

THE DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT THE ADMIRALTY OFFICE.

We understand that, in addition to the slight concussion from which Mr. Swainson is suffering as the result of the explosion at the Admiralty Office, he has also received two rather extensive scalp-wounds, an injury to one eyelid, with subconjunctival effusion of blood, and abrasions of the hand and arm, which, when he was admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital, were covered with mortar and dust. At 8 P.M. on the evening of admission, he had entirely recovered consciousness, and was progressing favourably.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS, 1887.

THE arrangements for the meeting of the International Medical Congress, to be held in Washington in 1887, are already in an advanced stage. A series of rules have been adopted, and a preliminary organisation has been nearly completed. The first rule provides that the Congress "will be composed of members of the regular medical profession, and of such persons as may be specially designated by the executive committee, who shall have inscribed their names on the register of the Congress, and shall have taken out their tickets of admission. As regards foreign members, the above conditions are the only ones which it seems, at present, expedient to impose." The American members of the Congress are to be appointed by the American Medical Association, by regularly organised State and local medical societies, and by societies devoted to special departments of medicine; each society being entitled to one delegate for every ten members. The societies entitled to representation are to elect their delegates at their last regular meeting preceding the meeting of the Congress; and to furnish the Secretary-General with a list of the delegates so appointed.

The rules for the guidance of the meeting are apparently similar to those which have been in force at previous congresses.

The following officers of the Congress have been appointed: *President*, Austin Flint, sen., M.D. (New York); *Vice-Presidents*, H. I. Bowditch, M.D. (Boston); H. F. Campbell, M.D. (Augusta); N. S. Davis, M.D., LL.D. (Chicago); R. P. Howard, M.D. (Montreal); L. C. Lane, M.D. (San Francisco); T. G. Richardson, M.D. (New Orleans); A. Stillé, M.D., LL.D. (Philadelphia); the Chairman of the Committee on Finance; the President of the American Medical Association; and the Surgeon-General of the United States Army and Navy: *General Secretary*, J. S. Billings, M.D., LL.D., United States Army (Washington); *Treasurer*, John M. Browne, M.D., United States Navy (Washington). There are also a large General Committee, comprising many well known names; an Executive Committee, of which Dr. I. Minis Hays, of Philadelphia, is Chairman; and a Committee on Finance, of which Dr. William Pepper (Philadelphia), is to be Chairman, is in course of formation.

There are to be nineteen sections, which, with the nominated presidents, are as follows. 1. Medical Education, Legislation, and Registration: *President*, H. P. Bowditch, M.D. (Boston). 2. Anatomy: *President*, Joseph Leidy, M.D., LL.D. (Philadelphia). 3. Physiology: *President*, John C. Dalton, M.D. (New York). 4. Pathology: *President*, F. Delafield, M.D. (New York). 5. Medicine: *President*, J. M. Da Costa, M.D. (Philadelphia). 6. Surgery: *President*, David W. Yandell, M.D. (Louisville). 7. Obstetrics: *President*, Thaddeus A. Reamy, M.D. (Cincinnati). 8. Gynaecology: *President*, Robert Battey, M.D. (Rome, Georgia). 9. Ophthalmology: *President*, Henry D. Noyes, M.D. (New York). 10. Otolaryngology: *President*, Clarence J. Blake, M.D. (Boston). 11. Dermatology and Syphilis: *President*, W. A. Hardaway, M.D. (St. Louis). 12. Nervous Diseases and Psychiatry: *President*, S. Weir Mitchell, M.D. (Philadelphia). 13. Laryngology: *President*, George M. Lefferts, M.D. (New York). 14. Public and International Hygiene: *President*, Hosmer A. Johnson, M.D., LL.D. (Chicago). 15. Collective Investigation, Nomenclature, and Vital Statistics: *President*, N. S. Davis, M.D., LL.D. (Chicago). 16. Military and Naval Surgery and Medicine: *President*, David L. Huntington, M.D. (U.S. Army). 17. Practical and Experimental Therapeutics: *President*, Horatio C. Wood, M.D. (Philadelphia). 18. Diseases of Children: *President*, Abraham Jacobi, M.D. (New York). 19. Dental and Oral Surgery: *President*, Jonathan Taft, M.D. (Cincinnati).

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*.

Meetings of the Council will be held on July 8th, and October 14th, 1885. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary, not later than twenty-one days before each meeting, namely, June 17th, and September 24th, 1885.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the secretary of the Branch. No member can be elected by a Branch Council unless his name has been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which he seeks election.

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.

PURPURAL 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.

