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FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

### COUNCIL.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room of Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Subcommittees will meet as follows. At 161A, Strand, W.C.—Tuesday, January 16th, 1884: Office and Printing Subcommittee, 4 P.M. Wednesday, January 16th, 1884: Arrangement Committee, 12 A.M. At Exeter Hall, Council, 2 P.M.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

161A, Strand, December 22nd, 1883.

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### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held in the Bar Room of the County Court-house, Omagh, on Thursday, January 24th, at 1 P.M.—ALEXANDER DEMPSEY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 26, Clifton Street, Belfast.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Infirmary, Derby, on January 10th, to amend the rules of the Branch in accordance with the recent alteration of the laws of the Association.—L. W. MARSHALL, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Nottingham, December 24th, 1883.

THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH BRANCH.—Meetings are held on the first Friday in every month, at half-past nine, after dinner at eight o'clock. Gentlemen wishing to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretaries, Surgeons SHIRLEY DEAKIN and W. A. MORRIS, 8, City Road, Allahabad.

DUBLIN BRANCH.—The seventh annual general meeting of the Dublin Branch will, by kind permission of the President and Fellows, be held on Wednesday, January 30th, at 4 P.M., in the Hall of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Kildare Street. The officers and council for the ensuing year will be elected by ballot, and any other necessary business transacted. Mr. Edward Hamilton, President-elect, will deliver the annual address. The following addition to By-law VII will be proposed: "All interim vacancies may be filled up by the council." The annual dinner of the Branch will be in the College Hall, at 7 P.M. on the day of the meeting. Dinner tickets for members who purchase their tickets on or before Tuesday, the 29th inst., 17s. 6d.; for members purchasing their tickets after that date, and for guests, £1.—GEORGE F. DUFFEY, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 30, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.—January 2nd, 1884.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

AN ordinary meeting was held in the Medical Institute, New Edmund Street, on Thursday, December 13th. The chair was taken by the President, Dr. BALTHAZAR FOSTER.

*New Members.*—The following members of the Association were elected members of the Branch: Walter Clarke, M.R.C.S.; Hosack Fraser, M.B.; Theodore Martin, M.R.C.S.; J. A. Powell, M.B.

*Papers.*—The following were read.

1. Dr. J. J. Nason: Notes, with Remarks, on a Case of Operation for Vesico-Vaginal Fistula.
2. Mr. E. B. Whitcombe: On Certificates of Lunacy.

### STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

THE first general meeting of this session was held at the Station Hotel, Stoke-upon-Trent, on Thursday, November 29th, 1883. There were present Dr. C. ORTON, President, and nineteen members.

*Specimens.*—The following specimens were shown:

1. Mr. Spanton: Extra-uterine Pregnancy.
2. Mr. Spanton: Spleen removed by Abdominal Section.
3. Mr. Spanton: Large Cystic Tumour of the Breast.
4. Mr. Spanton: Ovaries and Fallopian Tubes removed by Oöphorectomy.
5. Mr. Spanton: Enlarged Thyroid Gland removed by Operation.
6. Mr. Spanton: Cases of Operation for Radical Cure of Hernia.
7. Mr. Spanton: New Spring-pressure Forceps.
8. Dr. Clare: Arrested Development of the Upper Extremities.
9. Mr. J. G. U. West: Case of General Paralysis of the Insane.



10. Mr. J. G. U. West: Case of Cholera in a Man.  
11. Dr. Hatton: Hearts from Cases of Ulcerative Endocarditis.

*Papers.*—The following were read:

1. Mr. J. G. U. West: Two Cases of Erysipelas treated by Lead-paint.  
2. Mr. Folker: Operation for the Cure of Varicose Veins.  
3. Mr. Vincent Jackson: The Curative Treatment of Varicocele by the Application of a Single Ligature Subcutaneously. (A patient who was operated upon in the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital was exhibited.)

#### BRITISH GUIANA BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Colonial Hospital, Berbice, on November 20th, 1883. Present: Dr. CAMERON, President, in the Chair, and eleven members.

*New Member.*—Dr. Flanagan was unanimously elected a member of the Branch.

*The late Dr. Pearless.*—It was resolved: "That this meeting regrets deeply the death of Dr. Pearless, who was known to, and had the personal affection and professional esteem of, all the members; and that his executors be asked to convey the expression of the Branch's sympathy to his bereaved relatives."

*The Bacillus of Leprosy.*—Dr. Hillis's "Note on Bacillus of Leprosy" was read in his absence by the Secretary. The meeting regretted that Dr. Hillis was not present to give further explanations of the relation of the text to the figures. The Secretary was directed to ask Dr. Hillis to fix a convenient day on which he could attend an adjourned meeting, to favour members with further explanation.

*A communication from the Government* was read by the Secretary. It was moved by Dr. Fisher, and seconded by Dr. Corbould, that the Secretary be instructed to acknowledge, with thanks, the communication with enclosures.

*Pathological Specimens.*—Dr. Brebner showed pathological specimens, which led to some discussion.

