

for the International Collective Investigation of Disease there delivered."

The quarterly meeting of the General Committee was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, April 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The members dined together, as usual, before commencing business, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson presiding. The Committee of Direction met for formal business at 5 p.m., before the dinner.

At the meeting of the General Committee, a quarterly report from the Standing Subcommittee was presented by the Secretary. From this, it appeared that a fair number of returns had been received; and that, though a falling off was perceptible in the earlier months of the year, much activity had been displayed during March.

Special discussions of the subjects of inquiry, in the interests of collective investigation, had been held by the Thames Valley, the Staffordshire, and the North Wales Branches; and further meetings for the same purpose have been arranged for by the South Wales, South-Eastern (West Surrey District), Birmingham and Midland Counties, and North Wales Branches.

The Subcommittee had considered the proposals referred to it from the last meeting for an inquiry into "Chronic Hysteria or Neurasthenia," and for the investigation of cases of "Rare Diseases." The former subject the Subcommittee considered to be not yet ripe for collective inquiry. The latter investigation the Subcommittee did not see the means to carry out. The Subcommittee had carefully considered the proposal, made by Dr. Casey, of Windsor, for a collective inquiry into the connection of disease with habits of intemperance, referred to it by the Committee in October 1884, and now recommended that the inquiry should be adopted, and that a schedule, drawn up on the lines proposed by Dr. Casey, should be issued as an inset in an early number of the JOURNAL.

Copies of the proposed schedule were placed before the Committee, and it was resolved that the recommendation of the Subcommittee should be adopted, and the schedule issued.

Dr. Tyson, of Folkestone, proposed that the "Prognosis of Heart-Lesions" should be taken up as a subject of inquiry. After some discussion, it was referred to a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Tyson, Dr. Bowles, and Dr. Stephen Mackenzie, to bring up a detailed proposal at the next meeting, before the subject was decided on.

Dr. Ward Cousins was unfortunately prevented from attending the meeting, and his proposal for an investigation of cases of "Arrested Phthisis" was therefore postponed till the next meeting. For a similar reason, the important proposal by Dr. Pearce, of Haslemere, for "Localised Inquiries," was postponed. The memorandum and forms prepared by the Phthisis Subcommittee, for the continuation of the inquiries into the Etiology of Phthisis, were presented to the meeting. These forms are drawn up on a new plan; their object being, not to collect reports of isolated cases, but to engage medical practitioners, whose opportunities permit, in a joint investigation of the circumstances surrounding the appearance of the disease. The inquiry is divided into three parts, each of which it is intended should be taken up separately.

Votes of thanks were passed to Dr. Casey, of Windsor; to Professor Humphry, the Chairman of the Committee; and to Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson.

THE MAHOMED MEMORIAL FUND.

A MEETING of the subscribers to this fund was held in the Governors' Room at Guy's Hospital, on Thursday, April 16th, at which were present Dr. S. Wilks, Mr. Durham, Mr. E. H. Lushington, Dr. F. Taylor, Mr. Aikin, Mr. G. P. Field, Mr. Burdett, Dr. Cayley, Dr. Goodhart, Mr. Eastes, and others.

Dr. S. Wilks took the chair, and explained the steps which the subcommittee had followed to carry out the resolutions of the meeting held at Guy's Hospital in December last. Mr. Durham, the treasurer to the fund, stated that the amount subscribed slightly exceeded £2,500, of which sum all had been received except about £276. It was then proposed by Mr. Durham, and seconded by Dr. F. Taylor, and carried unanimously:—"That the fund subscribed be entrusted to three gentlemen, to be hereafter elected, who shall have full and absolute power to invest, hold, and dispose of the money placed in their hands, both as regards capital and the interest that shall accrue upon it, at their discretion, in such way as may seem in their judgment best calculated to promote the interests of those left by Dr. Mahomed, and to fulfil the objects for which the fund has been subscribed, subject to the following conditions:—(1) That, during the life-time of Mrs. Mahomed, and while she remains unmarried, the interest upon the fund shall be regularly paid to her for her use; (2)

that, if at any time it may seem good to them, the trustees may dispose of portions of the capital for the immediate use or benefit of Mrs. Mahomed, or any one of the children, provided always that no larger sum than one-quarter of the capital be given to Mrs. Mahomed for her own use, nor any larger sum than one-fifth of three-quarters of the capital sum be expended upon any one of the five children; except in case of the death of any one or more of the children, under which circumstances a proportionately larger share may be appropriated to to any one or more of the survivors."

Mr. Eastes proposed, Mr. Aikin seconded, and it was unanimously resolved: "That, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, Dr. Cayley, Dr. Goodhart, and Mr. Field be requested to take charge and dispose of the money subscribed; and, in the event of the death or resignation of any one of these gentlemen, the remaining two shall appoint a new trustee."

It was proposed by Mr. Lushington, and carried: "That the report of this meeting, and the resolutions adopted, be forwarded to the medical journals, and also to each of the subscribers to the fund, with a complete list of the subscriptions."

Votes of thanks to the subcommittee, to the treasurer of the hospital, and to the chairman of the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1885. 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 be elected a member *by the Council* or by any recognised *Branch Council*.

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FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

INQUIRIES are in progress on the subjects of

CHOREA, DIPHTHERIA,
ACUTE RHEUMATISM, OLD AGE,
CANCER OF THE BREAST.

Memoranda on the above, and forms for recording individual cases, may be had on application.

It is requested that returns in Chorea and Acute Rheumatism be sent in at as early a date as possible, as the Reports on these subjects are in preparation.

The greater part of the "Old Age" form may be filled in by a non-medical person, if necessary.

The Committee are also glad to receive reports of cases of the following conditions, memoranda and forms for which are prepared.

PAROXYSMAL HÆMOGLOBINURIA.
ALBUMINURIA IN THE APPARENTLY HEALTHY.
SLEEP-WALKING. ACUTE GOUT.

The "Sleep-walking" form may be filled in by a non-medical person, if necessary.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.—The Committee will be glad to receive reports of cases illustrative of the points mentioned in the JOURNAL of January 31st, 1885 (p. 249). Separate copies of the article and questions alluded to will be forwarded on application.

THE CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE.—A schedule of inquiry upon this subject has been prepared by the Committee, and will be issued with an early number of the JOURNAL. Returns are still received on ACUTE PNEUMONIA.