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, whereby the rule now in force respecting the competency of any five members of the Branch to nominate ordinary members of the Council, shall be made to apply to the office-bearers of the Branch and its representative members in the Council of the Association.—CHARLES E. 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*.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at the Royal Pier Hotel, Sandown, on Thursday, April 30th, 1885, at 4.0 P.M.; Joseph Groves, Esq., M.B., President, in the chair. Agenda: Statement of accounts for the past year; election of officers for the ensuing year; a report of the proceedings of the District during the past year; an address by the President-elect, Daniel Beaton, Esq., M.D.: a case of Perityphlitis, Joseph Groves, Esq., M.B.; Dr. Squibb's apparatus for the approximate estimation of Urea in Urine, W. E. Green, Esq. Gentlemen who are desirous of introducing patients, exhibiting pathological specimens, or making communications, are requested to signify their intention at once to the honorary secretary. Dinner at Pier Hotel, 6.0 P.M.; charge 6s., exclusive of wine. Trains leave Sandown at 8.0 P.M.—W. E. GREEN, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTH-EAST HANTS DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.—Ordinary meeting at Grosvenor Hotel, Queen's Gate, Southsea, on Thursday, April 30th. The chair will be taken by the President, Dr. Axford, at 4.15 P.M. Agenda: 1. Annual statement of accounts and election of officers. 2. Living Specimens: Dr. C. C. Claremont. 3. Pathological Specimens—Osteo-Sarcoma of Tibia: R. E. Power, Esq.; Medullary Sarcoma of Kidney: E. T. Crouch, Esq.; Epithelioma of Hand, Cancer of Penis, Stricture of Colon, and Ovarian Tumour: H. P. Gardner, Esq. 4. Microscopic Sections: Dr. F. J. Driver. 5. Septicæmia, with an illustrative case: J. R. Kealy, M.D. 6. New Aural Inflator, Evacuator and Injector: Dr. Ward Cousins. Gentlemen who are desirous of introducing patients, exhibiting pathological specimens, or making communications, are requested to signify their intention at once to the honorary secretary. Dinner at 6.30 P.M.; charge, 5s., exclusive of wine, etc.—J. WARD COUSINS, Honorary Secretary, Riversdale, Kent Road, Southsea.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WEST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held on Thursday, April 30th, at 8.30 P.M., at the Horbury School Room, Notting Hill (near Notting Hill Gate Station). The President of the Branch, C. Macnamara, Esq., will take the chair, and open a discussion with the following object: To elicit information regarding the relation that is supposed to exist between the absorption of pus or effete substances into the circulation; and affections of the synovial membranes, tendons, or ligaments leading to chronic disease of one or more joints. The details of cases are much required which tend to prove that "arthritis deformans" sometimes commences in affections of the joints and surrounding structures, caused by the absorption of matter into the system from the urethra, vagina, tonsils, diseased bone (teeth), etc. It is expected that Dr. Ord, Dr. Hare, Dr. Gilbert Smith, and others, will take part in the discussion.—ED. HART VINEN, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 17, Chepstow Villas, Bayswater.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The spring meeting of the Yorkshire Branch will be held at the Elephant Hotel, Doncaster, on Wednesday, April 29th, at 3 P.M., when the following papers will be read. Mr. Knaggs: A case of Subclavian Aneurysm, associated with Aneurysm of the Aorta. Mr. J. W. Teale: Two Clinical Cases. Mr. McGill: A case of Nephrectomy. Dr. Dyson: A case of Hemoglobinuria. Mr. Charles Atkin: Acute Arthritis in Infants; case of Meningitis and Otorrhoea, ending in recovery. Dinner at 5.30. Tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.—ARTHUR JACKSON, Secretary, Wilkinson Street, Sheffield.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of this Branch was held at Maxwell's Hotel, Galashiels, on Friday, March 20th. The chair was taken by the President, Dr. MUIR. Twenty members and five visitors were present.

New Members.—The following members of the Association were elected members of the Branch: H. McLean Wilson, M.B., C.M., Penrith; W. H. Calvert, M.B., C.M., Melrose; P. G. Borrowman, M.B., Earlstoun; W. H. P. Evatt, L.R.C.S.I., Selkirk; J. H. Dryden, L.R.C.P. and S., Dumfries; C. E. Paget, M.R.C.S., Kendal; R. J. Collicie, M.B., C.M., Dumfries.

Paper.—Dr. LOCKIE (Carlisle) read a paper on Pneumonia.—In the discussion which followed, the President, Dr. Haddon, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Somerville, Mr. Hall, Dr. Lediard, and Dr. Borrowman, took part.—On the motion of Dr. MURRAY, a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Lockie for his very interesting paper.

Patients Shown.—1. Dr. Somerville (Galashiels) showed a patient with Caries of the Cervical Vertebra, resulting from a fall on the head. 2. Dr. Murray (Galashiels) showed a case of Subperiosteal Excision of the Tibia. 3. Dr. Murray showed a case of Recovery after Extensive Destruction of the Skin about the Knee-joint by Molten Lead.

Specimens.—Dr. Basil showed, for Dr. Grierson (Melrose), several Pathological Specimens.

Dinner.—Business having been concluded, the members and visitors adjourned to dinner, thirty-three sitting down; Dr. Muir in the chair, and Mr. Hall (Carlisle) in the vice-chair.

The Next Meeting of the Branch will be held in Carlisle.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.

The ninety-fourth meeting of this District was held at the Ship Hotel, Faversham, on March 28th, Mr. GARRAWAY in the Chair.

The Annual Meeting was fixed for May 28th, at Canterbury, when cases of chorea will be discussed.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. Dr. Bowles related cases illustrating the Difficulties of the Diagnosis of Aneurysms, which led to an interesting discussion.

2. Dr. Eastes read a case of Empyema, which gave rise to a good debate.

3. Dr. White described the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane in the United States, and made some general observations on the treatment of patients of unsound mind.

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM THE EAST.

V.

The Census of Egypt.—The Sanitary Service.—Its Last Reorganisation.—Its Constitution and Personnel.—Its Budget.—Local Organisation.—The District Physicians.—The State of Cairo.—The Sheikh of the Cesspools.—The Fault of Europeans.—The Statistics of Bowel-disease.—The Nemesis of Sanitary Neglect.—Danger to the Army of Occupation.

MR. ERNEST HART writes, in continuation of his letters from Cairo:

In 1882, an elaborate census of the population of Egypt was made, under the auspices of the Khedive, by a French gentleman named Albert Boinet. The volume in which the results are tabulated is exceedingly well got up; the most minute particulars being afforded under all the usual heads; but it is unfortunately very doubtful whether the accuracy of the information can be relied on, so the following figures must be regarded as approximate only.

According to M. Boinet, Egypt is inhabited by 6,806,381 souls; of whom 95.05 per cent. are classed as "Egyptians with fixed habitations"; 3.61 per cent. as Bedouins; and 1.34 per cent. as foreigners.

The Egyptian population, properly so called, may, therefore, be said to amount to about six and a half millions; the actual numbers being 6,469,716; and the division of the sexes as follows: males, 3,216,847; females, 3,252,869.

The following table shows the "fixed inhabitants" according to groups of population, with additional columns giving the average number of sick treated during 1884 in the various government hospitals, and the total number of doctors residing in the country.