*Regulation of Practice of Medicine.*—The President read the draft of an ordinance to regulate the general practice of medicine in the Colony. It was resolved: That a committee of the whole Branch be formed to consider and add to or amend this draft, and as soon as possible to submit such ordinance, amended or not, to the Branch, that the Branch may petition Government to pass such an ordinance.

*Quarantine.*—The President read a paper on Quarantine in cases where cholera appeared in previously uninfected ships after leaving Calcutta.

*Votes of Thanks.*—A vote of hearty thanks was given to the President and other readers of papers, for their interest in the work of the Branch.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE, AND WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCHES.

AN united meeting of these Branches was held at Cheltenham, under the presidency of Dr. F. COOK (President-elect of the Gloucestershire Branch). Mr. J. Cornwall, F.R.C.S., of Fairford, was elected President of the Gloucestershire Branch for the year 1884.

*New Members.*—Dr. Paul Bevan, Dr. Hogarth, Dr. Kirkland, and Mr. Glover were elected members of the Gloucestershire Branch.

A vote of sympathy with Dr. Rogers was also unanimously passed.

*President's Address.*—The President (Dr. F. Cook), in his address, touched upon some of the medical questions of the day, and especially upon that of the compulsory notification of diseases in its relation to present medical practitioners.

*Sporadic Puerperal Septicæmia.*—Dr. Strange (Worcester) read a very exhaustive paper upon the causes of sporadic puerperal septicæmia. It was published in the JOURNAL of December 22nd.

*Treatment of Fractures.*—Mr. Gamgee (Birmingham) gave a very interesting account and practical demonstration of his own mode of treating wounds and fractures.

*Papers* were also read by Mr. Cripps, of Cirencester, on the Treatment of Tetanus by Hydrate of Chloral; by Mr. Smith, of Bromsgrove, on the Treatment of Persistent Vomiting by Carbolic Acid; and cases were shown by Mr. Shirley, of the Worcester Infirmary, of Compound Fracture of the Skull, with removal of the pieces of bone and hernia cerebri; and of Fractured Patella treated by Wiring the fragments.

The remaining papers, by Dr. Bond, of Worcester, Dr. Currie, of Lydney, Dr. Chapman, of Hereford, Dr. Crowe, of Worcester, Mr. Ellis, of Gloucester, and Mr. Cardew, of Cheltenham, were unfortunately obliged to stand over for another time.

*Dinner.*—The members afterwards dined together at the Plough

Hotel, the President inviting as his guests several of the leading gentlemen of Cheltenham holding official positions.

The meeting was acknowledged by all to have been a most marked success, and was a proof of how much advantage it is to the smaller Branches to unite, at any rate occasionally, together; such union leading not merely to increased numbers, but to a higher class of paper, to a deeper interest in the subjects, and to a more generally profitable and pleasant meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### HIGH AMPUTATION FOR SENILE GANGRENE.

SIR,—I think that much may be said in favour of the views expressed by Mr. Hutchinson in his paper, read at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society on December 11th. I think that a large majority of persons who are attacked by senile gangrene tend to die of the affection; and there can be no doubt that the hesitation which surgeons have to resort to amputation in such cases, is founded on the fear that the gangrenous process will re-appear in the flaps. It is, however, quite reasonable to suppose that by amputating high up in the limb, where the arteries are, presumably, comparatively free from disease, and by avoiding all reactionary inflammation by careful antiseptic precautions, this risk may be very materially diminished. Mr. Hutchinson's cases, and those of Mr. James, of Exeter, to which he refers, certainly, so far as they go, lend support to such a supposition; and I feel that his paper will induce surgeons to reconsider the treatment of senile gangrene from this standpoint.

But I think it may fairly be asked on what grounds does Mr. Hutchinson recommend amputation in the lower third of the thigh in such cases, rather than through the knee-joint? If the latter be otherwise preferable, it can hardly be because the former is a few inches more remote from the seat of disease. Is amputation through the knee not otherwise preferable? I take it that the great end to be held in view, under the special circumstances, is to select a part where the accidents which may befall an amputation-wound are least likely to occur, and where union is likely to be speedy, complete, and secure. Such a part would be one free from muscular tissue, possessing few large vessels, and requiring no section of bone. Of all regions of the body where such requirements are most perfectly met with, the knee-joint is surely the chief. It is true that the lower third of the thigh compares favourably in these respects with the upper third of the leg; but, as compared with the joint itself, there are the still bulky quadriceps, the still muscular hamstrings, and the sawn femur, instead of soft parts, reduced to a minimum and almost entirely tendinous, and the cartilage-covered condyles. Such a comparison seems greatly to the disadvantage of amputating through the femur. The question, then, again presents itself, has this situation any counterbalancing advantages?