Application for forms, memoranda, or further information, may be made to any of the *Honorary Local Secretaries*, or to the *Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee*, 161a, Strand, W.C.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH INDIAN BRANCH.—Meetings are held in the Central Museum, Madras, on the first Saturday in the month, at 9 P.M. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary. —J. MAITLAND, M.B., Honorary Secretary, Madras.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—A special and ordinary meeting of the Branch will be held on Tuesday, April 21st, 1885, at 7.30 P.M., in the lecture-room of the School of Science, Gloucester, under the presidency of Dr. Needham. *Agenda:* Special.—The adoption of the revised and amended rules drawn up by the Council. Ordinary.—A paper on "The Estimation of the Impurities in the Atmosphere," together with a practical demonstration of the same, by G. Embrey, Esq., county analyst. —G. ARTHUR CARDEW, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The spring meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 3 P.M., in Doncaster. Members intending to read papers are requested to communicate at once with ARTHUR JACKSON, Secretary, Wilkinson Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of this Branch will be held in the Town Hall, Chester, on Friday, May 1st, at 6 P.M., to consider an alteration in the rules of the Branch referring to the mode of election of officers, members of the Council of the Branch, and representatives in the Council of the Association. —CHARLES W. GLASCOTT, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 23, Saint John Street, Manchester.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The spring meeting will be held in Bishop Cosin's Library, Durham, on Thursday, April 30th, at 2.30. The following papers have been promised: Dr. Hume: On the Operation of Perforating the Mastoid Cells. Dr. Murphy: On Recent Improvements in Ovariectomy. Mr. G. E. Williamson: Notes of some Eye Cases. The following specimens will be shown. Dr. Foss: A Diseased Tibia, for which amputation was performed. Mr. S. W. Broadbent: Set of False Teeth removed from the pharynx. Dr. T. W. Barron: Two Vesical Calculi from two cases of lithotomy. Dinner at the County Hotel at 6. —DAVID DRUMMOND, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The fifth ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Museum and Library, Bristol, on Wednesday evening, April 22nd, at half-past seven o'clock, R. S. Fowler, Esq., President. The following communications are expected. 1. R. W. Thomas, Esq.: "A Case of Hydatidiform Mole, with specimen." 2. W. P. Keall, Esq.: "Four Cases of Bone-Wiring;" the patients will be exhibited." 3. J. A. Norton, Esq., M.D.: "Report on a Case of Intestinal Obstruction, with Unusual Symptoms;" with specimen. 4. M. F. Bush, Esq.: "Two Cases of Monstrosity." —E. MARKHAM SKERRITT and R. J. H. SCOTT, Honorary Secretaries, Clifton, April, 1885.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Council, held in the Council Room, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, April 8th, 1885; present, Dr. BALTHAZAR FOSTER, Birmingham, President of the Council, in the Chair,

Mr. Macnamara, London, Treasurer	Dr. W. C. Grigg, London
Mr. J. Wright Baker, Derby	Dr. C. Holman, Reigate
Dr. G. B. Barron, Southport	Mr. A. Jackson, Sheffield
Dr. M. Martin De Bartolomé, Sheffield	Mr. T. V. Jackson, Wolver- hampton
Dr. T. Bridgwater, Harrow-on- the-Hill	Dr. D. J. Leech, Manchester
Dr. A. Carpenter, Croydon	Dr. W. G. V. Lush, Weymouth
Dr. C. Chadwick, Tunbridge Wells	Mr. F. Mason, Bath
Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Southsea	Dr. W. W. Moore, Brighton
Mr. T. W. Crosse, Norwich	Dr. C. Parsons, Dover
Dr. G. W. Crowe, Worcester	Dr. A. Sheen, Cardiff
Dr. P. M. Deas, Exeter	Mr. S. W. Sibley, London
Mr. J. Dix, Hull	Dr. E. M. Skerritt, Bristol
Dr. W. A. Elliston, Ipswich	Dr. A. Strange, Shrewsbury
Dr. T. Eytton-Jones, Wrexham	Mr. T. Sympson, Lincoln
Dr. Bruce Goff, Bothwell	Mr. J. Taylor, Chester
	Dr. T. W. Trend, Southampton
	Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, Leeds

The minutes of the last meeting having been put from the chair, the same were signed as correct.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from several members.

In reference to Minute 1043, Mr. Dix brought up report of Subcommittee of Council appointed by 875 and 876, on the election and retention of homeopaths as members.

Resolved: That the report be received and entered on the minutes, and that it be considered at the next meeting.

Read letter from Mr. Hodgson, repeating the invitation to hold the

Annual Meeting at Brighton in 1886, stating that there had been a meeting of the medical profession resident at Brighton and district, at which Dr. Withers Moore had been nominated President-elect, and Mr. Hodgson had been appointed Treasurer of the Local Guarantee Fund.

Resolved: That this Council cordially recommends to the favourable consideration of the Council for 1885-6, the invitation to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association at Brighton in 1886.

Read Memorial of the British Gynæcological Society, submitting to the Council the consideration of the expediency of appointing a Gynæcological Section at the Annual Meeting at Cardiff.

Resolved: That the President of Council be requested to write, stating that it is too late to alter the arrangements, but that it is a matter which may be considered next year.

Read letter from Mr. Davies, medical officer of health for Monmouth, suggesting the establishment of a permanent bacteriological laboratory in London by the Association.

Resolved: That the letter of Mr. Davies, the Medical Officer of Health for Monmouth, be acknowledged, but that he be informed that the subjects are too large at present to be undertaken by the Association.

The application of 158 candidates for election as members was then considered.

Resolved: That the application of two candidates be referred to the Councils of the Branches of the respective districts in which they reside.

Resolved: That the remaining 156 candidates, whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting, be and they are hereby elected members of the Association.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee of to-day's date be received, approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee contain the particulars of accounts for the quarter ending March 31st, amounting to £4,039 18s. 9d.; the financial statement for year ending December 31st, 1884; and report of auditor for quarter ending March 31st.

Resolved: That the financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1884, be received and approved, and published in the JOURNAL in accordance with By-law 33.

Resolved: That the standing notice in the JOURNAL concerning the election of members be altered to read as follows.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

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The President of Council then reported that a further investment of £2,000, had been made in Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Four per Cent. Debenture Stock, and that the transfers had been sealed this day by the President of Council, the Treasurer, and the General Secretary, with the seal of the Association. The total amount invested was now £19,541 at cost.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Branch Organisation be received, and considered at the next meeting.

It was moved and seconded: That the Minutes of the Premises Subcommittee of the 7th instant be received and adopted, and the recommendations carried into effect.

Whereupon an amendment was moved and seconded

That the Premises Subcommittee report to the Council at their next meeting as to a suitable site for the Association premises.

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

The President of the Council then placed before the Meeting the original resolution, altered according to the views that had been expressed, and the same was declared to be carried.

Read minutes of Committee on the Legality of Committees appointed at the annual meeting.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Committee appointed to consider the Legality of Committees appointed at the annual meeting be received.

Resolved: That the President of Council, the Treasurer, and Mr. Wheelhouse, be appointed the Subcommittee to draw up the Annual Report of the Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st, 1884.