Centres of Population.	Fixed Inhabitants.	Number of Doctors in Government Employ.		Number of Doctors not in Government Employ.		Daily Average Number of Sick in Government Hospitals.
		Egyptians.	Natives.	Egyptians.	Natives.	
Upper Egypt.						
Cairo	352,419	7	17	46	21	669*
Alexandria	181,200	3	9	42	3	133
Damietta	43,501	1	1	1	—	8
Rosetta	19,287	—	1	—	—	3
Port Said	14,060	2	1	11	—	48
Suez and Ismailia	9,977	1	3	6	—	18
El Arish	2,629	—	1	—	—	—
Kosseir	2,190	—	1	—	—	—
Beherah	364,050	1	7	—	—	24
Charkieh	435,380	—	9	3	—	20
Dakahlieh	578,144	1	8	1	—	28
Gharbieh	908,041	1	13	5	—	64
Kaloukhieh	254,198	—	5	—	—	14
Menoufiéh	642,609	—	7	1	—	21
Assiout	549,776	1	12	1	—	44
Beni Souef	193,305	—	5	—	—	11
Fayoum	200,967	—	5	2	—	14
Guiseh	274,406	1	5	—	—	17
Minia	294,655	1	5	1	—	20
Esnâ	221,813	—	5	—	—	3
Guergha	515,972	1	6	—	—	15
Kena	383,819	—	6	—	—	7
Oases	27,341	—	—	—	—	—
	6,469,719	21	132	120	794	1,190
Lower Egypt.						
Moudiriehs.						

* Including about 290 in the lunatic asylum.

From the above, it is plain that, for the great mass of the population, there is no qualified medical aid whatever; for even if every native doctor were properly instructed, which is far from being the case, as I showed in my last letter, there would even then, in the Moudiriehs, containing nearly six millions of inhabitants, be only one medical man for every 50,000 souls.

The Sanitary Department of the Egyptian Government has the

tincture of iodine pure. Care must be taken that the neck is not grasped, bruised, or strained, while the iodine-injections are being done; this precaution is necessary for months after the injections have been given up.

Dr. Morell Mackenzie has had no unfavourable results, and advocated the process of iodine-injection for adenomatous goitre very strongly at the international meeting at Copenhagen.

Dr. Semon himself has done the operation over two hundred times, and has had no unforeseen result. I must express surprise that he should have injected iodine so frequently, considering the operation, as he does, so dangerous to life, particularly as, in the large majority of his cases, there must have been no actual danger to life from dyspnoea or dysphagia, had the cases been allowed to remain without surgical treatment.

Mr. Pugin Thornton, in Quain's *Dictionary of Medicine*, speaks highly of the treatment of goitre by iodine-injection, and does not refer to it as a procedure dangerous to life.

It would be very useful to the medical profession at large, if surgeons who have done the operation frequently would give their experiences in the pages of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*. I have now done the operation three hundred and one times, with no unforeseen result.

In conclusion, I must say, considering several thousands of iodine-injections have been done for goitre, with loss of life in only two authenticated cases, and one of these (Moritz Schmidt's) a doubtful result of the injection, that iodine-injection seems to me to be a safe, rapid, and most successful mode of cure in adenomatous goitres; and this I would maintain, even if the number of deaths owing to puncture of a vein or artery were raised to the number mentioned by Rose, Seitz, and others.

I may mention, though it is unconnected with goitre, that I have recently treated a large fatty tumour by iodine-injection with most beneficial results, the tumour having almost entirely disappeared.—I am, Sir, yours obediently,

W. J. Tivy, F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.S.E.

8, Lansdown Place, Clifton.

GREENWICH UNION INFIRMARY.

SIR,—In consequence of the decision of the Croydon County Court Judge, in the case of "Don Bavand v. Morrison," I have received a circular letter from the Coroner of West Kent, informing me that he will in future withhold the fees he has heretofore paid me or any other medical superintendent in his district, for making a *post mortem* examination, or for giving evidence at an inquest. I maintain that a workhouse infirmery is not a public institution in the meaning of the Act, William IV cap. 89, sec. v, August 17th, 1836. It is neither supported by endowments nor by voluntary subscriptions. No patient can be admitted to a workhouse infirmery without having first obtained an order from the relieving officer of the district, and countersigned by the medical officer. Again, workhouses were in existence when the Act was passed, and I maintain that an infirmery is part of a workhouse, being supported by the rates and taxes to which it belongs. An infirmery is not open to any but persons chargeable on the rates of the said parish to which they belong. I think the matter is worthy of being duly considered, as receiving no coroners' fees will materially affect the medical superintendents of England. Can anyone suggest means by which the fees hitherto paid can be still be claimed?—I am, Sir, yours obediently,

WALTER C. S. BURNEY,

Medical Superintendent of the Greenwich Union Workhouse and Infirmery.
April 14th, 1885.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

LECTURES AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION.—The lectures and courses of practical instruction in the subjects of the examinations for medical and surgical degrees at the University of Cambridge for the Easter Term commenced on Monday last. The Long Vacation courses will commence on July 6th.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF B.M.—The following notice has been issued by the Regius Professor of Medicine. Candidates are informed that examinations for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine will commence in the Medical Department of the Museum as follows:

The second (or final) examination, Monday, June 8th, at 10 A.M.; the first (or scientific) examination, Friday, June 19th, at 10 A.M. Candidates for either of these examinations are requested to send in their names, on or before May 23rd, to "the Regius Professor of Medicine Medical Department, Museum, Oxford." Candidates for the scientific examination are to state whether they have passed the preliminary honour examination in the school of natural science; and, if not, whether they desire to present themselves for physics and chemistry only at this examination, or for all the subjects thereof.

MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE APPOINTMENT OF SURGEON-GENERAL TO THE BENGAL ARMY.

DEPUTY SURGEON-GENERAL SIMPSON's appointment as successor to Surgeon-General J. M. Cunningham, has given rise to some controversy in India. Objection has been taken not only to the choice of Dr. Simpson as Dr. Cunningham's successor, but also to the manner in which the appointment was made. It is said that the claims of Dr. Payne have been put aside in the face of the fact "that, in point of seniority, public service, ability, and professional distinction," Dr. Payne is the superior of the officer on whom the choice of the Government has fallen. This, no doubt, is a strong statement of opinion, which we quote from one of the most influential newspapers in India, that stoutly advocates the cause of Dr. Payne. This *JOURNAL* is not called upon either to accept or deny the estimate of Dr. Payne's superior claims; it is enough to say that his good work in India has always been recognised by us on every fitting occasion. At the same time, there is a part of the case which those who advocate Dr. Payne's cause think fit to keep in the background, but which must have been taken into account by those who advised the Viceroy on the matter of appointing a successor to Dr. Cunningham.

