

1861, Mr. Mason in 1862, Mr. Rouse in 1863, Mr. Cowell in 1867, Mr. Macnamara in 1875, and Mr. Pemberton in 1878. All these gentlemen are resident in London, except Mr. Pemberton.

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION.

LIST OF RETURNS RECEIVED DURING MAY, 1885.

THE Committee desires to acknowledge the following list of returns received during the month of May.

Aberdeen Branch: Intemperance: J. Mackenzie Booth, M.D.; W. H. P. Evatt; C. R. MacDonald, M.D.
Bath and Bristol Branch: I, W. Beaumont; XIII, H. G. Terry; Intemperance, R. Shingleton Smith, M.D.; J. Taylor.
Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch: I, Dr. Wyer; G. Birt, M.B. (2); III, G. Birt, M.B.
Border Counties Branch: I, W. L. Cullen (3); J. R. Hamilton, M.D. (2); II, J. R. Hamilton, M.D. (2); VII, W. L. Cullen; XII, Henry Barnes, M.D.; Intemperance, T. B. Green; G. R. Fraser; Henry Barnes, M.D.
East Anglian Branch: I, S. H. Burton, M.D.; Intemperance, J. T. Skrimshire, M.D.; H. J. Benham, M.D.; E. G. Barnes, M.D.; W. H. Day; C. B. Plowright; H. B. Vincent; XIII, H. J. Towlson; H. C. Rogers (2).
East Yorks Branch: Intemperance, R. A. Mossman.
Gloucestershire Branch: Intemperance, C. T. Wilson, M.B.
Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Intemperance, C. H. Pinck, M.B.; T. W. H. Garstang, M.A.; G. C. Kingsbury, M.D.; William Berry.
Chester District: I, A. Ransome, M.D.; X, A. Ransome, M.D. (3); Intemperance, J. Taylor (3); F. W. Jordan.
Liverpool District: II, T. R. Pennington; Intemperance, W. S. Paget, M.D.; J. Matthews.
Manchester District: II, III, (4) VII, D. J. Mackenzie, M.D.; Intemperance, W. F. O'Grady; A. W. Stocks; H. W. Boddy, M.D.
Metropolitan Counties Branch: I, E. G. Gilbert, M.D.; X, D. W. Finlay, M.D. (2); E. Clifford Beale, M.A., M.B.; Intemperance, F. J. Buckell, M.B.; A. Wertland, M.D.; W. A. Bonney, M.D.; G. Dale, M.B.; J. F. Palmer; A. H. W. Ayling; M. Greenwood, Jun.; M. G. Biggs; B. A. Rugg; W. T. P. Douglas, B.A., M.B.; J. Chalmers, M.D.; E. A. Snell, M.B.; Patmore Sheehy; W. Dickson, M.D.; G. N. Adams, M.D.; J. S. Ferris, M.B.; J. Davidson, M.B.; XIII, E. J. Lequesne (2); P. H. Banks (6).
Midland Counties Branch: Derby District: Intemperance, E. M. Wrench, F.R.C.S.; A. Boswell, M.D.; H. Denne, M.D.
Leicester District: Intemperance, J. Baird.
Lincolnshire District: I, A. Campbell; Intemperance, W. Hamilton Allen, M.B.
Nottingham District: II, H. Handford, M.D. (2); S. Johnson, M.D. (2); Intemperance, G. Vincent, M.B.; T. Jones.
North of England Branch: I, R. Mears (3); II (2) IV, R. S. Peart, M.D.; Intemperance, T. M. Evans; R. S. Peart, M.D.
North of Ireland Branch: III, G. F. Duffy, M.D.; IV, G. F. Duffy, M.D.; VII, R. J. Kinfad, M.D.; Intemperance, G. W. Daly, M.D.; James Taylor; S. M. Cordner; J. Murray.
North Wales Branch: Intemperance, T. Davies; J. Davies; W. Thomas; Charles Lovegrove; D. C. Burlingham.
Reading Branch: Intemperance, H. H. Parry.
South-Eastern Branch: West Kent District: I (6), VI (4), VIII, X (2), R. Bowles, M.D.; Intemperance, H. T. B. Tribe; H. L. Bernays; James Crawford.
West Surrey District: II, H. H. Dearsly; H. H. Wright (4); Intemperance, Messrs. Sloman (3); H. G. Plimmer.
South Wales Branch: I, W. D. Shephard (2); T. Hall Redwood, M.A., M.D.; II, W. D. Shephard; XIII, T. Hall Redwood, M.A., M.D.; Intemperance, C. Biddle; J. F. Fry; A. Garrod Thomas, M.D.
South-Western Branch: North Devon District: I, III, J. Elliott Square, F.R.C.S.; Intemperance, W. J. Square, F.R.C.S.
Southern Branch: Dorset District: Intemperance, T. Fielding, M.D.; G. H. Batterbury, M.D.; C. Watts Parkinson. East Hants District: Intemperance, S. Andrews. South Hants District: Intemperance, T. W. Trend, M.D.; R. E. Power; J. Macgregor. Isle of Wight District: X, H. M. Barker, M.D.; Intemperance, C. Meeres; W. E. Green.
Staffordshire Branch: XIII, J. T. Hartill (4); Intemperance, T. P. Massingham; J. A. Lyceet, M.D.; E. T. Tylecote, M.D.
Shropshire and Mid Wales Branch: Intemperance, A. Eddowes, M.D.; T. L. Lloyd.
Thames Valley Branch: Intemperance, E. Casey, M.D.; H. W. Seager, M.B.; A. Playne, M.B.
West Somerset Branch: XIII, C. Randolph; Intemperance, W. V. Lush, M.D.
Worcester and Hereford Branch: I, H. R. Kerr, F.R.C.S. (2); II, J. Bellingham; XIII, J. L. Stretton.
Yorkshire Branch: III, S. T. D. Weston; XIII, W. H. Ellis (2); G. A. Farrer; Intemperance, W. H. Brown; Brook Thorp; Mr. T. Sadler, M.D.; M. R. J. Behrend; J. F. Cheesewright.
Anonymous: Intemperance (1).