I believe that in many quarters there exists an objection to amputating through the knee-joint. For what reason? With myself it is a favourite operation, and I am always glad when, in the interests of my patients, I can select it. Healing almost always takes place at once; there is no fear of exfoliation of bone; and the resulting stump is in all respects admirable. I believe that, in this situation, all round success may more uniformly be obtained than in any other major amputation. In a paper which I read at the meeting of the Association in Liverpool, I referred to this subject, and, as it will probably appear shortly in your report of the proceedings, I shall not at present enter into details. I also showed, on the same occasion, two patients on whom the operation had been performed—in one case for gangrene, which was probably embolic. Meantime, however, if there be any positive objections to amputation through the knee-joint, either in the class of cases with which Mr. Hutchinson dealt, or in general surgery, I think it would be well to have them stated.—I am, sir, yours etc.,

JAMES HARDIE.

Manchester, December 1883.

### EARLY AMPUTATION IN GANGRENE.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Savory's remarks on a paper read by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson at the recent meeting of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society in London, on "High Amputations for Senile Gangrene," will you kindly allow space, in your next issue, for a brief note of a case of gangrene from "constitutional" causes, which occurred in my practice some time ago, in which I amputated with the most satisfactory result: proving, I think (at least, on the *ex uno omnia disce* principle), the fallacy of Mr. Savory's conclusion that "so far as the mischief was constitutional, he regarded

Dr. Brouardel has handed in to the Minister of Commerce a report embodying his investigations regarding trichinosis. He has come to the conclusion that the malady is only caused by eating raw pork. Dr. Brouardel has announced his intention of completing his work by writing a book on the treatment of trichinosis.

## INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

### NEW INDIAN BRANCHES.

WE had recently the satisfaction of announcing the formation of another Indian Branch, and we believe that a Branch is also projected in the Punjab.

We have received numerous letters recently, in some instances collective communications, from Indian medical officers concerning the affairs of the service, couched in terms expressing the kind and warm appreciation of the officers of Her Majesty's service and of the Indian army for the work done on their behalf by the editor of the JOURNAL, and by the Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee. To many of these we have returned a requested written answer; those to which we have not replied by letter—and we must plead overwhelming pressure of work for indulgence in this respect—have not the less engaged our attention. We fully appreciate the difficulties of distance and discipline under which these officers labour, and it has been for many years a pleasure to us to give such personal attention to their claims, and such personal assistance in bringing them forward, as we are able to bring to their aid.

**THE SANITARY CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.**—It is satisfactory, says the *Australian News*, to be able to produce evidence of the care taken by the Government in the social advancement of the people. Dr. Clark, who was appointed by the New South Wales Government to inquire into the sanitary condition of the public schools in the city and suburbs, has sent in an exhaustive report to the Government. He recommends various alterations in the designs of school-buildings, and that means be adopted for proper ventilation. The question of teaching cookery in the public schools was engaging the attention of the department of Public Instruction.

It is understood that the Government of Ceylon has approved of the appointment of Dr. Van Dersmagt as Senior Medical Officer and Inspector of Vaccination of the Eastern Province of Ceylon, and of his drawing travelling allowances the same as colonial surgeons when on inspection-duty.

## MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

### THE INDIAN ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE August, September, and October numbers of the *Proceedings of the North-Western and Oudh Branch of the British Medical Association* contain Dr. Boileau's tables. These elaborate and valuable tables show the chances of promotion to the higher grades of the Army Medical Department for every medical officer down to Dr. McCutchan, whose date of retirement, under the Warrant of 1879, is October 8th, 1899. He will probably be promoted to brigade-surgeon by August 10th, 1896, and will be further promoted to deputy surgeon-general by November 2nd, 1898. The two officers next senior to him—Surgeon-Majors H. T. Brown and V. A. Jennings—cannot count on being promoted beyond brigade-surgeons; for the former is shown as having twelve senior officers of younger age than himself, while he will have been retired six months before the normal date (November 2nd, 1898) for the next vacancy in deputy surgeons-general to occur; the tables show further that six lives stand between himself and the possibility of promotion. As there are 337 medical officers on the list senior to Dr. Brown, and as casualties, calculated at 20 per cent., would give some sixty-six vacancies, his chances of promotion are good. In Dr. Jennings's case, the bracketted figures are thirty-five, twenty-two, and eighteen respectively; his chances of promotion are, therefore, not so good as those of Dr. Brown. The November number will contain a table showing the services of administrative officers for several years past, giving the regiments and corps with which they served under the old régime. The number promoted to the administrative rank in each year will also be shown. These tables show that there are only thirty-five vacancies in the administrative ranks for the 135 senior executives next for promotion.

### PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS IN THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

IN the Army Medical Department a number of important retirements and promotions will next year take place under clauses of the Royal Warrant. The retirements will be three in number, and from the surgeons-general list, viz., Dr. Alexander Smith, C.B., principal medical officer at Gibraltar, October 14th; Dr. James Lamprey, principal medical officer at Portsmouth, October 15th; and Mr. Richard Gilborne, principal medical officer at Aldershot, November 20th. These retirements may be expected to promote Deputy Surgeons-General A. H. Fraser, principal medical officer at Dublin; John Hendley, C.B., principal medical officer at Allahabad; and H. B. Hassard, C.B., principal medical officer at Umballa. It may be mentioned that Dr. Crawford attains his sixtieth birthday in March next, but under Paragraph 317 of the Royal Warrant, the Director-General of the Army Medical Department, who is appointed for a fixed period of seven years, is not affected by attaining the age of sixty years during his tenure of office.