Dr. Payne, by universal consent, has always been one of the most fortunate men in his service. Throughout his whole career he has held posts of considerable importance, with handsome emolument pertaining thereto. So much was this the case that, when his turn for promotion to administrative rank came to him, Dr. Payne declined promotion, giving up military rank for the pecuniary advantages he enjoyed. Under the rules of the service, this election was final. It was not open to Dr. Payne to reconsider the question at a future time. By-and-by circumstances changed, it became to his advantage to obtain the rank he had declined; and, as it suited the purpose of his powerful friend, the Hon. Ashley Eden, then Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, to have Dr. Payne in an administrative position, the rule of the service was set aside, and that officer was promoted to the rank he had previously declined. This, of course, gave him once more the seniority which placed him in a position to claim promotion to the highest position in the service.

That Dr. Payne would have made an admirable surgeon-general, and discharged the duties of the post with ability, we do not doubt; but, considering the very irregular manner in which he was promoted to the grade of Deputy Surgeon-General, after for his own advantage declining promotion, we think, although a point may have been stretched, and Lord Ripon in this, as in other matters, may have so acted as to leave his successor little choice, that Dr. Payne, all things considered, has no just cause of complaint.

We have drawn attention to this almost personal question, because it admirably illustrates the ill effects of jobbing, and breaking through the established customs and rules of a public service to meet the convenience of men in power, and to serve the private interests of individuals, however meritorious.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON-MAJOR A. B. ROBINSON has been granted retired pay, and received the honorary rank of Brigade-Surgeon. He entered the service September 30th, 1864, became Surgeon March 1st, 1873, and Surgeon-Major September 30th, 1876. Mr. Robinson served with the 17th Lancers in the Zulu war in 1879, and was present in the engagements on the Zuinguin Mountain, and at Ulundi (medal with clasp).

Surgeon-Major J. H. USSHER, M.B., has retired on temporary half-pay. His commissions date—Assistant-Surgeon, March 31st, 1868; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; and Surgeon-Major, March 31st, 1880. He was in the Ashantee war in 1873-74, and has the medal with clasp therefor.

Surgeon-T. D. PALMER, 8th Brigade North Irish Division Royal

Eastern Asylums, was called, and stated that he went there in May, 1883, as an assistant medical officer. He denied that so many bottles of wine, as were set down in the diet-sheets, as having been ordered for the fever-ward in July of last year, had been ordered. He at first said that he thought a patient, since the end of last year, might have done better if he had been at liberty to order champagne; but he could not say that he had been debarred from ordering anything, though the giving of stimulants in wines had been modified. He acknowledged that he had twice told the nurse, Honey, to take two bottles of wine, ordered for the patients, out of the wards for his and another medical officer's consumption. He had satisfied himself that the patients did not suffer for the want of the wine so taken. Wine was sent to the medical officers' mess, about a pint bottle of Beaune a day for each. At first, in January, 1884, the wine was harsh, and he did not have it; but they had had it since last August. On some occasions they had champagne for luncheon, but only on six or seven times. He believed that the wine thus supplied came from the hospital stores. He had dined at the Royal Aquarium with Dr. Collie and Dr. Gayton, at the invitation of the late steward, Mr. Bashford, who presided at a large party, at which there were contractors and persons who supplied the asylum with goods; and Mr. Hodges, the late chairman of the committee, was the "honoured guest" on the occasion. He further explained, when he consumed the wine taken from the wards, he could have had wine from the stores, for he had not drawn his allowance.

The inquiry was adjourned.

MEDICAL RELIEF IN THE BRIDGNORTH UNION.

The case of Mr. Alfred Bethell, one of the medical officers of the Bridgnorth Union, exemplifies the manner in which some Boards of guardians treat the gentlemen who hold office under them; and, as the application made by him recently to his board exhibits the facts of the case with sufficient clearness, we give his letter verbatim.

East Castle Street, Bridgnorth,
April 4th, 1885.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to call your attention to the case of Thomas Bristowe. On March 21st, at 1 A.M., he called me up, saying his wife was very ill, in her confinement. I went. This case could not have been managed without medical assistance. Finding him to be destitute, I acted on the legal directions given to medical officers, and told him to apply to the relieving officer. This he did, who referred him to the Board, which happened to be sitting on that day. Your Board refused an order, after your relieving officer stating that if the man had applied to him, before he came to me, he would have given him an order. May I ask you why you refused the order? and may I ask, for the future, if you will hold yourselves responsible for any death, which may happen to mother or child, whilst I am waiting for an order to attend?—Yours truly,
A. BETHELL.

The Board of Guardians, Bridgnorth Union.

Before reading the letter, the chairman informed the board that its contents were such "that he was sure that they would agree with him that when they had heard it read, they would certainly order the dismissal of the writer, or call on him to resign at once." With this the board did not concur; but they directed that the letter should not be acknowledged. We further learn that the members of the board resident in the locality where Bristowe lives, endorse the statement as regards the man's destitution, and confirm the view of their relieving officer as to the need that existed for assistance. We are also informed that it is not an unusual circumstance for the board to refuse payment for service to their poor sick, where, from a creditable sense of humanity, attendance has been given by their medical officers, in urgent cases, without an order.

We much fear that Mr. Bethell has no legal remedy against the board, unless he can clearly make out that the man had had medical relief before, under similar circumstances; and, even then, a body of guardians, who could act so shamelessly, would not hesitate to defend their conduct if proceeded against, and, as the law stands, probably with success.

We do not hold that it would be of the least use to send the statement to the Local Government Board. All that would be done by that department would be to send Mr. Bethell's letter to the guardians, who would direct their clerk to frame some plausible reply, a copy of which would be sent to Mr. Bethell, with the intimation that they (the department) could not afford him any assistance.