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.—Mrs. Firth, widow of a former Rector of Letcombe-Bassett, and sister of the late Mr. Percy Smith, the founder of the Wantage Cottage Hospital, has bequeathed £2,000 to the trustees for the establishing of a dispensary in that town, £250 to the Brompton Cancer Hospital, and £250 to the Oxford Infirmary.—Mr. Peter Atrell, of Tredegar Square, Mile End, has bequeathed £500 to the London Hospital, £500 to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, £500 to the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, £300 to St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula, etc., £250 to the Poplar Hospital, and £200 to the Royal Hospital for Incurables.—Mr. W. Smethurst has given £100, and Mr. Robert Groom £100, to the London Temperance Hospital.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 8th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

161A, Strand, June 11th, 1885.

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*.

GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Scientific Grants Committee of the British Medical Association desire to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences, that they are empowered to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted at the next annual meeting should be made without delay to the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 161A, Strand, W.C. Applications must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed.

Reports of work done by the assistance of Association grants belong to the Association.

Instruments purchased by means of grants must be returned to the General Secretary on the conclusion of the research in furtherance of which the grant was made.

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 HEMOGLOBINURIA.

ALBUMINURIA IN THE APPARENTLY HEALTHY.

SLEEP-WALKING. ACUTE GOUT.

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

PURPERAL 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 was issued with the JOURNAL of May 9th. Replies are requested on the schedule issued with the JOURNAL of May 9th,

Additional copies of the schedule may be had at once on application.

Returns on ACUTE PNEUMONIA are still received.

THE ETIOLOGY OF PHTHISIS.—Continuation of inquiry. The Committee will be glad to receive the names of gentlemen willing to engage in joint investigation of any of the following points in relation to the origin of cases of Phthisis;—(a) The influence of residence and occupation; (b) the previous state of the patients' thoracic organs and general health; (c) heredity and communication. Full particulars will be sent on application.

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.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrexham in the first week in July. Any member who desires to read a paper should communicate before June 25th with the Honorary Secretary, **W. JONES-MORRIS**, Fortmadoc.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Leicester, on Thursday, July 9th. Notice of papers, etc., to be sent to the undersigned. —**LEWIS W. MARSHALL, M.D.**, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 2, East Circus Street, Nottingham.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID WALES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at the Salop Infirmary, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 2 P.M. Members desirous of reading papers or opening discussions are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary. —**EDWARD CURETON**, Honorary Secretary, Shrewsbury. —May 13th, 1885.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the North of England Branch, will be held at Hexham, on Thursday, July 16th. —**DAVID DRUMMOND**, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held, at the Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Wrexham, on Tuesday, July 7th, at 12 o'clock, to transact the usual business of the Branch. The President, **Mr. J. Lloyd-Roberts, M.B.**, will deliver his address, and the following papers and communications have been promised. 1. Dr. Stephen Mackenzie (London): Some Points concerning Acute Rheumatism requiring Investigation. 2. Dr. Isambard Owen: Collective Investigation. 3. Mr. Rich Jones, M.B. (Festiniog): Hydatids of the Liver. 4. Dr. Samuel Griffith (Portmadoc): Abscess of Brain. 5. Dr. F. Imlach (Liverpool): The Early Surgical Treatment of Uterine Tumours. 6. Mr. Damer Harrison (Liverpool): Injuries to Nerves. 7. Mr. O. S. Williams (Holyhead): An Unusual Case of Erysipelas. The annual dinner at 3.30 P.M. —**W. JONES-MORRIS**, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Thursday, July 9th, at four o'clock P.M. The annual dinner will take place the same evening, at seven o'clock P.M. Members intending to be present at the dinner are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible. —**ALEXANDER DEMPSEY**, Honorary Secretary.

NORTHERN COUNTIES (SCOTLAND) BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Inverness, on Wednesday, July 8th. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary. —**J. W. NORRIS MACKAY, M.D.**, Elgin.

SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Truro on Tuesday, June 9th, at 12 noon, under the presidency of **Mr. EDWARD SHARP**, of Truro. Twenty-seven members were present.

New Members.—The following new members were elected at a meeting of the Council: **F. C. Bullmore**, Falmouth; **G. T. Clapp**, M.B., Exeter; **F. Hickens**, Redruth (Association and Branch); **E. Head Moore**, Falmouth; **J. H. Norman**, Winkleigh; **R. H. Perks**, M.D., Devonport (Association and Branch); **R. C. M. Pooley**, Falmouth; **E. Rundle**, Helston; **G. Serjeant**, Launceston; **T. N. Shepherd**, Launceston.

President's Valedictory Address.—**Dr. SHAPTER**, in vacating the chair, alluded to the important position to which the British Medical Association, now numbering more than 11,000 members, had attained, and to the great influence which it was in a position to exert in regard to the important Medical Bills which were frequently before Parliament, and in other ways. The Association had become powerful, and was also becoming wealthy. He deprecated, however, any tendency to too much centralisation, and specially alluded to the project now under consideration by the Council of the Association, by which the bulk of the realised funds, now amounting to a very large sum, would

be invested in purchasing a freehold property in London, and erecting buildings thereon, to serve as Central Offices and Publishing Offices for the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. He trusted that this scheme would not be carried out until an opportunity had been afforded to the Association, as a whole, to express its opinion on the subject.