DEPUTY Surgeon-General R. Wolseley, A.M.D., has vacated his appointment of Secretary to the Surgeon-General of the British Forces (India), and comes to England shortly.

SURGEON-MAJOR J. AITCHISON, lately Officiating Secretary to the Surgeon-General, British Forces, is posted to the Sirhind Division for duty.

### THE NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

ANOTHER "Ironclad" wishes to know how he can obtain specimens of the examination-papers for the Navy. Would anyone who has lately passed give him a few details?

## HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY MANAGEMENT.

### A NEW DEPARTURE IN THE DISPENSARY MOVEMENT.

STR.—With regard to the "dispensary" referred to in the JOURNAL of December 8th, p. 1167, under the above heading, we beg to say that, when it was first established, we called the attention of our Committee to the matter, and a deputation was appointed to wait on the "young medical man, qualified," with reference to his connection therewith. He informed the deputation that he had only been at the place three or four days; and that, when he entered into the engagement with the Rev. Dr. Garrett, he was quite unaware of its unprofessional character. The interview resulted in his expressing his determination to leave the place as soon as possible, which he did.

We regret to have to add that the Rev. Dr. Garrett has again succeeded in obtaining the services of a duly qualified local medical man. We append a copy of the inscription on the door-plate at the "dispensary," and also enclose a card and printed circular, both of which have been freely circulated in the district, and copies left in the letter-boxes of, yours faithfully,

A. WAHLTUCH, M.D.; and J. BROADBENT, M.R.C.S., etc., Secretaries, Manchester Medico-Ethical Association, 27, King Street, Dec. 11th, 1883.

*The Card.*—"Please keep this card safe for reference, and show it to your friends and neighbours. Moss Side Dispensary and Family Club, 164, Moss Lane East, Manchester. Established by the Rev. Dr. Garrett, 1st August, 1883. Hours of attendance: Morning, 10 to 11 o'clock; evening, 6 to 8 o'clock; Sunday, 4 to 5, and 8.30 to 9. Vaccination—Monday, 4 to 5. Private patients at 2.30. Branch Dispensary, 109, Upper Lloyd Street: Week-day evenings from 8 to 9; Sunday, 4 to 5. N.B.—All messages should be sent in between 10 and 11 in the forenoon. Dispensary Fees: Consultation and medicine, 1s.; visit at patient's house, 1s.; medicine to home-patients, 6d.; home-visits for a week, 3s., if paid in advance. Teeth extracted for 6d. each. Vaccination, 1s. Private patients at special monthly fees. Family Club.—Families in health may enter as follows: Three members, or under, 6d. per week; five, 9d. per week; above five members, 1s. per week. N.B.—Attendance and medicine will commence when members have been admitted for two weeks. Confinements, with medicine and four after-visits, 10s. 6d., to dispensary and club patients."

*The Circular.*—"Moss Side Dispensary and Medical Practice, 164, Moss Lane East; 88, Embden Street; 109, Upper Lloyd Street.—An Explanation: To the people of Moss Side and its vicinity.—Dear Friends and Neighbours,—I feel it right to explain a few points to you. While living amongst you for more than nineteen years, I have been constantly grieved at the loss and trouble which so very many pass through in seeking for "recommendations" and medical attendance at moderate cost, and such sufferings became more painfully impressed upon me as a member of the Manchester School Board and the Chorlton Board of Guardians. Having ascertained that the Committee would not open a dispensary in this now populous district, I took these premises, and established a suitable institution of the kind. Unexpected events, which I may, perhaps, hereafter find it advisable to fully and publicly open out to you, caused me, as you will have perceived, to rearrange my appointment of medical officers, which I have been able to do with considerable advantage; so that we can now proceed steadily with this dispensary, as well as with the private medical practice which I have no doubt will grow up connected with it, according as skill and attention secure your confidence. To assist in gaining this, I have myself come to live here, while builders are preparing a residence for me to occupy within the parish of Christ Church. Relying upon your kind sympathy and firm support, believe me to remain, yours always faithfully, JOHN GARRETT, D.D., Rector, etc., 164, Moss Lane East, 8th October, 1883. P.S.—You will help us very much by asking here for cards of information, and circulating them as widely as you can."

\* J. W. Littler, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; T. J. Galloway Garratt; William F. Garratt, L.M.R.D., Accoucheur.