*Revenue Account, or Profit and Loss for the Year ending
December 31st, 1884.*

DR.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Editor				500	0	0
Sub-Editor				800	0	0
Assistant Editor				200	0	0
Contributors				1,664	7	11
JOURNAL:—						
Printing				3,672	6	6
Paper				3,604	13	10
Postage				1,481	17	1
Address Bands				218	0	0
				8,976	17	5
Wood Engraving				155	16	7
Reporting				148	5	9
JOURNAL EXPENSES:—						
Editor's Postage	£24	10	4	44	9	8
Postage of JOURNAL Slips	9	12	11			
Boy's Wages				33	14	0
Newspapers				29	13	9
Telegrams, etc.				92	15	7
Sub-Editor's Expenses				10	0	0
Editor's Expenses				7	11	4
Clerk's Expenses				8	12	0
Rent of Telephone				20	0	0
				240	9	11
Editor's Clerk				125	0	0
COMMITTEES:—						
Hire of Rooms for Council Meetings				11	9	9
Collective Investigation:—						
Salary of Secretary	£200	0	0			
Travelling Expenses	47	9	0			
Printing, etc.	93	6	3			
Cost of Collective Investigation Record:—						
Printing, Paper, and Postage	265	13	0			
Reports	77	0	0			
				683	8	3
(Less received for Sales and Advertisements of "Record"—see contra.)						
Scientific Grants, 1884-85	300	0	0			
Do. do. Special	100	0	0			
				400	0	0
Scholarships				259	12	4
Parliamentary Bills				47	1	3
				1,401	11	7
Auditors' Fee				63	0	0
Accountants' Charges—Special Report				52	10	0
General Secretary				600	0	0
Assistant Secretary				200	0	0
Office Salaries and Wages				760	13	0
Rent				312	14	2
Taxes, Parochial, Gas and Water-Rates				160	16	10
Fire Insurance				13	0	0
				173	16	10
MISCELLANEOUS PRINTING:—						
Printing in connection with Advertisements, Association Printing, and JOURNAL and Editor's Printing				331	0	0
Printing, Annual Meeting, Belfast, Daily Journal, and Members' Cards, 1884				99	9	2
				430	9	2
Reprints				73	4	8
Postage				324	17	5
SUNDRY OFFICE EXPENSES:—						
Copying and Assistance				254	13	5
Travelling Expenses				25	15	0
Travelling Expenses of Clerks				16	8	3
JOURNALS bought				0	12	0
Sectional Expenses				10	13	8
Cleaning Offices				49	14	6
Sundries and Petty Cash				123	3	2
				481	0	0
STATIONERY:—						
Account Books, Ledgers, Pens, Ink, Paper, etc.				233	5	8
Coals				6	18	0
Sundries (including Rent of Telephone, and set of JOURNALS)				68	15	1
Repairs and Alterations				65	5	2
Bank Charges				15	2	11
Branch Charges				14	8	
Legal Expenses				118	13	5
Plant Depreciation Fund				150	0	0
Premises Redemption Fund				150	0	0
Furniture and Fittings, depreciation, etc.				35	3	11
Expenses caused by Fire				82	18	4
				18,101	6	7
Subscription losses from death, etc.				482	18	11
Advertisement Discounts, Allowances, etc.				1,352	14	2
Profit for the year carried to Balance Sheet				2,819	4	0
				£22,356	8	8

CR.]	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	11,377	0	9
Ditto former years	21	4	6
Advertisements	8,609	13	11
Sundry Sales of JOURNAL	1,021	1	7
Ditto Reprints	92	11	9
Ditto Reading Covers	40	8	11
Collective Investigation Record Sales and Advertisements	97	15	4
One year's Dividends on £5,132 Os. 6d. Consols	150	2	4
Ditto £1,780 Midland Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	69	9	11
Ditto £2,000 L. & N. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	78	0	4
Ditto £1,845 L. & S. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	72	0	7
Ditto £1,767 G. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	68	19	7
Ditto £1,743 N. E. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	68	1	1
Ditto £1,623 G. N. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	63	7	3
	570	1	1
Scientific Grants (amount unused and returned)	30	0	7
Scholarship	23	1	6
Discount on Paper, etc.	243	13	9
Sundry Receipts and Amounts unclaimed	129	10	0
	£22,256	3	8

Balance Sheet, 31st December 1884.

DR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions paid in advance				556	12	8
Advertisements ditto				211	12	6
Wood Fund				25	0	0
Contributions				535	12	3
Reporting				32	11	0
Engraving				20	14	0
Printing JOURNAL				191	8	10
Paper for JOURNAL				444	12	3
Sundries				1	12	6
Miscellaneous Printing				23	10	10
Committees				1	11	6
Due to Secretaries of Branches				5	8	0
Scientific Grants				53	0	0
Scholarships				75	0	0
Postage of JOURNAL, Bradbury & Co.				5	17	1
Accountants' Report				52	10	0
Stationery				43	13	5
Law Charges				22	2	9
Repairs				23	19	0
Rent, Taxes, and Insurance				30	5	0
Plant and Type				58	17	1
Office Furniture				14	2	3
Collective Investigation Committee				1	4	10
Plant Depreciation and Renewal Fund, as at 31st December, 1883	1,250	0	0			
Less Type replaced (estimated value)	750	0	0			
	500	0	0			
Added for 1884	150	0	0			
				650	0	0
Premises Redemption Fund, as at 31st December, 1883	625	0	0			
Added for 1884	150	0	0			
				775	0	0
Balance on 1st January, 1884	19,080	4	0			
Profit carried from Revenue Account	2,319	4	0			
				21,399	8	9
Balance, being total of excess of Assets over Liabilities				£25,255	1	5

CR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions—Amount due				1,008	19	7
Advertisements—Amount due				2,186	5	0
Sundry Sales—Amount due				117	19	6
Due from Hastings Memorial Fund				8	15	0
Alterations of Premises at Cost				1,137	11	11
Furniture and Fittings				314	2	3
Plant and Type at Cost				1,120	8	2
Interest due on £5,132 Os. 6d., Consols				74	14	9
Ditto £2,000 L. & N. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock				38	13	8
Ditto £477 due from Hastings Memorial Fund				0	5	8
Ditto £1,780 Midland Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock				34	12	9
Ditto £1,767 G. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock				34	7	7
Ditto £1,845 L. & S. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock				35	18	0
Ditto £1,743 N. E. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock				33	18	4
Ditto £1,623 G. N. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock				31	11	7
				298	6	11

Carried forward £26,208 8 4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				£6,206	8	4
RESERVE FUND:—						
£5,132 Os. 6d. Consols at cost	4,967	10	0			
£2,000 L. & N. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at cost	2,231	7	0			
£1,780 Midland Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at cost	2,013	1	6			
£1,767 G. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at cost	1,991	6	3			
£1,845 L. & S. W. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at cost	2,143	13	6			
£1,743 N. E. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at cost	2,016	18	7			
£1,623 G. N. Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at cost	1,868	9	0			
				17,232	5	10
Cash at Office	23	13	8	£23,438	14	2
At London and Westminster Bank	1,792	13	7			
				1,816	7	3
				£25,255	1	5

STEWART FUND.