President-Elect.—**Dr. SHAPTER** introduced the president-elect, **Mr. Edward Sharp**, in appropriate terms. The latter, on taking the chair, delivered a short address, in the course of which he alluded in feeling terms to the great loss which the medical profession in Cornwall had sustained in the recent death of **Dr. Barham**, of Truro, who had twice filled the position which he now occupied. He gave, on behalf of himself and the members residing in the neighbourhood, the South-Western Branch a cordial welcome to Truro, which city it had not visited for many years, and trusted that they would not regret spending a portion of their time in a trip on their beautiful river, the Fal.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring President.—On the motion of **Dr. HARRIS (Redruth)**, seconded by **Dr. CLAY (Plymouth)**, a cordial vote of thanks was voted by acclamation to **Dr. Shapter** for his services as president during the past year, and for his great kindness and hospitality.

Report of Council.—The report of the council was then read as follows.

"The number of members on the roll of the Branch is 196, being 11 less than at date of last annual meeting. As the number does not exceed 200 the Branch, is only entitled this year to elect one representative member on the Council of the Association. It was found necessary to remove from the roll the names of ten gentlemen who had ceased to be members of the Association for some time, some for several years. In addition to these, seven members have resigned, or left the district during the year, and 11 have died. Seventeen new members have been elected. The Council trust that members will exert themselves to induce new members to join the Branch. In the district there were at the end of last year 74 members of the Association who were not members of the Branch; so that there is a large margin for increase, even among those already members of the parent Association.

"Death has been busy in our ranks during the past year, and several well known and highly-esteemed members have been taken from us. Of these, the Council cannot refrain from mentioning particularly the names of **Dr. Barham**, of Truro, who was twice president of the Branch, and twice delivered the address in medicine at annual meetings of the Association; of **Mr. Kempthorne**, of Callington, an excellent surgeon, one of the pioneers of ovariotomy, and the first who performed the operation in Cornwall; of **Dr. Dalby**, of Torquay; of **Mr. Marchant Jones**, of Plymouth; and, lastly, of one who passed away only the other day at a ripe old age, **Dr. Samuel Budd**, of Exeter, who was a worthy member of a family who have done much for medical science. Besides the annual meeting at Exeter, which was a most successful one in every way, a meeting was held at Plymouth, in February, on the occasion of the opening of the New South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital; three Council meetings have also been held, and a special meeting at Truro. The financial position of the Branch is satisfactory, the balance in hand being £23 15s. 10d., as compared with £16 9s. 2d. at the date of the last annual meeting. It is recommended that a quarterly meeting be held at Exeter in September or October next; and it is suggested that the next annual meeting be held at Torquay."

On the motion of **Dr. BAMPFON (Plymouth)**, seconded by **Mr. J. R. ROLSTON (Devonport)**, the report of the Council was approved and adopted.

Annual Meeting for 1886: President-Elect.—**Dr. SHAPTER** proposed that the annual meeting in 1886 be held at Torquay, and that **William Powell, Esq., M.B.**, be nominated as the President-Elect; this was seconded by **Dr. MONTGOMERY (Penzance)**, and carried unanimously.

Council of Branch.—On the motion of **Mr. F. G. H. WHITLEY (Truro)**, seconded by **Dr. HENDERSON (Exeter)**, the following gentlemen were elected as new members of the Branch Council: **J. Alexander, M.D. (Paignton)**; **F. A. Davson, M.D. (Dartmouth)**; **S. Hounsell, M.D. (Torquay)**; **C. A. Nankivell, M.B. (Torquay)**; **W. Powell, M.B. (Torquay)**; **W. S. Steele, M.D. (Babbicombe)**.

Secretary.—**Mr. W. SQUARE (Plymouth)** proposed, and **Dr. HENDERSON (Exeter)** seconded, that **Dr. P. Maury Deas**, of Exeter, be re-elected as honorary secretary.

Representation of the Branch.—On the motion of **Mr. W. SQUARE**, seconded by **Dr. THOMPSON (Bideford)**, **Dr. Deas** was elected as the representative member on the Council of the Association, and also as representative member on the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

Patent Medicines Stamp Act.—A petition in favour of the repeal of the Patent Medicines Stamp Act was adopted.

Papers.—The following papers were read:—1. Congenital Incomplete Rectum: Permanent relief afforded by Littre's operation. By Mr. J. R. Rolston (Devonport). 2. Notes of a case of Tetanus. By Mr. E. Sharp (Truro). 3. Sudden Death by Suffocation in a case of Bronchocele. By Dr. Thompson (Launceston). 4. Rare case of Foreign body in the Heart, with specimen. By Dr. P. Maury Deas (Exeter).

Collective Investigation.—A short discussion took place on the subject of Collective Investigation of Disease, and it was resolved that at the next annual meeting a discussion should take place on the subject of "Rheumatism," to be opened by Dr. Henderson (Exeter). This concluded the business of the meeting.

Excursion.—The members afterwards, by invitation of the President, Mr. E. Sharp, and accompanied by some invited guests, went on board the steamer *Resolute*, which proceeded for an excursion on the Fal, extending as far as the outer limit of Falmouth Harbour. An excellent luncheon was served on board, after which Dr. Shaper proposed, and Mr. W. Square seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the President for his liberal hospitality. On the return voyage, the party landed at Malpas, and were driven back to Truro, four hours having been spent in the most pleasant way in admiring the beauties of the river and of the noble harbour.