## MEDICAL NEWS.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.**—At a meeting of the Court of Examiners, held on December 10th and following days, the undersigned gentlemen, having passed their several examinations for the letters testimonial, and taken the declaration and signed the roll, were admitted Licentiates of the College, viz.:

E. L. Aherne, H. O. Beattie, H. B. Beatty, J. J. Bolger, W. Boake, H. J. Butler, J. F. B. Campbell, G. O. Cuppage, E. B. Denny, G. A. Dreaper, T. G. Drake, G. B. A. Flanagan, C. H. P. C. Graves, J. W. Green, J. H. Griffin, R. F. Herron, J. Keys, J. E. M'Crath, E. J. R. MacMahon, M. Macnamara, F. J. Maguire, F. B. Manning, F. J. Maunsell, T. G. Mellerick, A. Murphy, W. M. Nugent, T. O'Donnell, E. G. Peters, T. G. J. Sheehan, C. N. Simons, H. W. Smartt, F. J. W. Stoney, W. Stokes, F. W. Sullivan, W. G. Ternan, T. R. Torney, J. S. Walsh, H. Whitby, and G. R. Williams.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 20th, 1883.

Bean, Charles Edward, Brooklyn House, Shepherd's Bush, W.  
Bower, Edward Ignatius, Acton Street, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.  
Carvell, John Maclean, East India Road, E.  
Ferguson, George Henry Fletcher, Clyde Road, Croydon.  
Foot, Ernest George, Bigbury, near Kingsbridge, Devon.  
Hartzhorne, Bernard Frederick, Chichester Road, Bayswater, W.  
Harvey, Frank, Endsleigh Place, Plymouth.  
Ogg, George, St. Anthony's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
Pring, Frederick Arthur, Northlands, Exeter.  
Roe, Montagu Walter, Newland Street, W.  
Sumpter, Walter John Ernely, Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.  
Thirkell, Joseph, Aberford, Leeds.

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

Muspratt, Ernest Lambert Chambers, King's College.

The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 27th, 1883.

Bennett, Edwin Alfred, Cornwall Road, Bayswater, W.  
Dent, Herbert Crowley, Wood Street, Woolwich.  
Frames, Alfred Cromwell, Belsize Park, N.W.  
Hudson, Charles Leopold, Bungay, Suffolk.  
Lawrence, Laurie Asher, Belsize Avenue, N.W.  
Lewis, Edward John, Great Coram Street, W.C.  
Rugg, George Lewis, Stockwell Villa, Clapham Road.  
Wetwan, William Albert, Tavistock Place, W.C.

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

Hunter, George Douglas, St. George's Hospital.  
Tatam, Edwin Charles, King's College.

**UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.**—Michaelmas Term, 1883.

*Examination for the Degree of Doctor in Medicine for Practitioners of Fifteen Years' Standing.*—T. M. Dolan, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed.; R. Macdonald, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed.

One candidate was rejected.

*Examination for the Degree of Doctor in Medicine.*—H. H. Austen, M.B., M.R.C.S.; F. W. East, M.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; C. Green, M.B., T. J. Hudson, M.B., M.R.C.S.

One candidate was rejected.

*The Gold Medal for the best essay for the Year 1883 was awarded to F. W. East. Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor in Medicine.—First Class Honours.*—None. *Second Class Honours in Order of Merit.*—1. W. R. Awdry, M.R.C.S.; 2. W. O. Travis, M.R.C.S.; 3. H. M. Hughes; 4. E. A. Opie; 5. A. T. F. Brown, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; 6. S. Powell, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; 7. H. P. Keatinge, M.R.C.S. *Pass List in Alphabetical Order.*—T. E. Gordon; J. C. Grinling, M.R.C.S.; R. Hardie; S. Lowes, L.R.C.S.Edin., L.S.A.; H. R. Mosse, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; W. A. Norry, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; T. H. Openshaw, M.R.C.S.; J. I. Parsons; A. Robinson, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; J. M. Robson, B.A.; C. Y. Shuter, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; E. W. Simmons; F. Spicer; J. H. S. Sumner, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; A. Triay; A. W. Wheatley, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

Two candidates were rejected.

*Examination for the Degree of Master in Surgery.*—W. O. Travis, M.R.C.S.

Four candidates were rejected.

**UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.**—At the Winter Commencements, held at the close of Michaelmas Term, on Wednesday, December 19th, 1883, in the Examination Hall of Trinity College, the following degrees in Medicine and Surgery were conferred by the University "Caput":

*Bachelors in Surgery.*—A. Ambrose (stip. cond.), H. E. Blandford, C. C. De Burgh Daly, W. N. Denning, G. M. Dobson, W. W. Fenton, R. H. Fleming, A. F. W. Geoghegan, J. S. Green, H. M'Quade, R. Miller, R. Nunn, G. H. Symes, R. E. Sproule.

*Bachelors in Medicine.*—A. Ambrose, C. C. De Burgh Daly, G. N. Denning, H. H. Fleming, A. F. W. Geoghegan, J. S. Green, C. E. Kilkelly, R. Miller, R. Nunn, G. H. Symes.