£579 invested in 4 per cent. Caledonian Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.

	£	s.	d.
Dr.]—1884.			
Jan. 1. To Balance brought down	33	4	8
„ Interest one year £579	22	13	6
	£55	18	2
Cr.]—1884.			
Dec. 31. By Balance carried down	55	18	2
	£55	18	2

MIDDLEMORE FUND.

£500 invested in 4 per cent. North British Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.

	£	s.	d.
Dr.]—1884.			
Jan. 1. To Balance brought down	29	9	1
„ Interest one year £500	19	11	8
	£49	0	9
Cr.]—1884.			
Dec. 31. By Balance carried down	49	0	9
	£49	0	9

HASTINGS FUND.

£477 invested in 4 per cent. London and North Western Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.

	£	s.	d.
Dr.]—1884.			
Dec. 31. To Cash. One year's Interest on £477	18	13	8
„ Balance carried down	94	18	10
	£113	12	6
Cr.]—1884.			
Dec. 31. By Balance	113	12	6
	£113	12	6

We have examined the foregoing Accounts with the Books and Vouchers of the Association, and find the same to be correct.

March 20th, 1885.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & Co.
44, Gresham Street, London, E.C.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST AND WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS.

A CONJOINT meeting of the above districts was held at Brighton on March 24th, 1885; Mr. OLDHAM in the chair.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. Mr. Noble Smith, on a case of Total Incontinence of Urine, caused by Congenital Malformation, Cured by Operation.

2. The Chairman related a case of Hydrophobia, seen by himself in February last. The patient, a young school-girl, was first seen on the evening of February 5th. She was screaming, and apparently hysterical. Bromides were prescribed. She passed a good night, and seemed better next day. On the morning of the 7th, Mr. Oldham found the girl in bed, and happened to offer her the medicine which had been ordered. She tried to swallow it, but threw the fluid against her lips and fell back in bed. The action was so characteristic, that he at once diagnosed hydrophobia. On inquiry, he found that a pet dog belonging to the child had gone mad, and been killed fourteen days previously. The child grew worse, became convulsed, and died at night. Three points of interest were noted. *a.* The symptoms of hydrophobia appeared only twelve hours before death (the average time being three or four days.) *b.* The incubation was fourteen days (generally one to two months). *c.* There was no history of a bite, and, as far as could be ascertained, no abrasion of the skin.

3. Dr. Moore read a case of Meningitis, following Inflammation of the Middle Ear. The object was to elicit the opinion of the meeting as to the perforation of the mastoid bone in these cases. The operation in the present case was not performed till four days before death. No pus was found at the time, but the *post mortem* examination showed two abscesses, one at the base of the skull, between it and the dura mater, the other in the middle cornu of the left lateral ventricle. The drill had only missed this abscess by one-eighth of an inch. Dr. Moore argued for early operation and a larger opening. Another point of interest was, that the temperature, subnormal throughout the illness, rose just before death to 106°. This, Dr. Moore thought, supported the theory that there was a thermal centre whose inhibitory powers were arrested as death approached.

4. Dr. Henry Sutherland (of London) read a paper on the Premonitory Symptoms of Insanity. In this it was shown that various eccentric acts sometimes occurred many years before the actual outbreak of insanity took place. Hence the necessity for early prophylaxis. Dr. Sutherland explained the early symptoms, and the appropriate treatment, mental, moral, and hygienic.—Many members subsequently expressed strong views as to the unsatisfactory state of the lunacy laws as regarded medical men signing certificates.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this District was held at the Great Northern Central Hospital, Caledonian Road, N., on Thursday evening, March 19th, 1885; C. MACNAMARA, Esq., in the chair.

Communications.—The following communications were made.

1. Dr. R. Burnet related a case of Cerebral Hæmorrhage.
2. Mr. R. Marcus Gunn showed three cases from those attending the Ophthalmic Department of the hospital.
3. Mr. C. B. Lockwood showed three plaster casts of Contracted Fingers which had been operated on.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, March 26th, at 5 o'clock; G. R. NORRIS, Esq., President, in the chair. There were present eighteen members.

The Late Mr. Samuel Rabbeth.—A letter, of which the following is a copy, was read.

“Middleton Lodge, Putney, London, November 12th, 1884.

“To W. M. Kelly, Esq., M.D., etc.

“MY DEAR SIR,—Your esteemed letter has been forwarded to me by the Secretary of the Royal Free Hospital, transmitting the copy of a resolution passed by the West Somerset Branch of the British Medical Association. I am most sincerely grateful for the honour thus done to the memory of my dear son, for this recognition of his worth and great promise, and for the kind sympathy expressed and condolence with me in my sorrow for the loss of my only child. May I beg you to be so good as to convey to the West Somerset Branch my earnest thanks for their resolution? and pray accept the same yourself for your kindness in sending me the copy of it.—I am, my dear sir, yours faithfully,
“(Signed) J. E. RABBETH.”

Representative of the Branch on the Council.—It was proposed by Mr. RANDOLPH, seconded by Mr. ALFORD, and resolved: “That John Pranker, Esq., of Langport, be re-elected as representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association for the ensuing year.”

Discussion.—After dinner, the question, as settled by the Council for discussion, was put from the chair as follows: “What is your opinion on Vaccination with reference to the three following points: 1. Is there any diminution in its prophylactic value? 2. Is calf or humanised lymph preferable? 3. Have you noticed any diseases occasioned by it?” The discussion was well taken up, and spoken to

seriatim by all present, several of the answers being specially interesting, and much applauded. Dr. Alford, medical officer of health for the district, in speaking to the question, alluded to the epidemic of small-pox which had recently visited Taunton, and mentioned that the total number of cases admitted into the Sanitary Hospital was 170; of these, 4 had never been vaccinated, and all four died; of the remaining 166, many had been only imperfectly vaccinated in infancy, and of these 20 had died; and, as showing the importance of revaccination, he remarked that not one of the cases admitted had been protected by a recent vaccination. The majority of answers affirmed (1) that the prophylactic value of vaccination had not diminished; (2) that calf-lymph was not preferable to humanised lymph; and (3) that, in the experience of the speakers, no specific disease occasioned by vaccination had been noticed. Written answers to the question, sent by Dr. Cordwent, Mr. Cornwall, and Mr. Morgan, were read by the Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.

A MEETING was held at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone on March 27th; CHARLES HOAR, M.D., in the chair. Twenty-six members were present.

Communications.—The following papers were read.

1. Dr. Firth read notes of two cases of Thoracic Aneurysm, with specimens. He especially mentioned the importance of an early diagnosis and its difficulties.

2. Dr. J. E. Meredith described a case of Atresia of the Vagina, where the patient had previously menstruated several times.