Annual Dinner.—This was held in the evening at the Red Lion Hotel, and attended by most of the members present at the meeting.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the New Museums Cambridge, on Friday, June 12th; D. B. BALDING, Esq., President in the chair.

Officers and Council.—Mr. Bridges (Cottenham) was elected a member of the Council of the Branch, in succession to Professor Latham, who has become an *ex officio* member as President of the Branch; Dr. Annington was re-elected Honorary Secretary, and Representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association; Mr. Balding (Royston) was elected Representative on the Parliamentary Bills Committee, in succession to Mr. Stear (Saffron Walden), who is unable to continue his services.

Next Annual Meeting.—A resolution was adopted to the effect that the next annual meeting of the Branch should be held within the area of the Branch, the place to be selected by the Council.

Consultants and Practitioners.—A resolution was proposed by Dr. ELLIS (Swavesey), and seconded by Mr. BRIDGES (Cottenham), affecting the relation between consultants and practitioners; but, after a long discussion, was withdrawn with the unanimous consent of the meeting.

The members afterwards joined the East Anglian and South Midland Branches in a combined meeting.

SOUTH MIDLAND, EAST ANGLIAN, AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCHES: COMBINED MEETING.

A COMBINED meeting of the above-named Branches was held at the New Museums, Cambridge, on June 12th, at 2.15 p.m., under the presidency of Dr. P. W. LATHAM. Previously to the meeting, each of the Branches met for the transaction of its own business; and, at 1 p.m., the members had luncheon at the President's house.

President's Address.—Dr. LATHAM, who was introduced to the chair by the retiring President, Mr. Balding, delivered an address, in which special reference was made to the pathology and treatment of rheumatism and diabetes. A well sustained discussion on these points followed the delivery of the address.

Discussions.—1. A discussion on Cancer, with special reference to its pathology and geographical distribution, was opened by Mr. H. T. Butlin (London). 2. A discussion on the Duties and Responsibilities of Medical Practitioners in regard to Lunatic Patients, was opened by Dr. F. Buszard (Northampton), who criticised the Bill now before Parliament.

Papers had been promised by Dr. M. Beverley (Norwich), Dr. Oswald Lane (Northampton), Dr. Sinclair Holden (Sudbury), Mr. W. A. Thomson (Amphill), Dr. D. Bower (Bedford), and Mr. C. B. Plowright (King's Lynn); but were not read for want of time.

Card Specimens were exhibited in the Pathological Museum by Professor Humphry, Dr. Bradbury, Mr. Wherry, Mr. Laurence Humphry, and others.

The Laboratories.—By invitation of the professors and teachers, the members visited the Physiological and Pathological Laboratories, and

were shown the many beautiful instruments, used for demonstrations and research, by Professor Roy and Mr. Sheridan Lea.

Dinner.—At 6.45 p.m., the members of the three Branches dined together in Downing College Hall.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

THE third general meeting of this session was held at the Bell Medical Library, Cleveland Road, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 28th, 1885; Present, Dr. E. T. TYLECOTE, President, in the chair, and 31 members, and one visitor, Mr. Mitchell Banks, of London.

Specimens.—The following were shown.

1. Dr. Tylecote: A case of Supposed Scirrhus of the Tonsil.
2. Mr. J. Hartill: Renal Calculi.
3. Mr. Spanton: Photographs of a case of Molluscum Contagiosum.
4. Mr. Spanton: Photographs of a Boy after Severe Gunshot Injury of the Shoulder-Joint.
5. Mr. Spanton: Microscopic Sections from a Malignant Tumour of the Jaws.
6. Mr. Spanton: A Retained Testis.
7. Dr. McAlldowie: Pulmonary Calculi from a case of Phthisis Calculosa.
8. Dr. McAlldowie: Drawing of Secondary Scirrhus of the Liver.
9. Mr. Vincent Jackson: Portions of Multilocular Ovarian Tumour and Omentum removed by Operation.
10. Mr. Vincent Jackson: Calculus removed by Lithotripsy at one sitting.

Papers.—The following were read.

1. Mr. W. H. Folker: Case of Strangulated Umbilical Hernia in which six inches of Bowel were successfully removed.
2. Mr. Vose Solomon: The Prevention of Blindness from Infantile Purulent Ophthalmia among the Indigent Poor.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Cardiff, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1885.

President: JAMES CUMING, M.D., F.R.C.S., Professor of Medicine in Queen's College, and Physician to the Royal Hospital, Belfast.

President-elect: W. T. EDWARDS, M.D., F.R.C.S., Physician to the Glamorgan and Monmouth Infirmary, Cardiff.

An Address in Therapeutics will be delivered by W. Roberts, M.D., F.R.S., Consulting Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by John Marshall, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., Professor of Surgery in University College, and Senior Surgeon to University College Hospital.

An Address in Public Medicine will be delivered by Thos. Jones Dyke, F.R.C.S., Medical Officer of Health, Merthyr Tydvil.

All Sections will be held in the Town Hall.

SECTION A. MEDICINE. Crown Court.—**President:** S. Wilks, M.D., F.R.S., London. **Vice-Presidents:** T. D. Griffiths, M.D., Swansea; Byrom Bramwell, M.D., Edinburgh. **Secretaries:** W. Price, M.B., Park Place, Cardiff; E. Markham Skerrett, M.D., Richmond Hill, Clifton.