*Doctors in Medicine.*—A. Ambrose, T. Donnelly, G. C. Kingsbury (stip. cond.), T. W. Lewis, A. Murray, D. C. Smith, D. Tucker.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

**ALNWICK AND DISTRICT PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.**—Qualified Practitioner. Applications to W. Wright, 1, West Parade, Alnwick, by January 15th.  
**BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.** 79, Gloucester Street, S.W.—Surgeon. Applications to Captain Stopford by January 9th.  
**BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.**—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by January 15th.  
**BIRSA, HARRY, AND SANDWICK MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to Mr. Moar, Quoyloo by Stromness.  
**CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 12th.  
**COTON HILL LUNATIC HOSPITAL,** Stafford.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by January 14th.  
**DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON,** Leicester Square.—Assistant Dental Surgeon. Applications by January 14th.  
**GRANARD UNION.**—Medical Officer, Street Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum, and £16 as Sanitary Officer, with fees. Applications to John Kenny, Hon. Sec., to January 7th.  
**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by January 5th.  
**HYDRO-THERAPEUTIC ESTABLISHMENT.**—Resident Physician. Salary, £300 per annum. Applications to the Manager, The Hall, Bushey, near Watford.  
**METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by January 14th.  
**RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY,** Oxford.—Honorary Physician. Applications by February 6th.  
**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.**—Junior Anæsthetist. Applications to the Treasurer by January 10th.  
**SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—Physician. Applications by February 6th.  
**SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—Assistant-Physician. Applications by February 6th.  
**TAUNTON UNION.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by the 14th instant.  
**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.**—Additional Examiner in Medicine in the Department of Medical Jurisprudence. Applications to J. Christison, by January 14th.  
**WEST HERTS INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by February 6th.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**BATEMAN,** Alfred George, M.B., M.Ch., L.S.A.Lond., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Holloway and North Islington Dispensary, *vice* J. Grey Glover, M.D., resigned.  
**GUNNING,** J. L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Castlebar Union, *vice* M. J. Lyden, M.D.  
**HEWLEY,** F., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the London Hospital.  
**HOLYOAKE,** Ralph, M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the London Hospital.  
**HUDSON,** Ernest, M.R.C.S., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, *vice* J. B. Lawford, M.D., appointed Senior House-Surgeon.  
**JOHNSTON,** Robert Henry, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., appointed Medical Officer for the Bungay District of the Wangford Union; and for the No. 4 District of the Loddon and Clavering Union.  
**MILLS,** W., L.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Chorlton-upon-Medlock Dispensary.

## 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.

**BARNES.**—On December 26th, 1883, at 6, Portland Square, Carlisle, the wife of Henry Barnes, M.D., F.R.S.E., of a daughter.  
**DAVIES.**—On the 31st ult., at Cwm-dws House, near Newport, Monmouthshire, the wife of W. H. Davies, L.R.C.P., etc., of a son.

### DEATHS.

**BARROW.**—On December 28th, at his residence, "Battenberg," Manley Road, Manchester, John Charles Barrow, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., eldest son of the late John Barrow, of Loughborough Fields, Leicestershire, aged 61 years. Formerly House-Surgeon at the Leeds House of Recovery.  
**HINDS.**—At Halstead, Essex, on December 22nd, James Hinds, M.B., aged 43.

## THE BOWER AND KEATES CASE.

At a meeting of the Committee, held on January 3rd, 1884, at 8.30 P.M., there were present—Sir William Jenner (in the chair), Dr. Wilson Fox, Dr. Moxon, Dr. Bright, and Dr. Quain. It was resolved that the Committee, having obtained subscriptions sufficient to meet the legal expenses incurred in the case of Messrs. Bower and Keates, beg to intimate that the list will be closed on Saturday, the 5th inst. They will, however, be glad to receive further signatures to the memorial.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....	St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.
TUESDAY.....	St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.
WEDNESDAY....	St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 10 A.M.
THURSDAY.....	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—North-west London, 2.30 P.M.—Chelsea Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY.....	King's College, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.
SATURDAY.....	St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.

## HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th.; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.
GUY'S.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.
KING'S COLLEGE.—	Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W. 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th.; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
LONDON.—	Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.
MIDDLESEX.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.
ST. GEORGE'S.—	Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.
ST. MARY'S.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., M. Th., 9.30; Eye, Tu., F., 9.30; Ear, W. S., 9.30; Throat, M. Th., 9.30; Skin, Tu. F., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 9.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30.
ST. THOMAS'S.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 12.30; Skin, Th., 12.30; Throat, Tu., 12.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.
WESTMINSTER.—	Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—	Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. R. Brudenell Carter will deliver the first Lettsomian Lecture. Subject: Cataract.
TUESDAY.—	Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. F. Treves: The Direct Treatment of Spinal Caries by Operation. Dr. Radcliffe Crocker: Three Cases of Xeroderma Pigmentosum (Kaposi).
WEDNESDAY.—	Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens will be shown. Dr. E. S. Tait: Observations of Puerperal Temperatures. Dr. J. Williams: On the Corroding Ulcer of the Os Uteri.—Hunterian Society, 7 P.M. Council. 8 P.M. Mr. Reeves: The Treatment of Rectal Stricture, with Special Reference to Inguinal Colotomy. Mr. Charters J. Symonds: The Reliable Signs of Fracture of the Neck of the Femur.—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Dr. L. S. Beale, F.R.S.: Sewage-Constituents in Thames Mud.
THURSDAY.—	Abernethian Society, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 8 P.M. Mr. Robert Jones: What constitutes Insanity?
FRIDAY.—	Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Annual general meeting for election of officers and council. Dr. J. K. Fowler: On a Case of Subcutaneous Nodule. Dr. Caswell: On a Case of Cortical Tumour with Unusual Frequency of Epileptiform Attacks. Dr. R. J. Lee: On a Second Case of Creeping Eruption.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