3. Mr. Adams read clinical notes on Amaurosis, distinguishing between tobacco-amblyopia, amaurosis following head-injuries, and that which was secondary to cerebral tumour.

4. Dr. Boyce read a case of Acute Intestinal Obstruction recovering after stercoraceous vomiting of five days' duration. The treatment was by rest and opium.

5. Mr. Hallows showed some interesting Living Specimens.

6. Dr. Ground showed specimens of Pathogenic Organisms.

The Chairman, Dr. Monckton, Dr. Firth, Mr. Hallows, and others, took part in the discussions.

Next Meeting.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Woolwich in May.

Dinner.—Eleven members afterwards dined together.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: INTERMEDIATE MEETING.

THE intermediate meeting of this Branch was held on Tuesday, March 10th, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Llangefni, Mr. R. A. PRICHARD, the President, in the chair. There were present eighteen members and three visitors. Letters of apology were read from various members.

New Members.—Messrs. Richard Rees, M.B., C.M., of Pwllheli; Hugh Parry Jones, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.K.Q.C.P.I., of Gwalchmai, Anglesea; William Thomas Dinnen, L.K.Q.C.P.I., M.R.C.P., of Holyhead; Richard Prothero, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., of Amlwch, Anglesea; and Owen Henry Evans, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.K.Q.C.P.I., of Brynsiencyn, Anglesea, were elected members of the Association and Branch; and Messrs. H. Prytherch, of Menai Bridge, and J. H. S. Davies, of the Denbighshire Infirmary, members of the Branch.

The Treasurer's Statement was read and passed. It appears that there was a balance of £6 3s. 9d. in hand, and outstanding subscriptions of £3 19s. due.

Presentation.—The President, on behalf of the members, presented the late Honorary Secretary, Mr. Lloyd Roberts (President-elect) with an elegant silver inkstand, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of his services to the Branch for many years, on the auspicious occasion of his marriage.

Rib of Rabbit in Strangulated Hernia.—Mr. Rees R. Jones exhibited this specimen, which had been found on operating on a case of strangulated inguinal hernia in the Bangor Infirmary.

Chorea.—Mr. O. T. Williams (Holyhead) read a most interesting and instructive paper on Chorea, in which he discussed the various theories of its production, pathology, and treatment. A discussion followed, in which Dr. Lloyd Roberts said that in his practice chorea was rare. Mr. John Richards remarked that the best remedy he had found was the recently made carbonate of iron, the failures of the drug being due to its not being freshly prepared. Mr. Evans (Llanymedd) said that, in a practice in Anglesea for over thirty years, he could count the cases of chorea he had seen on the fingers of the two hands. Remarks were also made by Messrs. G. R. Griffith, L. F. Cox, E. T. Hughes, and Jones-Morris. Dr. Isambard Owen (London) congratulated the Branch on its efficiency, and the very instructive paper and discussion, and very minutely treated of the etiology of the

disease, and appealed to them to do their share in elucidating it through the means of the Collective Investigation cards.

Dinner.—The members, with the rector of the parish, the Rev. James Doune, Professor Dobbie, of the University College of North Wales, and Mr. W. Cadwaladr Davies, dined together at the close of the meeting, which is the second that has ever been held in the island of Anglesea; and its success was so signal, that another visit cannot be very long deferred.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM THE EAST.

IV.

The Kasr-el-Ein Hospital: its Improvements and Needed Reform.

Trained Nurses Wanted.—The Lunatic Asylum: Reforms Effected:

A Resident Medical Superintendent Needed.—The Medical School:

its Defective Mode of Teaching: Want of Museums.—Practical

Teaching: its Present Inefficiency.—Scheme of Reform.—Neglect of

the English Language.

THE following is Mr. Ernest Hart's fourth letter from Cairo:

[Mr. Hart has reached London in advance of this and his two subsequent letters.]

A fortnight spent among the hospitals, public asylums, and medical school of Cairo, and in examining the sanitary organisation of the country, is not ill spent, though it leads to conclusions which are not satisfactory; but such an inspection is both instructive and suggestive. The most hopeful of the hospitals is that at Kasr-el-Ein, which is devoted to the treatment of native men and women. It has obviously undergone some considerable amelioration, since it has been placed under the superintendence of European administrators. For some months it has been under the personal superintendence of Mr. Milton, a former resident medical officer of St. Thomas's Hospital; and, in all parts, it bears evidence of knowledge and well directed zeal, and of the advantage of such management. The hospital is a huge building around a large quadrangular space, and looks over the Nile, on the banks of which it is situated. It has all the bareness, and something of the ruinous condition, of most of the larger buildings of Egypt, where, as in most eastern countries, maintenance of a structure once built is unusual, and considered almost superfluous. To be built negligently, and to commence the uninterrupted cycle of decay from the day after building, is the common fate of houses, roads, bridges, and mosques. The most pungent illustration was given by an European agent long resident in a distant province from which he had just returned. A fine road, nearly sixty miles in length, had been built by an unusually active and beneficent pasha. A bridge carried it over a deep and unfordable river. He left the province, and the bridge was shortly afterwards found to be insecure and falling to pieces. Application was made for funds for the repair; it was fruitlessly repeated until the road had become impassable, when a final and urgent appeal was met with blank refusal. "No; that road was the other pasha's road; I have nothing to do with it. One day I will make another road, and that will be my road;" and so the sixty miles of road were allowed to fall into uselessness. The story is a typical one; and it exemplifies a characteristic phase of Eastern character in a rather extreme way. One-third of Cairo is falling to pieces, while building is going on actively in others. Good roads are made, but it is only by extreme pressure, and where European administrators are in power, that the duty of maintenance is fulfilled, and then in spite of singular obstructions. Hence the funds for structural repairs and internal cleansing of the Kasr-el-Ein Hospital are only obtainable in very insufficient proportions, and Mr. Milton has to resort to a variety of expedients, such as training and employing his patients, to get even the bare walls cleaned, or the window-openings made suitable for lighting and ventilation. Among the improvements in course at the present moment is the creation of an operating-room. Up till a recent date, operations were performed by the native staff, I am told, in the wards, and without chloroform; a significant detail, which speaks volumes, and serves as an index to much that is passed, and may, it is hoped, never recur, although the realisation of this hope will largely depend upon the continuance of European supervision in the management. Moreover, the noisome and dangerous latrine-cesspool system, by which this and many other of the Egyptian hospitals were rendered disgusting and destructive to health, is being replaced by a cleanly and wholesome pail-system. The wards are being remodelled and redistributed, and

Tuesday, April 14th.

The Contagious Diseases Acts.—Sir A. HAYTER, in reply to a question put by Mr. Bulwer, stated that there had been an increase in the number of admissions to hospital of soldiers suffering from venereal disease in the districts formerly protected from 110 per 1,000 in 1883 to 135 per 1,000 in 1884. The return in continuation of that presented in 1884 could be given if the hon. member would move for it.—Mr. CAVENTISH BENTINCK asked whether, in the return about to be laid upon the table, the War Office would distinguish between the various forms of venereal disease, so as to show the proportions in which the soldiers had been affected during the past year.—Sir A. HAYTER replied that he would make inquiry.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in anatomy and physiology at meetings of the Board of Examiners on the 9th and 10th instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass-examination.