SECTION B. SURGERY. Nisi Prius Court.—**President:** E. H. Bennett, M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin. **Vice-Presidents:** P. R. Cresswell, F.R.C.S., Dowlais; Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., London. **Secretaries:** G. A. Brown, M.R.C.S., Tredegar. Thomas Jones, F.R.C.S., 96, Mosley Street, Manchester.

SECTION C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE. Mayor's Court.—**President:** Henry Gervis, M.D., London. **Vice-Presidents:** S. H. Steel, M.B., Abergavenny; W. C. Grigg, M.D., London. **Secretaries:** A. P. Fiddian, M.B., 6, Brighton Terrace, Cardiff; D. Berry Hart, M.D., 65, Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE. Assembly Room.—**President:** D. Davies, M.R.C.S., M.O.H., Bristol. **Vice-Presidents:** E. Davies, M.R.C.S., M.O.H., Swansea; J. Lloyd-Roberts, M.B., Denbigh. **Secretaries:** Edward Rice Morgan, M.R.C.S., Morriston, Swansea; Herbert M. Page, M.D., 16, Prospect Hill, Redditch.

SECTION E. PSYCHOLOGY. Ante-room.—**President:** D. Yellowlees, M.D., Glasgow. **Vice-Presidents:** G. J. Header, M.D., Carmarthen; G. E. Shuttleworth, M.D., Lancaster. **Secretaries:** C. Pegge, M.R.C.S., Vernon House, Briton Ferry, Glamorgan; A. Strange, M.D., County Asylum, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury.

SECTION F. OPHTHALMOLOGY AND OTOLGY. Grand Jury Room.—*President:* Henry Power, M.B., F.R.C.S., London. *Vice-Presidents:* E. Woakes, M.D., London; D. C. Lloyd Owen, F.R.C.S., Birmingham. *Secretaries:* J. Milward, M.D., 54, Charles Street, Cardiff; A. Emrys-Jones, M.D., 10, St. John Street, Manchester.

SECTION G. PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS. Council Chamber.—*President:* T. R. Fraser, M.D., F.R.S., Edinburgh. *Vice-Presidents:* J. Talford Jones, M.B., Brecon; W. Muriell, M.D., 38, Weymouth Street, London. *Secretaries:* Evan Jones, M.R.C.S., Ty Mawr, Aberdare; J. H. Wathen, L.R.C.P., Coburg Villa, Richmond Hill, Clifton.

Local Secretary: Alfred Sheen, M.D., Halswell House, Cardiff

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH, 1885.

2.30 P.M.—Meeting of 1884-85 Council. Council Chamber, Town Hall.

3.30 P.M.—General Meeting. Report of Council and other business. Adjourn at 5 P.M. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

8 P.M.—General Meeting. President's Address, and any business adjourned from meeting at 3.30 o'clock. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 1885.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1885-86 Council. Council Chamber, Town Hall.

11.0 A.M.—Second General Meeting. Address in Therapeutics. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

5 to 7 P.M.—Garden Party by the High Sheriff of Glamorgan and Mrs. Hill.

8 P.M.—A *Conversation* will be given by the President of the Association and the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch. Park Hall, Park Place.

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 1885.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council. Council Chamber, Town Hall.

11 A.M.—Third General Meeting. Address in Surgery. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner. Park Hall, Park Place.

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 1885.

10 A.M.—Address in Public Medicine. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

11 A.M.—Sectional Meetings.

2 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

8 P.M.—Reception by the Mayor of Cardiff. Park Hall, Park Place.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 1885.

EXCURSIONS.

* * * *Members intending to visit Cardiff during the Meeting, are requested to send in their names, and stating if accompanied by ladies, as soon as possible to the Honorary Secretary of the Reception Committee, Dr. Alfred Sheen, Halswell House, Cardiff.*

Members desirous of reading papers, cases, or other communications, are requested to forward the titles to the General Secretary, or to one of the Secretaries of the Section in which the paper is to be read, on or before July 21st.

EXCURSIONS.

In order to facilitate the arrangements for the excursions, members, in sending in their names, should state if intending to go any of the following excursions.

1. *Tintern Abbey and Raglan Castle.*—The party will leave the Great Western Railway Station, Cardiff, by special train at 10.30, reaching Chepstow at 11.30. Here carriages will be in readiness to drive to the foot of the Windcliff, a perpendicular mass of rocks rising 800 feet above the level of the river, and overhung with thickets; from the summit is obtained a magnificent view of the Wye, and parts of nine counties—namely, Monmouth, Gloucester, Wilts, Somerset, Devon, Glamorgan, Brecon, Hereford, and Worcester. Tintern will be reached at 1 P.M., when luncheon will be served at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. The Abbey will be visited after luncheon; and at 4.50 the special train will leave Tintern Station for Raglan, which will be reached at 5.40. Raglan Castle, one of the most picturesque ruins in Wales, will be visited, and afternoon-tea will be served on the lawn. The party will leave by special train at 7 P.M., and reach Cardiff at 8 P.M.

2. *Glastonbury Abbey and Wells Cathedral.*—The party will leave the Taff Vale Railway Station at 7.25 A.M., and proceed by steamer from the Pier Head at 7.45 A.M., reaching Burnham about 9.30 A.M., and Wells at 10.30. The west front of the Cathedral is one of the noblest Gothic façades in the kingdom, and is especially interesting for its sculptures, consisting of upwards of 300 statues. The ruined Bishop's Palace will also be seen, occupying, with its pleasure ground, upwards of fourteen acres. Luncheon will be served at the Swan Hotel at 1 P.M. At 3.35 P.M. the party will leave by train for Glastonbury, which will be reached at 3.47. The ruins of the Abbey will be visited, and afternoon tea will be served at the George Inn, at 5.30.