Harsh as it may appear, it could, under such circumstances, hardly afford matter for surprise if medical officers were to refuse to attend any case, however urgent it might be, until an order for attendance had been duly given. A coroner's inquest, where the jury censured a board of guardians for their penuriousness and inhumanity, might possibly bring a sense of shame.

FEES FOR ATTENDANCE WHEN SUMMONED BY POLICE.

J. W., SURGEON, writes:—I was called up at 1 A.M., during December last, by a constable (no police-surgeon being to be found) to attend an old woman who had been knocked down and had her shoulder dislocated. I reduced the dislocation, and afterwards attended the patient for about ten days. On forwarding my account of £2 2s., I am informed by the chief constable that the magistrates are not responsible; I think they are.

Our correspondent has a claim on the constabulary for the night-visit but nothing more. His after-attendance was optional, and therefore he could not establish any right to charge for the same. In our judgment, he could sustain a claim for 10s. 6d. and no more. In the metropolis, 7s. 6d. only is paid by the police for the visit of the divisional surgeon. The same sum is also paid to any other surgeon who is willing to honour a police-case, but the certificate of such case, and attendance, should be requested at the time. Under the circumstances, we feel satisfied that anything beyond the sum we have mentioned could not be obtained.

MEDICAL RELIEF AND THE FRANCHISE.

SIR,—The Dunganon Board of Guardians have unanimously adopted a resolution disapproving of the clause in the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill, which was introduced by the Chief Secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant, which would entitle persons to the rights of the franchise who had been in receipt of medical relief, as the guardians considered that such a clause would materially affect the rates, and that the Bill, if passed with that clause, would cause no end of medical relief, at an enormous expense to the union. But if the medical charities were made a disqualification, a great many would pay for medical attendance who otherwise would get it at the expense of the ratepayers.

It is well to find the guardians drawing attention to this matter, as in some unions in Ireland the rates are but a few pence under ten shillings in the pound, and the issue of tickets to persons earning from 30s. a week and upwards, and even, in some cases, £2 a day, is a constant occurrence, and if an attempt is made by the medical officer to get a ticket for such persons cancelled, it is a matter of such delay, difficulty, and persecution to himself, that it is hardly ever successfully resorted to. It is unnecessary to add, that besides the injustice to the ratepayer and the medical profession, it is a practice greatly demoralising to the recipient of such relief.—I am, yours,

M. D. AND LARGE RATEPAYER.

THE VACCINATION ACTS.

SIR,—There has been always considerable difficulty in enforcing the laws of compulsory vaccination in respect of a certain number of ignorant and obstinate people, who will pay penalty after penalty until the magistrate yields, or the recalcitrant becomes a martyr.

It seems to me, that if it were understood that unvaccinated persons would forfeit certain civil rights (a list of which should be published), and that parents would be held responsible if their unvaccinated children died of small-pox, and would be liable to prosecution for damages in case of communication, from such, of disease to others, there would be fewer instances of resistance to the law.

At present, all candidates for admission to the public services must hold certificates of successful vaccination. Why should not the same be a *sine qua non* for entry to all schools, colleges, and every place of education in the kingdom?

In this way, much of the onus of prosecution would fall on the Board Schools, which would thus be obliged to refuse admission to unvaccinated children, and at the same time be forced to compel attendance.

Medical practitioners themselves could do much in indirect compulsion, by not admitting any but vaccinated members to their sick clubs. Benefit societies could also be guided by the same rule. Finally, vaccination should be a qualification for admission to the franchise.—I am, sir, etc.,

A MEMBER, B. M. A.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in anatomy and physiology at a meeting of the Board of Examiners on the 16th instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass-examination.

Messrs. G. O. Richards, and R. B. Booth, students of Charing Cross Hospital; A. G. Hendley, A. Benthall, and W. G. S. Brown, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. Penny, of King's College; J. A. Exton, and S. J. Cole, of the London Hospital; C. S. Davis, A. E. Poolman, W. E. Tresidder, W. G. Brett, and J. E. Moyse, of Guy's Hospital; A. J. Moss, of the Manchester School; L. W. Powell, of University College; C. S. Vines, E. L. Cropp, and G. S. Harris, of the Westminster Hospital; C. F. Rilott, and W. H. Charles, of the Middlesex Hospital; J. H. Pardon, of the Bristol School; F. W. Parker, A. H. Ward, and E. Le C. Lancaster, of St. George's Hospital; J. C. Barr, of St. Mary's Hospital; and E. F. Walker, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

The following passed in Anatomy only.

C. Pearce, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and E. S. Bell, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

The following passed in Physiology only.

J. L. Johnston, and C. H. Smale, of the Manchester School; J. D. O'Sullivan, of the Dublin School; H. B. Seddon, of St. Thomas's Hospital; J. R. Gallard, of the London Hospital; A. Norman, of Guy's Hospital; F. Gilpin, of Middlesex Hospital; and H. H. Coates, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed on the 17th instant.

W. H. Cooper, W. W. Orl, C. J. James, J. H. Lotz, F. Fowler, and H. H. Heffernan, of St. Thomas's Hospital; H. W. Lewis, C. T. B. Malsey, W. W. Williams, L. Brown, G. L. Kemp, and A. Carter, of Guy's Hospital; C. C.

Sen, and C. Duer, of University College; T. H. Clarke, and J. Maberley, of Middlesex Hospital; N. E. Smyth, of the Birmingham School; J. Norton, of the Westminster Hospital; C. W. Ensor, and W. G. Sargent, of the London Hospital; W. B. Lane, and T. Lakeman, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and S. E. Fedley, of Charing Cross Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

J. M. Brenner, of King's College; W. H. F. Godwin, of the Westminster Hospital; S. H. Hughes, and F. Heasman, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; N. Tyacke, of Middlesex Hospital; G. H. Trenfield, of the Bristol School; H. Cockerton, of St. George's Hospital; and G. R. Anderson, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

F. O. Drury, and F. Tyrrell, of Middlesex Hospital; T. W. Sargent, of the London Hospital; P. A. Linnell, of the Manchester School; and C. E. Seal, of University College.

The following gentlemen passed on the 18th instant.