Messrs. J. Beadle, and J. S. Bootman, of the Newcastle School of Medicine; G. H. Rowlands, O. T. Stephenson, C. W. Graham, A. E. Leitch, J. H. Shaw, G. W. Chaster, W. E. Livsey, and W. J. Shannon, of the Liverpool School; J. P. Williams, P. Ashworth, H. Waite, A. M. Cass, M. P. Leeward, and J. H. Wilson, of the Manchester School; G. A. Ferraly, L. Whitehead, J. W. B. Pogson, E. A. Sailer, G. T. C. Barber, and H. W. Thomas, of the Birmingham School; T. M. Stiles, G. H. Skinner, F. H. Hudson, and F. Calder, of the Bristol School; P. R. Gostling, T. H. F. Evans, A. K. Holt, E. C. Palmer, E. L. Haynes, L. W. Andrews, L. E. Jowers, T. Lissaman, T. W. Kelly, and R. A. Farrar, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; H. J. Roper, J. A. Smith, H. Gott, C. P. Spink, W. B. Russell, and H. C. Baldwin, of the Leeds School of Medicine; O. J. McCully, and W. M. F. Nelson, of the Montreal School; P. Hehir, of the Calcutta School; P. J. Mader, of the Edinburgh School; M. M. Bird, and H. S. Collier, of St. Mary's Hospital; G. Cherry, of the Toronto School; W. Branson, and J. Stokes, of the Sheffield School; W. R. Bacot, of Charing Cross Hospital; R. W. Boyce, of University College; G. H. Pennell, of Guy's Hospital; and B. Walker, of the London Hospital.

The following passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. L. L. Bailes, of the Newcastle-on-Tyne School; A. D. Owen, and B. Hamilton, of the Bristol School; W. M. Joyce, J. H. Clayton, J. E. Foster, of the Birmingham School; A. M. Barford, A. E. D. R. Peters, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. A. Eytton-Jones, of the Liverpool School of Medicine.

The following passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. R. B. Smith, and J. W. Whitehead, of the Manchester School of Medicine.

The following gentlemen passed on the 11th instant.

Messrs. W. A. Hooton, R. Alcock, J. W. Lonsdale, F. H. Whitehead, and J. F. Woodyatt, of the Manchester School; J. H. White, E. Crompton, H. Huxley, and W. E. Hardy, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; T. W. Robbins, of the London Hospital; F. B. Buswell, of Middlesex Hospital; G. E. Rennie, of University College; B. W. Housman, C. St. Johnston, S. Nicklin, and E. H. Snell, of the Birmingham School; F. Kerans, of the Liverpool School; J. V. W. Rutherford, of the Edinburgh School; J. J. Wheeler, W. J. Maillard, of Guy's Hospital; F. Lacey, of the Bristol School; and A. Miers, of the Leeds School.

The following passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. G. Thorpe, of the Sheffield School; A. W. Hogg, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; A. J. Meuer, of the New York School; P. J. Spencer, of the London Hospital; H. Joslen, of Guy's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. H. Burland, of the Manchester School; F. S. J. Latham, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. Jones, of the London Hospital; H. E. Nicholls, of Charing Cross Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy and Physiology on the 13th instant.

Messrs. R. O. Bowman, J. D. Windle, D. Booth, W. L. Bentley, E. E. Smith, and A. E. Giles, of the Manchester School; R. Bird, C. S. Edwards, J. G. E. Colby, W. N. Evans, J. Rust, and T. W. Francis, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; G. A. Robinson, of the London Hospital; H. J. Campbell, and M. J. Morgan, of Guy's Hospital; F. W. Stokes, of the Birmingham School; E. E. Kershaw, and M. P. Cooke, of Middlesex Hospital; F. Naumann, and A. W. Cooke, of Charing Cross Hospital; R. P. Brooks, of King's College; S. Weldon, and J. Wayte, of St. George's Hospital; W. S. J. Graham, of St. Mary's Hospital; T. A. Durant, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. W. Rennie, of the Birmingham School; W. Mortimer, of the London Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. F. C. Rogers, of the Manchester School; E. L. S. James, of the London Hospital; A. F. Belderbeck-Gomess, of St. George's Hospital; P. V. Dodd, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. G. Modlin, of the Newcastle School of Medicine.

The following passed in Anatomy and Physiology under the combined scheme.

Messrs. O. Le M. Theobalds, W. L. Hubbard, H. H. B. MacLeod, E. A. W. Armstrong, H. A. Smith, and E. R. White, of King's College; A. W. James, W. P. Peake, and W. Woodward, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy and Physiology on the 14th instant.

Messrs. H. C. L. Arnim, and R. May, of Charing Cross Hospital; P. G. Selby, E. T. M. Tunnicliffe, A. L. Travers, J. W. Applegate, and A. L. Dright, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. J. Langley, R. V. Solly, E. C. Mahany, and H. C. Bristowe, of St. Thomas's Hospital; H. E. Drake-Brockman, and H. C. Comerford, and R. S. Turton, of St. George's Hospital; J. Wigg, and J. H. E. Jarvis, of the London Hospital; H. E. Cuff, G. B. Smith, and J. D. Cruickshank, of Guy's Hospital; C. H. Fernan, of University College; H. P. Ward, of King's College; C. H. Buckley, J. P. Walker, and G. A. Berry, of the Manchester School; and W. B. Cockill, of Middlesex Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. M. B. Dunaresq, of the London Hospital; J. H. Gordon, of the Birmingham School; A. Bowles, of University College; A. C. Roberts, and T. O. Raw, of Guy's Hospital; T. A. Murray, of the Manchester School; and E. Dawson, of Westminster Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. P. S. Harris, of Middlesex Hospital; W. D. Gimson, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; L. N. Hoysted, of Charing Cross Hospital; F. Elias, of University College; G. W. B. Daniell, of St. George's Hospital; G. A. Slack, of Guy's Hospital; and A. Crook, of the London Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy and Physiology on the 15th instant.

Messrs. J. A. Armitage, and T. H. Ward, of the Edinburgh School; J. G. Carter, of Charing Cross Hospital; W. J. Bearblock, W. Fisher, J. C. Baines, E. H. Starling, J. V. Blachford, and W. B. Darroll, of the London Hospital; E. C. Lomas, M. Bannister, H. Rhodes, and A. Baxendell, of the Manchester School; E. A. G. Dowling, F. E. Giblens, and G. Heaton, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; H. B. Densham, of the Bristol School; W. H. Vickery, R. F. Thomas, and C. L. Worrall, of the Middlesex Hospital; G. A. T. Bray, and R. J. Carter, of King's College; E. Deanesley, of University College; and J. T. Bays, of St. Mary's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

Messrs. J. D. Brown, C. W. Shaw, W. S. Holford, of St. George's Hospital; H. Birkenhead, of the Manchester School; T. E. Pallett, of Westminster Hospital; W. W. Williams, of University College; J. J. Garmany, of the Melbourne School; and J. E. Brown, of the Toronto School.