In the cemetery, tradition says, are buried King Arthur and his Queen Guinevere, and Joseph of Arimathea. In the garden grows one of the oldest of the Holy-thorn trees, a graft from the miraculous staff of St. Joseph, which sprouted when thrust into the ground, and ever afterwards retained the power of flowering at Christmas. At 7.30 the party will leave for Burnham, and start at 9 P.M. for Cardiff by steamer.

3. *Caerphilly Castle and Dowlais Iron Works.*—By invitation of the Marquess of Bute, a special train will be arranged over the Taff Vale Railway, and down to Caerphilly Castle by the Rhymney Railway, where refreshments will be provided. By kind permission of G. T. Clark, Esq., the Dowlais Iron Works will be visited in this excursion. Caerphilly Castle is one of the largest and grandest old ruins in the kingdom. (The arrangements for this excursion are not yet complete.)

4. *Symonds Yat and the Speech House, Forest of Dean.*—Symonds Yat, near Monmouth, is an elevated cliff, standing 600 feet above the sea-level, and renowned for the singular view which it commands of the numerous and beautiful mazes of the river Wye. The Speech House is charmingly situated in the midst of the Forest of Dean, and is surrounded with forest-drives and open glades. The party will leave the Great Western Railway Station, Cardiff, by special train, at 10.30. At Newport, they will change into the ordinary train for Symonds Yat, which leaves at 11.5, and reaches Symonds Yat at 12.46. Luncheon at 1 P.M., at the Symonds Yat Refreshment House. Tea at 5.30, at Speech House. The party will walk a distance of two miles to Lydbrook Junction, in time to catch the 3.20 train for Speech House, which will be reached at 4 P.M. They will return at 6.24, *via* Lydney, reaching Cardiff at 8.10.

ANNUAL MUSEUM.

THE nineteenth annual exhibition of objects of interest in connection with medicine, surgery, and sanitary science, will take place in the Public Hall, Queen Street, Cardiff, during July 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1885. (Floor-space, 9,000 feet.)

The Museum will be divided into the following sections.

SECTION A.—Preparations, diagrams, casts, and models of anatomical and pathological objects, microscopes and microscopical preparations. (Secretary, W. M. Hier Evans, Esq.)

SECTION B.—Surgical and medical instruments and appliances; other instruments for scientific investigation; new medical works. (Secretary, A. Plain, M.B.)

SECTION C.—Foods, drugs, chemicals, and pharmaceutical preparations. (Secretary, Maurice G. Evans, M.D.)

SECTION D. SANITARY SECTION.—1. Books on sanitation. 2. Ambulances and appliances for carrying or moving sick and wounded. 3. Recent improvements in hospital furniture. 4. Personal hygiene, as clothing, beds, educational appliances, domestic appliances, filters, and arrangements for softening water; disinfectants and disinfecting apparatus. (Secretary (1, 2, 3, 4), E. Seward, A.R.I.B.A.) 5. Sanitary appliances, including drawings, models, and apparatus illustrative of the ventilation, lighting, draining, etc., of hospitals, public buildings, and private dwellings. (Illustrations of defects usually found would be of great interest.) (Secretary, E. M. B. Vaughan, A.R.I.B.A.)

In Sections A and D a printed name and description must be attached to each exhibit.

In Sections B and D, and with microscopes in Section A, exhibitors must send a printed list, with the name, number, and price of each article, and a corresponding number on each exhibit.

Unless these instructions are carried out, the exhibits will be declined. The medical, surgical, and scientific instruments and sanitary appliances must be genuine novelties or improvements on those in common use.

EXHIBITION OF INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

It is intended to arrange for the exhibition of complete series of instruments, electro-therapeutic apparatus, instruments for physical diagnosis, and appliances relating to sanitary science and public health.

Facilities will also be afforded, when requested, for the display of instruments and apparatus in action.

CATALOGUE.—It is intended to print a catalogue of the exhibits in the Museum, and lithograph-plan. Descriptions should be sent in as early as possible, not later than June 20th, 1885.

TO EXHIBITORS.—All expenses of carriage to be prepaid, and all risks to be borne by the exhibitors; but the committee will exercise every care of the articles entrusted to them. A card bearing the name and address of the exhibitor, with the name of the instrument,

etc., to be enclosed in each package, ready to be fixed on the outside of the exhibit.

All communications with reference to the museum and advertisements for the catalogue to be addressed (prepaid) to C. E. HARDY-MAN, Esq., 42, Crookherbtown, Cardiff.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS.

Notice is hereby given that, at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Town Hall, Cardiff, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, a motion will be made on behalf of the Council that, in Articles 13 and 15, the word "fifty" be altered for "one hundred," so as to read as follows, namely:

13. The Council may, whenever they think fit, and they shall, upon a requisition made in writing by any one hundred or more members, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

15. Upon the receipt of such requisition, the Council shall forthwith proceed to convene a general meeting; and if they do not so within twenty-one days from the date of the requisition, any one hundred members may themselves convene a meeting.

That the following addition be made at the end of By-law No. 27:

"Any casual vacancy occurring in the Council may be filled up by any Branch, the representation of which may have become vacant. The return of the election of a representative member by any Branch to fill a casual vacancy, shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary of the Association by the President or Secretary of such Branch. But any person so chosen shall retain his office so long only as the representative member in respect of whom such casual vacancy may occur would have retained the same."

