lond., deceased.

VINRACE, E. Dennis, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, vice J. Allman Powell, B.A., M.B., resigned.

### 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.

#### BIRTHS.

COLEMAN.—On May 20th, at Hill View, Streatham Common, the wife of Charles A. Coleman, M.D., of a daughter.

LUNN.—On the 19th instant, the wife of John R. Lunn, Medical Superintendent of the Marylebone Infirmary, Notting Hill, W., of a son, who only survived his birth a few hours.

#### DEATHS.

EVANS.—Suddenly, at 40, Berkeley Street, Glasgow, on the 20th instant, Ebenezer Evans, M.B., C.M., late of Beaumaris, North Wales. Friends will please accept of this the only intimation.

AMBULANCE LITTERS IN HYDE PARK.—The First Commissioner of Works having given permission to a committee lately formed by Mrs. Priestley to establish ambulance stations in Hyde Park, an Ashford litter and a hamper containing splints, bandages, and other things necessary for the first treatment of injured persons were placed at the Hyde Park Corner Lodge on Saturday by Mr. Furley, Deputy Chairman of the St. John's Ambulance Association, who gave instructions as to their employment. A second litter will in a few days be put at another lodge; meanwhile it has been left at the Hyde Park Police-station, in order that the constables, many of whom hold certificates of the St. John's Ambulance Association, may have an opportunity of practising with it.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

<b>MONDAY.</b>	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.
<b>TUESDAY.</b>	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.
<b>WEDNESDAY.</b>	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, 1.30 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.
<b>THURSDAY.</b>	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.
<b>FRIDAY.</b>	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.
<b>SATURDAY.</b>	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.

<b>CHARING CROSS.</b>	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th.; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.
<b>GUY'S.</b>	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.
<b>KING'S COLLEGE.</b>	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.
<b>LONDON.</b>	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.
<b>MIDDLESEX.</b>	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.
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## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**FRIDAY.**—Clinical Society of London. Mr. R. J. Godlee: On Cases of Stretching of the Facial Nerve. Mr. Clutton: On a Case of Spondylitis Deformans. Dr. Lediard (Carlisle): On a Case of Combined Spondylitis and Osteitis Deformans. Mr. A. T. Norton: On a Case of Melanotic Sarcoma of Antrum: Excision of Superior Maxilla: Recovery. Mr. G. Lawson: On Two Cases of Epithelioma occurring on Tight Cicatrices. Dr. Crocker: On a Case of Multiple Nodes in Congenital Syphilis. Dr. F. Taylor: Infantile Hemiplegia with Unusual Reflex.—The Parkes Museum of Hygiene. Introductory Lecture, by Professor F. De Chaumont, F.R.S., Professor of Hygiene in the Army Medical School, Netley: "A Sketch of the Origin and Development of the Science of Hygiene."

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## PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING.

SIR.—When Bills are being introduced into Parliament to amend both the Medical Acts and the Pharmacy Act, this may be a fitting time to make the endeavour to prevent druggists from prescribing medicines, of the physiological and therapeutic effects of which they know little or nothing. Whilst druggists should not be allowed to prescribe, I cannot help sympathising with them in their attempts to get the monopoly of selling and compounding all—with a few exceptions—the medicines enumerated in the *British Pharmacopoeia*. This concession would be a graceful act, and is only fair to them after the prolonged study and expense to which they have been put to qualify themselves. At present, grocers and others have largely invaded the distinctive territory of the druggist, and medicines ordered offhand by the medical man are not unfrequently procured from the grocer's shop or general store. A student may be refused his druggist's certificate if he fail to tell all about the natural history, chemistry, etc., of saltpetre, cream of tartar, magnesia, senna, etc., yet it is open to anyone without knowledge to sell and dispense any or all medicines in the *Pharmacopoeia*, with the exception of a few poisons.

To prevent the sale of substances or articles used in medicine by incompetent persons, I would suggest that (with the exception of a few scheduled articles to be kept by the grocer and druggist) all medicines should only be allowed to be kept by legally qualified druggists.

To prevent druggists from prescribing, I would suggest that a clause something like the following should be inserted into the amended Pharmacy Act: "It is hereby enacted that all scheduled poisons are only to be prescribed by a legally qualified medical man, who must have his full name and address affixed to his prescription, and no chemist, or druggist, or pharmacist shall be allowed to prescribe in any shape whatever the scheduled poisons, or dispense in any prescription the said poisons unless the medical man's name and address in full is attached thereto; and it shall be unlawful for said chemist, or druggist, or pharmacist, to repeat the prescription of any medical man in which any of the scheduled poisons are ordered unless said prescription shall be marked with the word 'repeat' and have the initials of the prescriber and date of repetition affixed, and in order to cancel the prescription after it is dispensed, the name of the dispenser shall be written thereon in addition to affixing the business stamp of the chemist who may have dispensed the medicines. The above enactment, so far as it bears on dispensing poisons, shall also apply to all medical men keeping open shop as regards the prescriptions of other medical men; and it shall be imperative on every medical man who keeps open shop or dispenses his own medicines to enter in a book kept for the purpose all prescriptions ordered to his own patients that may contain any of the scheduled poisons, and have attached thereto the date of dispensing and the signature of the dispenser."

Hoping that the present opportunity of rectifying clamant evils may be taken advantage of, I am, etc.,

DIVISION OF LABOUR.

## THE FEEDING OF INFANTS.

SIR.—I cannot agree with Dr. Neale in his strong condemnation of the use of condensed milk as a food for infants, as from experience with my own children and the children of others, I have found "Nestlé's Swiss Condensed Milk" most excellent food for infants, and I cannot call to mind a single instance in which I have known or heard of its being injurious.

As regards my own children—the first I had fed on Nestlé's milk is now twenty-three months old. It was given to him exclusively until he was over nine months old. I came to use it from the following circumstance. He was nearly dying of infantile diarrhoea when about six weeks old, being then fed on diluted cow's milk, which I discontinued from the day on which the diarrhoea showed itself, and a good healthy wet nurse was procured, but still the diarrhoea continued, notwithstanding the most approved treatment being constantly applied, and as a last resource, I was led to try Nestlé's condensed milk, which produced the most decided improvement in twenty-four hours; the second child, now seven months old, has had nothing else but this as food since he was two weeks old, and two finer and stronger children for their age could not be found. There may be other brands as good as "Nestlé's," but this is the only one I am acquainted with.

The milk should not be made too strong. I have found a moderately heaped teaspoonful in a teacupful (eight ounces) of warm water quite strong enough until the infant reaches three or four months, and from four months to eight months one teaspoonful and a half in eight ounces of water.

I am now speaking from experience only, and I have found infants to grow and thrive splendidly on this. The mistake generally made, is the milk is used not sufficiently diluted, under the impression so small a quantity will not sustain the infant's life, or the error lies in the feeding bottle not being properly cleansed, and thus diarrhoea is brought upon it. In my opinion, one of the most valuable of all the infants' foods known.—Yours faithfully,

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Queensborough Road, Bray, Ireland, April, 1883.