The following passed in Physiology only.

Messrs. W. J. Midelton, and H. F. Whitechurch, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. Wilkins, of the London Hospital; M. E. H. Wale, of St. George's Hospital; J. W. Cree, of the Middlesex Hospital; H. F. Cartmel, of the Manchester School; N. Davis, of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne School; and W. Jones, of University College.

Two candidates were referred in both subjects, four in Anatomy, and five in Physiology.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BELMULLET UNION.—Medical Officer. Knocknallower Dispensary. Salary, £110 per annum and fees. Applications to Dominick O'Donnell, Honorary Secretary, Kilcommon Lodge. Election on April 27th.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £170 per annum. Applications by April 21st.

BRADFORD FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by April 30th.

CAMBRIDGE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £210 per annum. Applications to W. P. Littlechild, Vine Cottage, Queen's Lane, Cambridge, by April 25th.

CELBRIDGE UNION.—Medical Officer, Workhouse. Salary, £100 per annum, and £15 yearly as Consulting Sanitary Officer. Applications to S. Manning, Clerk of Union. Election on April 26th.

CITY OF LONDON LUNATIC ASYLUM, Stone, near Dartford, Kent.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by April 30th.

COOMBE LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Dublin.—Assistant-Physician. Applications to Dr. S. R. Mason, 92, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL, Buxton, Derbyshire.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by April 18th.

DONEGAL UNION.—Medical Officer. Laghey Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum and fees. Applications to William Hammond, Honorary Secretary. Election on April 20th.

GENERAL INFIRMARY, Leeds.—One House-Physician and Two House-Surgeons. Applications to A. W. Mayo Robson, Hillary Place, Leeds, by April 28th.

HACKNEY WORKHOUSE.—Assistant Medical Superintendent. Salary, £120 per annum, with residence and rations.

HARTLEPOOL FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications to T. Tweddell, Commercial Terrace, West Hartlepool.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications by April 18th.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—One House-Physician and two House-Surgeons. Application to Mr. A. W. Mayo Robson, Hillary Place, Leeds, by April 28th.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES.—Two Assistant House-Surgeons. Salary, £108 per annum. Applications by April 27th.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the House-Committee by April 25th.

NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Kentish Town Road, N.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by April 28th.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £20 per annum. Applications by April 22nd.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, W.—Physician. Applications by April 30th.

PAROCHIAL BOARD OF PENNYGOWN AND TOROSAY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Alex. Macdougall, Inspector of Poor, Auchnacraig by Oban.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by April 25th.

ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, Wigan.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by April 27th.

STRABANE UNION.—Medical Officer. Newtown Stewart Dispensary. Applications to Rev. Leslie Lyle, Honorary Secretary. Election on April 22nd.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—House-Physician and House-Surgeon. Applications by April 23rd.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ABBOTT, C. E., M.R.C.S.E., L.K.Q.C.P., reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Braintree Rural Sanitary District.

BRUNTON, T. Lauder, M.D., appointed Senior Physician to the Paddington Green Children's Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s. 6d. which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTHS.

BLUMER.—On April 13th, at 12, North Bridge Street, Sunderland, the wife of W. Percy Blumer, F.R.C.S.E., of a daughter.

DUKE.—On April 10th, at Locksley, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, the wife of Edgar Duke, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond., of a daughter.

DUNCAN.—On April 11th, at 6, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, W., the wife of William A. Duncan, M.D., F.R.C.S. Eng., of a daughter.

LYON.—At Manor House, Houghton-le-Spring, on April 11th, the wife of Walter Lyon, M.A., M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

TIRARD-BELOE.—On April 8th, at Holton St. Peter, by the Rev. Henry Ryder Ware, uncle of the bride, Nestor Isidore Charles Tirard, M.D. Lond., Professor of Materia Medica, King's College, London, to Helen Mary, second daughter of the Rev. Robert Seppings Beloe, Rector of Holton St. Peter, Suffolk.

DEATHS.

DREW.—On April 4th, at his residence, Kensington, Charles Wallace Drew, elder son of the late Charles Drew, Esq., 3rd Extra Madras Regiment.

MARSHALL.—On April 7th, suddenly, at her residence, 18, St. Andrew's Place, Bradford, Yorkshire, Eliza Squance, the wife of T. Harrison Marshall, M.R.C.S. Eng., and L.A.C. Lond., aged 41 years, daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Lumsden Mitchell, of Brigg, Lincolnshire.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Mitchell Banks: On the Treatment of Gangrenous Intestine in Strangulated Hernia, with a Successful Case of Resection of the Small Bowel. Dr. Herbert Snow: On the Free Use of Caustic Potash in the Treatment of Cancer of the Cervix Uteri.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Lane: Three Cases of Displacement of the Lumbar Vertebrae. Dr. Turner: 1. Tumours in Adrenals (card); 2. Suppuration of Simple Fracture of the Hyoid Bone (card); Dr. Goodhart, for Dr. Handfield Jones: The Cerebral Arteries in States of Congestion. Dr. Willcocks: A Case of Hypospadias. Dr. Percy Kidd: Destructive Disease of the Lung. Dr. Allchin: Acute Ulceration of the Colon. Dr. Silcock: Enterocolitis (card). Dr. Goodhart: Specimens of Enteritis and Colitis (card). Mr. Battle: Cyst growing from the Wall of the Intestine. Mr. J. Hutchinson, jun.: Hydrocele of the Cord. Mr. Bruce Clarke: Two Cases of Gastrotomy. Dr. Hebb: Aortic Valvulitis, with Embolism of a Coronary Artery and Middle Cerebral (card). Mr. Shattock: Fracture of the Superior Cornua of the Thyroid Cartilage (card). Dr. Chaffey: Solitary Kidney (Congenital) (card). Dr. Hale White: 1. Enormous Hypertrophy of the Heart (card); 2. Large Triple Phosphatic Renal Calculus (card). Dr. Pitt: 1. Sarcoma of Petrous Bone, Cerebellum, and Naso-pharynx (card); 2. Syphilitic Ulceration of Larynx and Trachea (card). Dr. Hadden: 1. Broad Ligament Cyst containing Coagulated Albumen (card); 2. Ulceration of Intestine originating in Hemorrhage (card).