MR. DIX gives notice that he will move that an addition be made to By-law 22 in the words following:

"The railway fares—first class return—of the Representatives of the Branches who attend the Meetings of the Council shall be paid from the funds of the Association."

MR. GEORGE BROWN hereby gives notice that he will move an alteration in By-law 17, paragraph (D), so as to read:

"Any member shall be eligible as such representative if he be a member of the Association, and shall not be disqualified to act if not resident within the area of the Branch he has been elected to represent."

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

161A, Strand, London, June 18th, 1885.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Ulceration of the Mouth and Digestive Tract, consequent on Large Doses of Morphine.—A New Method of Testing the Presence of Sugar in Urine.—The New Hospital at Havre.—General News.

DR. SOURROUILLE publishes a history of a patient who, suffering from uterine cancer, had exhausted every palliative. He administered morphia pills, beginning with five centigrammes, and going on to 25. Subcutaneous injections were objected to. The pain was greatly reduced, and there was no sickness; but the patient suffered from thirst and dry mouth and throat, and deglutition became difficult. Food was repugnant to her; she was constipated, and micturition caused great pain. A short time after morphia was administered, the buccal cavity, pharynx, and digestive tract were invaded by a number of small ulcers; some were deep, others superficial. The patient was unable to take any food. Dr. Sourrouille suppressed the morphia, and the ulcers disappeared without applying any detergent. Subsequently, uterine pains reappeared; morphia was again administered, and the ulcerations reappeared.

M. Coignard, at a recent meeting of the Académie de Médecine, stated, on the authority of M. E. Gautrelet, hospital chemist, that the presence of urobilin and indicans in urine causes error when Fehling's fluid is used for estimating sugar. In order to accurately estimate the quantity of glucose in urine, three operations are necessary: a chemical—the use of Fehling's fluid; a physical—polarisation; a physiological—fermentation by yeast. The chemical test is effected by a new method. To 50 centigrammes of urine add 10 centigrammes cube of subacetate of lead, then filter; to 10 cubic centigrammes of clear filtered solution add 20 drops of Fehling's solution, and the fluid becomes slightly blue. Then boil; and, if the fluid lose all colour, indican is present, and discoloration persists when the fluid cools. If the blue colour remain, urobilin is present, and the colour does not become more intense when the fluid cools. If the fluid lose or retain its colour, but deepen by cooling, glucose is present.

The new hospital at Havre was inaugurated last week, in the

presence of the mayors of Havre and Calvados, the prefect of the Seine, and the presidents of the Académie de Médecine and the Société de Médecine Publique. The hospital consists of 17 pavilions dispersed over an area of 65,000 square metres. Eleven of the pavilions are used as wards for the patients. These have ogival roofs, so as to avoid nooks and corners where dust settles; the walls are varnished, and easily washed. There is a mosaic floor, and all the pieces are carefully joined together, in order to prevent interstices from serving as receptacles for dust. The pavilions for patients' use have double walls. The air that fills the space secures the wards against sudden changes of temperature. All the wards are built over underground rooms, and are thus perfectly dry. The hospital is lighted by electricity. In the underground part of the building, there are all possible appliances for disinfecting furniture, linen, etc.; these are also placed at the disposal of the townspeople. There is a perfect system of Russian baths, in addition to every other kind that can be wanted in health or sickness. A pavilion is set apart for contagious and infectious diseases, another for patients whose malady is not defined, and also one for convalescent patients. The total expense of this hospital amounts to 1,875,000 francs (£75,000). It can furnish 312 beds; each bed costs, therefore, £240.

M. Duclaux states that, on examining the retorts M. Pasteur had used for his experiments in 1860, he found that 15 among the 65 contained living microbes, after an interval of twenty years. All the living microbes are aerobic. They absorb the slightest trace of oxygen left in confined air, and their germs live in an atmosphere deprived of oxygen. Those which have the most persistent vitality are the most active. There are six of these: *Aspergillus niger* of M. Raulin, or *Sterigmatoecystis nigra* (micrococcus) of M. van Tieghem; the *Urococcus vivax*; the *Tyrophrix tenuis*; the *Tyrophrix filiformis*, discovered by M. Duclaux whilst engaged in his study on milk; the *Tyrophrix tenuior* and the *Tyrophrix tenuissimus*, new species, which, like the two preceding, are bacilli.

The Minister of Commerce has directed Dr. Gibier to go to Spain to study and report on Dr. Ferran's cholera vaccinations. News comes from Belgium that the Government has desired Dr. Van Ermengen to go to Spain on a similar mission. Dr. Van Ermengen studied the cholera epidemic last year at Toulon.

The French National Society of Acclimatisation held its 28th meeting a few days ago at the Vaudeville Theatre. M. Bouley, of the Institute, presided. M. Levasseur gave an interesting lecture on the increase of the European race in the 19th century by colonisation. Dr. Ballay has left Paris to conduct an exploring expedition in Congo.

News comes from Mexico that the Government authorises young soldiers being inoculated with yellow fever, according to Dr. Carmona's method. Experiments have been made on prisoners by their consent. All those thus inoculated exhibited symptoms of yellow fever. It is believed that it is a prophylactic measure, which remains active from four to five years. It will be tested in the Sonora State and on the west coast of Mexico.

The asylums for the insane at Marseilles have apparently a very faulty organisation. A few days ago news came of a patient being scalded to death by another madman in consequence of the negligence of an attendant. Another murder is announced, committed by one of the inmates of the Saint Pierre Asylum in the environs of Marseilles. One of the patients left his bed during the night and broke the head of his neighbour by striking him with a metal basin. He went to another patient, and exclaimed "I have just killed the devil; kill me." Fortunately his fellow patient had sufficient sense to go and fetch the attendant.