CORRESPONDENTS who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

## ROCHE'S EMBROCATION.

SIR,—Would you kindly inform me, through your next issue, what the composition of "Roche's embrocation" is? It is very much lauded, and extensively used in this district as a specific for whooping-cough. In two cases, I have noticed alarming prostration and collapse, with very dilated pupils, as one sees after the administration of belladonna. I cannot help attributing these symptoms to the use of this patent remedy.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

E. T. DAVIES, M.B.

191, Heyworth Street, Liverpool, November 21st, 1883.

\* \* Two formulæ are published alleged to correspond to Roche's embrocation: 1. Olive oil mixed with half its weight of oil of cloves and amber; 2. Olive oil, two ounces; oil of amber, one ounce; oil of cloves and oil of lemons, of each one drachm. The oil of amber is made by distilling amber with an equal weight of sand in a glass retort. Applied externally, it is a rubefacient, and is often used as a liniment in rheumatism. Rubbed along the spine, it was recommended by Parrish as a remedy for whooping-cough. He mixed it with an equal quantity of laudanum, and diluted with three or four parts of olive oil and brandy.

## INSTRUCTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.

SIR,—I should be glad if you would let me know where I can send a little boy, gratis (who has lost his hearing, after scarlatina), that he may learn the deaf and dumb alphabet, and be instructed in some trade.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

F. B. J. BALDWIN.

Cawdor House, Rotherham.

\* \* \* Three of the schools belonging to the School Board in London teach the deaf and dumb on the oral method, and, of course, persons residing in their neighbourhood send their children free of payment. Beyond this, there are no schools for deaf and dumb "where a child can be sent gratis." The Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb at 12, Fitzroy Square, educates children for small fees, according to the circumstances of the parents, and the amount is settled for each case by the committee. The lowest charge is £5 per annum. This is only a day-school, and the children are boarded out at the parents' expense. The director (Mr. Van Praagh) will arrange this. In other cases, the deaf and dumb are educated in the various institutions for the purpose throughout the country. To obtain an education and be taught a trade gratis is not more easy for a deaf and dumb than for a hearing child. The Old Kent Road institution is probably the best to apply to in such a case as our correspondent's.

SPES should append his name in order to insure publication of his contribution. See Note above.

## MEDICAL ADVERTISING AND THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

SIR,—A few days ago, I was surprised to see a flaming advertisement occupying a prominent position in a railway-station, with the name of a L.D.S.R.C.S. England attached to it. I thought it would be the best plan to acquaint the College with the fact, in order that it might immediately put a stop to such a nefarious practice on the part of one of its licentiates. I am also surprised to find he is a member of the Odontological Society. I enclose a copy of my reply from the Secretary. Comment on my part is unnecessary.—Yours truly,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

[Copy.]

"Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 21st day of December, 1883.

"Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., I have to acquaint you that, although advertising in the manner referred to by you is greatly to be deprecated, it is not in the power of this College to take any steps in the matter.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, FRED. G. HALLETT, Assistant-Secretary."

## THE "SALT-RHEUM" OF CALIFORNIA: CHRONIC DIARRHŒA.

SIR,—I should feel very much obliged by any information from any member on the following.

1. What is the disease which is known in the States (the case I am particularly interested in occurs in the State of California) as "salt-rheum"? I have looked over various books, but can find no mention of it.

2. What is the treatment?

3. I have a patient, a lady of about 60 or 63, of gouty diathesis; she suffers from a troublesome diarrhœa, from which she is quite free in the day-time, but coming on in the morning, at 4 or 5 o'clock, is obliged to get up out of bed; and between that time and 8 or 9, has several evacuations. I have tried various remedies without success, and would be glad to get any advice on the matter.—Yours faithfully,

M.K. Q.C.P.I.

Dublin, December 31st, 1883.

## CATHETER FEVER.

SIR,—As a brief commentary on a surgical question, propounded by an eminent physician, kindly allow a general practitioner to make a few observations, by relating a case which occurred in his own practice, and which he will take the liberty of calling "Catheter-neglected Fever."