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society. Mr. Corner will open a Discussion On the Means of Preventing the Local Spread of Cholera. Mr. Rivington will communicate Reports of Surgical Cases.—British Gynaecological Society, 8.30 P.M. Specimens by Dr. More Madden (Dublin), Mr. Reeves, and Dr. Fancourt Barnes. Dr. More Madden: On Some Points in the Treatment of Fibromyomata. Dr. Chalmers: Gangrene of the Vulva.

THURSDAY.—Parkes Museum of Hygiene, 8 P.M. Sir Spencer Wells, Bart.: On Cremation.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London. Dr. Sidney Phillips: A Case of Sporadic Cretinism. Mr. Walsham: Ligature of the External Iliac Artery with two Kangaroo-tail Ligatures, and Division of the Artery between them: Suppuration of the Sac; Ultimate Recovery. Dr. Dickinson and Mr. Rouse: A Case of Renal Lithotomy. Dr. Hadden: A Case of Obstruction of Arteries and Veins extending over many Years. Living Specimens.—Mr. J. R. Lunn: Four Cases of Osteitis Deformans. Mr. R. W. Parker: A Case of Thyrotomy with Preservation of Voice. Dr. Stephen Mackenzie: 1. A Case of Osteitis Deformans; 2. A Case of Hereditary Multiple Tumours.—Quekett Microscopical Club, 8 P.M. Papers by Dr. Burch and Mr. F. Cheshire.

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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.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 2.30 P.M.

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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, exe. 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, W., 2; Throat, Th., 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.

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SIR,—Would you kindly insert the following questions to assist me in obtaining information more extensive than my own concerning the phenomena of whooping-cough, a subject which I am at present studying? Might I ask any of your readers, who are so disposed, to communicate with me directly, instead of through the medium of your paper?

1. Are the paroxysms more frequent always at night, whether the patient sleeps or not?
2. At what hours of the night are the paroxysms most apt to occur?
3. What relation do they bear to the sleep of the child?—that is, during profound sleep or otherwise.
4. What circumstances appear to induce them?—Yours truly,
Belford, Northumberland.

C. CLARK BURMAN, L.R.C.P. and S.E.D.

A WARNING.

SIR,—I learn that an impostor is going about the country bearing a card and recommendation from me. He has victimised members of the profession already by representing himself as a doctor's son. Let me warn your readers against anyone showing a card in the name of E. PAGET THURSTAN, M.D. Cantab.
17, Park Road, Southborough.

A CONSULTING-ROOM THIEF.

SIR,—About 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, April 2nd, a broad shouldered man, from 40 to 50 years of age, with fair sandy whiskers, called at my house under the pretence of seeking information about a Mrs. Ward, and representing himself as an agent of Messrs. Pollak. He was permitted, in my absence, to go into the consulting-room to write a letter to me. He availed himself of the opportunity to steal a large brass syringe lying on my table, although my servant never left him alone a moment. My servant gathered he had paid visits to other medical men near, which, on further inquiry, I found to be the case; but, happily, in each instance, his predatory instincts were defeated.

I gave full information to the police, who discovered my syringe the next morning at a pawnbroker's about a mile distant. At the same time, he pawned a square marble clock, evidently the results of his day's labour. I have reason to hope, from certain circumstances, that his career will not be a long one; but, in the meanwhile, I am desirous of warning my professional brethren, so that they may be on their guard against such a character. He wears a dark Chesterfield great coat, with billycock hat, and light trousers; and the tale he tells is generally a little involved and rather incoherent.—Yours faithfully,
J. ROCHE LYNCH.

8, Boyne Terrace, Holland Park, W.

HAIR FALLING OFF.

SIR,—A young lady friend of mine, who enjoys perfect health, is much distressed because her hair is falling off in alarming quantities. Would any member kindly suggest what remedies have been found useful in such cases? Some of the patent "hair-restorers" have been tried, but without any result.—I am, yours faithfully,
A MEMBER.

PERMANGANATE OF POTASH.

SIR,—In dispensing permanganate of potash for internal administration, what necessity is there to use China clay as an excipient? I presume the reason for so doing is to avoid the use of organic matter, which might rob the salt of some of its oxygen during the preparation; but, after the pills are swallowed, this robbery must take place as soon as they are softened by the fluids in the stomach or bowels. Consequently, the value of the drug cannot depend on the salt as a permanganate, for it must be absorbed as, and its activity must depend on, some other salt of the metal. I do not see, therefore, why the drug cannot be dispensed as other pills are; or, if there be any fear of spontaneous combustion, a less oxidised preparation of manganese, such as the precipitated oxide, might be used.—Yours, etc.,
F. W. JORDAN.

DISCOLORATION BY NITRATE OF SILVER.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Rayley Owen's question as to how long one-fourth of a grain of nitrate of silver, twice a day, may be given without bringing on the typical discoloration, I beg to state that Riemer (*Archiv für Heilkunde*, p. 296, Leipzig, 1875) has seen a case of tabes where a patient took 5,672 pills, and the first traces of argyria appeared after twelve months' use, with 2,900 pills, containing 1,740 grains of the nitrate, or 1,104 grains of metallic silver. Argyria, once established, is incurable, the silver being deposited, not in the epidermis, but in the corium. Iodide of potassium, and subsulphite of sodium, which have been recommended for internal use to eliminate the deposit, have not the least effect. It is therefore desirable, when prescribing this drug, to stop short of a quantity which would cause discoloration.

Krahmer (Theodor Husemann's *Handbuch der Gesamten Arzneimittellehre*, vol. 1, p. 464, second edition, Berlin, 1883) has shown that the minimum quantity of the nitrate which will produce argyria is 450 grains. The highest amount given should, therefore, be under 300 grains. Louisvill, Ollivier, and Friedreich assert that albuminuria is apt to be induced by prolonged administration of this drug. The urine should, therefore, be examined from time to time; although, according to Althaus, who has used it very frequently, its occurrence must be exceptional, as he has never found a trace of albumen in the urine under these circumstances. The latter author gives a full and detailed account as to its mode of administration in his last work on *Sclerosis of the Spinal Cord*, p. 306, from which instructive work some of my quotations are taken. He advises the nitrate to be made into pills with argilla, or bolus alba (silicate of alumina), which cannot decompose it, as all organic substances reduce nitrate of silver, whether in substance or in solution; pills made with liquorice, or crumb of bread, etc., are, therefore, practically inert. Martindale has recently recommended kaoline-ointment as an excipient. Kaoline is native silicate of alumina which has been purified from free silica and undecomposed fespas, and is made up into an ointment with equal parts of vaseline and paraffin.—Yours faithfully,
FORDHAM LODGE, ESSEX.

DOSAGE OF CUCUINE.

MR. HENRY W. J. ELLIS.—One grain of hydrochlorate of cucaine may be dissolved in five to fifty parts of water, and applied to the mucous membrane to allay pain or deaden sensibility, or pure cucaine may be dissolved in olive oil or lard, and smeared on any painful part. The dose of the hydrochlorate of cucaine may be one-thirtieth of a grain to two grains.

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