T. J. Dabell, W. G. Williams, T. E. Spencer, and R. Martyn, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. Forster, W. Powell, W. A. F. Twemlow, and A. H. W. Hunt, of the Westminster Hospital; J. P. Parkinson, E. B. Hastings, R. F. Gill, and J. E. Gould, of University College; G. H. Eccles, of St. Thomas's Hospital; W. Heatley, E. Baly, and A. B. Davies, of the London Hospital; H. C. Barr, of St. Mary's Hospital; W. J. Radford, and J. G. V. Sapp, of Charing Cross Hospital; G. C. B. Atkinson, and W. G. Nash, of Middlesex Hospital; F. W. Pearce, of Guy's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

A. Lucas, and C. R. B. Alexander, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. Webster, of St. Thomas's Hospital; and F. J. Oxley, of the London Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed on the 20th instant.

L. F. F. Bryett, and H. R. Henley, of King's College; E. R. Snape, of Charing Cross Hospital; E. O. Ashe, and F. G. Twigg, of the London Hospital; G. Seymour, and E. E. Lewis, of Middlesex Hospital; R. A. Sawyer, of Guy's Hospital; C. J. Weekes, of University College; and C. W. Cooke, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Anatomy only.

G. J. Cressy, and R. T. Wallace, of Guy's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed in Physiology only.

J. C. Bell, W. G. Thorpe, of Guy's Hospital.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.—At the late medical graduation-term, the following candidates, after the usual examinations, received Degrees in Medicine and Surgery.

Degree of M.D.—C. W. H. Brown, M.B., C.M., Godalming, Surrey; A. Campbell, M.B., C.M., Dundee; R. J. Collie, M.B., C.M., Aberdeen; W. Cooper, M.B., C.M., Belhelvie; H. W. T. Crow, M.B., C.M., London; F. C. Gayton, M.B., C.M., Surrey County Asylum, Woking; A. Hosie, M.B., C.M., Inverness District Asylum; A. MacLean, M.B., C.M., Deputy Surgeon-General, Thurso, Caithness; W. H. Stewart, M.B., C.M., H.M.S. Clyde, Aberdeen; W. Stuart, M.B., C.M., Stratton, Cornwall.

Degree of M.B. and C.M.—A. W. Alcock, Bombay; J. Anderson, M.A., Marnech; D. M. Brown, Banchory-Ternan; C. A. Butchart, Aberdeen; A. G. Connan, Aberdeen; A. H. Cowan, Aberdeen; J. S. Davidson, Mauritius; E. G. W. Deane, Barbadoes; J. Duncan, M.A., Aberdeen; H. W. Godfrey, Hornchurch, Essex; J. W. McK. Gunn, M.A., Reay, Thurso; A. E. Henderson, Sheffield; J. G. D. Irvine, Udney; F. G. Jones, Denbigh; J. B. Lamb, M.A., Aberdeen; J. Marsden, Banff; A. Milne, Huntly; J. B. Milne, Huntly; W. V. Morgan, Narberth; T. G. Paterson, New Galloway; P. W. Rattray, M.A., Aberdeen; G. Scott, Aberdeen; D. Simpson, M.A., Alva, Banff; W. B. Simpson, Bedale; A. G. Smith, Marlborough; P. A. Sullivan, Carlisle.

Of the above-named candidates, J. M. Lamb, M.A., A. Milne, P. W. Rattray, M.A., and A. G. Smith received their Degrees in Medicine and Surgery with Highest Academical Honours; A. W. Alcock, J. S. Davidson, H. W. Godfrey, F. G. Jones, J. B. Milne, and T. G. Paterson received their Degrees in Medicine and Surgery with Honourable Distinction.

The John Murray Medal and Scholarship was awarded to P. W. Rattray, M.A. At the same time, C. M. Aird, L. Durno, J. Murray, G. Robertson, and J. H. Stenhouse were certified as having passed all the examinations, but did not graduate.

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

W. H. Barnby, F. W. Counter, A. D. Ellis, H. J. D. Mackay, J. M. Mackay, W. G. M. Macleod, D. MacRitchie, G. C. Milligan, R. H. Reid, F. L. Taylor.

The following candidates have completed the first professional examination.

W. Alexander, C. Angus, J. U. Black, J. F. Binnie, A. T. Brown, A. F. C. Clark, F. L. Dalgarno, D. M. Davidson, C. E. Duff, A. C. Ferguson, A. D. Forbes, A. N. Grievie, D. A. Harvey, G. Henry, A. C. Hutchinson, J. E. Jones, G. W. E. Kerr, E. T. Martin, W. S. McGowan, J. F. Mirza, J. Packer, J. Pearson, R. Rannie, C. Reid, G. Rose, J. Shand, E. M. de Souza, T. H. Thomson, G. Watt, J. Webster, A. Zimpel.

The following candidates have passed the second professional examination.

J. R. Anderson, T. C. Bennett, J. F. Binnie, A. T. Brown, A. F. C. Clark, F. L. Collie, E. G. Coward, W. C. Crowe, A. W. Dalgarno, T. F. Dewar, J. C. G. Duffus, G. Findlay, H. F. Forbes, J. Galloway, W. H. Gray, W. Grig, H. J. Hargrave, A. G. R. Ingram, J. E. Jeffries, P. J. Lumsden, D. G. G. Macdonald, G. B. D. Macdonald, A. Mackay, F. MacRae, W. Milligan, A. Milne, J. S. Milne, J. C. Myles, P. J. Nicoll, G. M. Reid, J. Russell, W. Scatterry, A. Simpson, J. W. Smith, J. Souter, E. M. de Souza, R. B. T. Stephenson, A. J. Stuart, J. D. Thomson, J. T. Thorne, J. M. Trail, C. T. D.

Urquhart, W. D. Urquhart, C. F. White, A. Whyte, G. Williamson, R. G. Wills.

The next professional examination for Degrees in Medicine commences on Saturday, July 18th.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the quarterly First Professional Examination for the Licence in Medicine of the College, held on Monday, April 6th, and following days, the undermentioned candidates were successful.

E. A. Huntley, J. W. Power, H. Solomon.

At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, April 6th, and following days, the undermentioned candidates were successful.