On March 26th, 1867, I was requested to go a few miles into the country to see a man who had been ill for nearly a month. To my surprise, on my arrival at his house, as he had been under medical treatment, I found him with a distended bladder, running over; in a state of restless delirium, with a pulse quick and small, and clammy perspiring skin; with an odour surrounding him to be felt, rather than smelt. In fact, he appeared to be at the point of dissolution. Not suspecting such a condition, I had gone without a catheter, and had to return home to fetch one; this took about an hour-and-a-half. Having obtained the necessary instrument, I had some difficulty in passing it, in consequence of his delirium; however, having succeeded, a large quantity of water was drawn off, and then I tied the instrument in the bladder (it was a silver-plated catheter), and plugged it with a quill; giving his wife directions to remove the plug every few hours, to allow any accumulated water to escape. The next day, he had decidedly improved. On the 29th, I removed the catheter; it required to be passed on the 30th and 31st, from which date he was able to empty his bladder without assistance, making a good recovery, and living in health and strength till April, 1881, when he died in the seventy-eighth year of his age, of cystitis and uræmia, not even now having the chance of dying of catheter fever, for his friends did not send for assistance till too late; he having, however, lived just over sixteen years from his first attack in good health.

As a general practitioner in the country, and, of course, therefore, an ignorant, perhaps it may be permitted me to hint—just to hint an opinion—that Sir A. Clark has discovered what may be called a "mare's nest, quite empty;" and that Sir H. Thompson and other gentlemen have only been too polite to say so plainly; and, if allowed, I would suggest the name "Catheter-neglected Fever," as more appropriate than "Catheter-Fever," being more likely to have the effect of directing attention to the danger of neglecting proper treatment till too late.—I am, sir, yours truly,

JOHN GABB, M.R.C.S.E., etc.

## PSORIASIS PALMARIS SYPHILITICA.

SIR,—In reply to the question of "M.B., C.M.," the treatment depends very much upon the age, so to speak, of the disease. This eruption will frequently show itself in quite the early stages of the disease, co-existent with other papular or squamous eruptions, and then requires a treatment similar to that followed by your questioner; but if this eruption appears at a later period, when it is probably the only visible manifestation of disease, the treatment will resolve itself into tonics, Donovan's solution, abstinence from alcohol, and locally chrysophanic acid ointments, or red iodide of mercury ointment.

If "M.B., C.M.," will give ten minim doses of Donovan's solution *ter die*, and an ointment, ten or fifteen grains to the ounce, of either chrysophanic acid, or red iodide of mercury in vaseline, I think he will be pleased with the result.—I remain, faithfully yours,

G. HOULTON BISHOP.

11 and 12, Clement's Lane, London, January 2nd, 1884.

SIR,—In answer to the questions of "M.B., C.M.," in your issue of 29th ult., I beg to say that I have been getting very satisfactory results lately in cases of above affection from the local application of oil of cade, coupled with the internal administration of arsenic and iodide of potassium.

Blackpool. GEO. C. KINGSBURY, M.A., M.D.

## ALKARAM.

In reply to Mr. Jeffries of Chesterfield, Mr. Francis Toulmin (Upper Clapton) writes: The following is the formula I have used. I cannot recollect where I obtained it; but I have had it frequently prepared when I had a surgery.  
R Acid carbolic. ℥ viij; ammon. sesquicarbon. 3ij; pulv. carbonis ligni. 5ij; olei lavandulæ ℥ vj; tinctura benzoinæ comp. 3j; liq. ammon. fort. q. s. Misce bene.

## HOUSEMAID'S KNEE.

SIR,—I was recently consulted for the above complaint, by a young woman, who stated that the swelling, which was very considerable, but free from pain, had come on in two days. The size of the bursa (the lower one) was such as to allow but very slight flexure of the knee, the tumour completely overlapping the patella on all sides. There were no symptoms of inflammation, even rough manipulation failing to produce pain. I emptied the sac of about four ounces of clear mucilaginous fluid, by means of a small incision with a tenotome, in the lower centre; and the firm application of a roller round the knee, at first above and below, and gradually surrounding the opening, over which I applied a pad of lint, and bound up the whole securely. In three days, notwithstanding this pressure, the bursa had filled again, and, on the fourth, was as large and painless as before. I now determined to set up inflammation in the sac, and bring about adhesion of its walls, by introducing a seton, which I easily accomplished by means of two small incisions with the tenotome, drawing six threads through them with an eyed probe, knotting them together in front. The seton, which was drawn through every day, and had a pad outside, tightly bandaged down, produced the desired pus, with very little pain, and, at the end of a week, I was enabled to withdraw it, to find the bursa completely solidified. I had ordered the girl to continue her daily household duties, except if attacked by severe pain, which never occurred.

I record the case, simple as it is, on account of never having met with a "housemaid's knee" so large, so quickly formed, and so free from inflammation; as the treatment (well adapted to ganglion) would have probably been tried by any of your readers.—Yours truly,

Lamberhurst, Kent. JOHN J. MARSHALL, L.R.C.S.I., etc.

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