For the Licences to practise Medicine and Midwifery.—R. Blackwell, Lymington; W. Dillon, Pallasgreen, co. Limerick; R. H. J. Fetherston, Melbourne, N.S.W.; D. C. M. Lunt, Manchester; J. McFadden, Letterkenny, co. Donegal; J. D. McFeely, Londonderry; P. A. Piel, Dublin; J. Robinson, Dublin; H. J. Thornbury, Lucan, co. Dublin; E. Woods, London.

For the Licence to practise Medicine only.—T. J. Dillon, Edenderry; A. A. Doyle, Naas; J. Heffernan, Cahir; S. Horneck, Wexford; J. Lowney, Castle-town Roche; E. J. R. MacMahon, Ballynacally, co. Clare; S. Palmer, London; H. Shackleton, Bradford; H. B. Strong, London; R. H. Treloar, M.D., South Australia.

At a quarterly examination held on Thursday and Friday, April 9th and 10th, the certificate in Sanitary Science was granted to J. Ellis, M.D. Brussels, L.K.Q.C.P.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentleman passed his Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, April 9th, 1885.

Cockerill, John William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed on April 16th.

Carless, Albert, King's College.

Crowdy, Francis Demaintray, St. Thomas's Hospital.

Rattray, Alexander, Edinburgh University.

Warner, Frederick Ashton, St. George's Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

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

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.

CELBIDGE 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.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, Leicester Square.—Dental Surgeon. Applications by May 11th.

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

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

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by May 5th.

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.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Medical Registrar. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by May 2nd.

NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Kentish Town Road, N.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by May 5th.

OMAGH WORKHOUSE.—Medical Officer to Workhouse.—Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Clerk of the Union. Election on May 2nd.

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.

ROYAL BERKS HOSPITAL, Reading.—Senior Physician. Applications by May 23rd.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- BENHAM**, Henry James, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed Physician to the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital.
- BRAMWELL**, Hugh Ransom, M.B. and C.M.Edin., appointed Resident Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.
- CLARK**, William Thomas Marston, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Twickenham Urban Sanitary District; Surgeon to the Boys' Home, Twickenham; Surgeon to the Twickenham Provident Dispensary, and Surgeon to the Twickenham Lying-in Charity.
- HAWKINS**, Francis Henry, M.B.etc.Edin., appointed Assistant-Physician and Registrar to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis.
- HOLLIS**, Elphinstone, M.D.Edin., appointed physician to the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital.
- HUZZEY**, Reginald Lee, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer to the British Consulate at Zanzibar.
- LANE**, John William, M.D., L.R.C.S.I., etc., appointed Medical Officer to the Clun Union Workhouse, Bishop's Castle, *vice* H. M. Lemon, M.D., etc., resigned.
- VERRALL**, T. Jenner, M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Sussex County Hospital.
- WHITTAKER**, J. H., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Surgeon to the Royal Hibernian Military School, Phoenix Park, Dublin.
- WILLIAMS**, W. M., M.B., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Pentrefoelas District of Llanrwst Union.

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.

- DARTNELL**.—On March 29th, at 5, St. Margaret's Banks, Rochester, the wife of W. A. Dartnell, K.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Eng., of a daughter.
- MONKS**.—On April 6th, at Regent House, Wigan, the wife of E. H. Monks, Jun., L.R.C.P. and S.Eng., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- BURCHELL**—WEBBER.—On April 9th, at the Parish Church, Aldeburgh-on-Sea, Suffolk, Peter Lodwick Burchell, M.B.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., to Emily Anne Frances, widow of T. H. Evans, Esq., second daughter of the late William Webber, F.R.C.S.Eng., and granddaughter of the late Sir Thomas Preston, Bart., of Beeston Hall, Norfolk.
- FAULKNER**—BASS.—On April 21st, at the Parish Church, Sandbach, by the Rev. J. R. Armitstead, M.A., vicar, John T. Faulkner, M.D.Lond., of Stratford, son of John Faulkner, Beech House, Urmston, to Alethea Prudence (Letty), younger daughter of M. P. Bass, Olley House, Sandbach, late of Urmston. No cards.
- HUNT**—BAWTREE.—April 16th, at St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester, by the Rev. Canon Luard, Vicar of Stanstead, Essex, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Irvine, Rector, and Rural Dean, and the Rev. J. G. Bullock, Rector of St. Nicholas and St. Runwald, Edgar Atlee Hunt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., of Colchester, eldest son of Josiah Hunt, Esq., of Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, and Pnney, S.W., to Charlotte Mary, third daughter of John Bawtree, Esq., of Colchester.

DEATH.

- JONES**.—On April 20th, at her residence, River House, Enfield, Helen, the wife of Philip W. Jones, L.R.C.P.Lond.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

- MONDAY**.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Althaus: A Case of Syphilis of the Brain. Dr. West: On Hæmaturia in Granular Kidney. Dr. Herbert Snow: On the Free Use of Caustic Potash in the Treatment of Cancer of the Cervix Uteri.
- TUESDAY**.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Dorn: Notes on so-called Non-Ovarian Dermoid Tumours. Dr. Hale White: On the Pathological Histology of the Semilunar and Superior Cervical Sympathetic Ganglia. Dr. Hale White will exhibit a series of Microscopic Specimens in illustration of his paper at 8 P.M.
- FRIDAY**.—West London Medico-Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Percy Dunn will show a Heart with *Ante Mortem* Clots in Right Ventricle which have suppurated; Abscess in the Brain of a Child aged 8; Primary Scirrhus of Liver. Mr. Burrows will show some experiments with Pancreatine. Mr. E. Hurry Fenwick: Latent Calculus. Mr. Bruce Clark: A Case of Cancer of the Prostate. Mr. C. B. Keetley: Antiseptic Surgery at the West London Hospital.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATES.—Mr. Edward Jackson, of Wheelton, Chorley, Lancashire, has been placed on the commission of the peace for the county.—Dr. Henry G. Thompson has been appointed a magistrate for the borough of Croydon.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The Duke of Buccleuch has become President of the newly formed Dumfries centre.

ULSTER HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, BELFAST.—The gold medal, presented by Professor Dill of the Queen's College, Belfast, for distinguished answering on the diseases of children and women, and on practical midwifery, has been gained by Mr. John Lockhart Livingston.

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.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 4 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 2.30 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 Central, 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.—King's College, 3 to 4 P.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.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 2.30 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, 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.
- ST. THOMAS'S**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
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REFORM AT THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

MR. NELSON HARDY has forwarded us the subjoined, with a request for publication.

1, Southville Park Villas, Dulwich, S.E.
April 21st, 1885.

SIRS,—In reply to your invitation to attend a meeting of the Association of Members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, on May 5th, I am afraid that, as I do not approve of the separation of Fellows and Members into hostile camps (for which I am bound to say your Association is not wholly responsible), my presence at your meeting would hardly help you, unless, indeed you are prepared to take some steps for co-operating with the Association of Fellows, in which case I would gladly assist.

It appears to me, as I believe it does to others, that the series of resolutions passed at the meeting held in the College, in March, 1884, affords a basis on which Fellows and Members ought to be able to work for the common good. Those resolutions asked, *inter alia*, for the following important reforms; namely, 1, that the Fellows and Members should be invested with a larger share in the management of the College; 2, that no important alteration should be made in the constitution or relations of the College, without the consent of the Fellows and Members; 3, that there should be an annual meeting of the Fellows and Members, at which the annual report of the Council should be presented, received, and adopted.

Had the Fellows and Members, since the meeting, unitedly adhered to this moderate programme, there can, I think, be no doubt that the Council would have been, ere this, forced to yield; but dividing into two associations, each bent upon obtaining as much for its own order as possible, the interests of the profession fell as they prey to those who believe in the ancient maxim, *divide et impera*, and the Council of the College has been able, for a whole year, to act as if it had never accepted any of these proposals, not even the third, in a modified form, or as if its acceptance of that proposal was one of those "inoperative" resolutions which Mr. Marshall told us the Council was in the habit of passing. As there may possibly be some in both your Association and the Fellows who will agree with me in thinking that our true policy in view of the determined hostility of the Council and permanent officials of the College to all real reform, should be to seek union rather than to divide our forces, I shall send a copy of this letter to the medical papers.—I am, dear sirs, faithfully yours,
H. NELSON HARDY.

The Honorary Secretaries, Association of Members
of the Royal College of Surgeons.

TRUSSES.

AFFLICTED writes: "Some weeks ago I found myself the unfortunate possessor of a right inguinal hernia, for which I have since worn an ordinary circular truss; but my discomfort has been so great, that I shall be glad to ask my medical brethren, through the medium of the JOURNAL:—1. What kind of instrument shall I find most serviceable? 2. From what maker can I obtain it?"

* A correspondent writes: "I have found Salmon and Ody's very good, but there are others that might be suitable to some cases. In some difficult cases the surgeon's, as well as the maker's skill is required to devise modifications. Cheap trusses often do much harm. I lately had a very troublesome case, the result of a hard pad and bad spring."

FERMENTATION.

MR. J. S. MUIR.—See Duclaux's *Handbook on Fermentation*, one of the series published by the Health Exhibition. In Mr. Watson Cheyne's *Antiseptic Surgery*, the matter is also discussed in detail, and many references are given. Dr. Paul Bert's work is entitled *La Pression Barométrique*; in it will be found the most complete series of observations yet published on the subject of barometric pressure in relation to fermentations.

OLIVE GREEN STOOLS.

SIR,—For the last six weeks a patient has passed stools of a light olive-green colour. When the bowels have not acted for a day or two, the colour is much darker, almost black. Treatment has had no effect. As far as I can ascertain, writers on diseases of the liver do not allude to this condition, its causes or consequences. One only attributes it to acidity of the small intestines.

Any of your correspondents who can suggest the cause and treatment of this condition, will much oblige.—Yours truly,
M. B.

PERMANGANATE OF POTASH IN AMENORRHEA.

SIR,—Prescribers of the above named drug will find unguentum resinae a convenient and suitable excipient when ordered in pill-form, whilst kaolin is difficult to manipulate, and of a stony hardness when made up and dried.—Yours faithfully,
A. H. BAMPTON, M.D.
Plymouth.

SURGEONS' CONSULTING-ROOM COUCH.

X. Y. Z.—In reply to our correspondent's question, "What sort of couch is best for use in a surgeon's consulting room?" a correspondent (E. N. S.) writes: "The particular kind would depend upon the use for which it was required. There are gynæcological couches, which, however, are by no means universally liked by specialists; and, upon the whole, a simple upholsterer's couch, without sides, and a slight sloping head-rest, is the best for general purposes. In my own room I use an equilibrium chair-couch, which is beautifully balanced. The patient sits upon it as in an ordinary arm-chair, and then, either by his own very slight exertion, or by my hand, the chair is extended into a couch, and I have had stops added, so that it can be fixed in any position. I have also had one of the arms made to turn back, to allow me to get more thoroughly at a patient. My reason for having this chair is partly because it takes up less room than an ordinary couch, and partly for the benefit of paralysed people or helpless cripples, who can more easily be placed in a recumbent position on it. It is made by Batchelor, of Croydon."

EARLIEST PHYSICAL SIGNS OF PHTHISIS.

SIR,—If some of your readers would state, from observation, what may be considered the earliest physical signs of phthisis, giving one as the more probable, I shall feel myself obliged.—I am, sir,
L.R.C.P.Ed.

REMOVAL OF SURPLUS HAIR BY ELECTROLYSIS.

SIR,—May I ask, through your columns, for a means of removing surplus hair by electrolysis? Where can I see such a plan in practice? I have a lady patient with a growth of hair on the face; and she wishes it to be eradicated, so that it will not grow again.—Yours truly,
T. R. ALLINSON, L.R.C.P.Ed.

C. T. BROOKHOUSE, M.D.—Arsenite of bromine, or liquor arsenici bromatus, may be had of Martindale, New Cavendish Street, W.; Harvey and Reynolds, Leeds, and many manufacturing pharmacists.

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