M. Deschamps has proposed to the Municipal Council to decree that all hospital directors should admit patients sent in by midwives and medical men attached to the Bureaux de Bienfaisance. This proposition, which is sent in to the Commission of the Assistance Publique, was suggested by a painful incident which occurred. A poor woman was deserted by her husband at an hotel. The proprietor placed her in a small room, where neither light nor air entered. The midwife who attended her wished to remove her to a hospital. Unable to procure a *brancard*, she conducted the mother and infant to the Lariboisière Hospital, where she was refused admittance. She then applied at the Obstetrical Clinic, where she was again refused. The midwife expressed her indignation in unmeasured terms, and was taken to the station-house. Finally, the mother was admitted at the Hôtel Dieu. The incident has attracted public attention, and the Director of Public Assistance has made the following statement concerning it. The porter at Lariboisière sent away the patient without consulting the house-surgeon, and has been severely blamed. The Director explains that the refusals elsewhere were equally ill founded, and regrets the unhappy occurrence, but fears that, as 120,000 patients are

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations, were admitted Licentiates in Dental Surgery at a meeting of the Board on the 24th instant.

Messrs. P. C. A. Bardet, Geneva; G. G. Campion, Manchester; W. J. England, Hampstead; F. H. Goffe, Birmingham; A. J. Jones, Maida Vale; G. H. Mugford, Exeter; F. S. Peall, Brixton Rise; A. B. Robinson, Liverpool; C. R. Smith, Leamington; H. L. Williams, Llanberis; W. M. Gabriel, Gloucester Gardens; and A. S. Mackrell, Queen Anne Street, W.

Four candidates were referred.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.—At the recent examinations in Medicine and Surgery, the following candidates satisfied the Examiners.

Degree of Doctor in Medicine, for Practitioners of Fifteen Years' Standing.—F. C. Batchelor, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.; J. B. Harris, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; J. E. Morris, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; F. S. Palmer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.; G. Ransford, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; R. P. Simpson, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

Degree of Doctor in Medicine (Essay).—F. Eastes, M.B., M.R.C.S.; E. L. Powde, M.B.; S. T. Pruen, M.B., M.R.C.S.

Degree of Master in Surgery.—G. S. Aslett, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., King's College; C. C. Caleb, M.B., M.R.C.S.; J. R. Roberts, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Middlesex Hospital; C. P. Walker, M.R.C.S., Guy's Hospital.

Second Examination for Degree of Bachelor in Medicine: Second-Class Honours in Order of Merit.—J. R. Roberts, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Middlesex Hospital; C. J. Evers, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Queen's College, Birmingham; F. P. Maynard, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. N. Richardson, M.R.C.S., Leeds Medical School.—*Pass-List in Alphabetical Order.*—G. S. Aslett, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., King's College; A. R. Aubrey, Bristol School of Medicine; P. Boobyer, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., King's College; R. T. Bowden, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; G. R. Hall, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; H. J. Hillstead, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Guy's Hospital; A. J. Hubbard, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., St. Thomas's Hospital; J. L. T. Jones, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. H. Mead, St. George's Hospital; W. F. Moore, M.R.C.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; S. J. Palmer, M.R.C.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; H. B. W. Plummer, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; F. Proud, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; F. A. Saw, Charing Cross Hospital; C. J. Tabor, Middlesex Hospital; C. P. Walker, M.R.C.S., Guy's Hospital.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 18th, 1885.

Cones, John Archibald, M.R.C.S. Eng., St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Randell, Reginald Maurice Henry, M.R.C.S. Eng., Guy's Hospital.

On the same day, the following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, and received certificates to practise.

Bullen, Frederick St. John, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Warren, Sydney, St. Thomas's Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN. Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications by July 7th.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by July 1st.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E. Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications to the Secretary, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Park Place, Manchester.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80. Applications to Mr. Hubert Teague, 38, Barton Arcade, Manchester.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by July 2nd.

EDMONTON UNION.—Medical Officer for the Mill Corner and Cockfoster's District of the Parish of Enfield. Applications by June 30th.

FRENCH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY, 10, Leicester Place, Leicester Square.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications at once.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—House Governor. Salary, £250 per annum. Applications by July 1st.

GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, and Gartside Street, Manchester.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by June 30th.

GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Medical Officer to the Dispensary. Salary, £180 per annum. Applications by June 30th.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N.—Physician. Applications by June 29th.

HANTS COUNTY ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Committee of Visitors, Knowle, Fareham, by July 8th.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Curator of Anatomy. Applications to J. W. Cunningham.

OMAGH UNION.—Medical Officer for the Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum. Election, June 27th.

RICHMOND HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by July 1st.

ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician. Applications by July 8th.

ROYAL SOUTH LONDON DISPENSARY, St. George's Cross, Lambeth Road, S.E.—Surgeon. Honorarium, £20 per annum. Applications to Mr. E. Nundy by June 29th.

SALOP AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES LUNATIC ASYLUM, Shrewsbury.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 8th.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Brighton.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by July 15th.

TIPPERARY UNION.—Medical Officer for the Cappaghwhite Dispensary District. Salary, £110 per annum, and £20 as Medical Officer of Health. Applications by June 30th.

VICTORIA DOCK DISPENSARY DISTRICT.—Junior Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to the Secretary.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith.—Physician. Applications by June 29th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ALDRIDGE, C., M.D., appointed Second Honorary Physician to the Plymouth Public Dispensary, *vice* E. E. Meeres, M.D., resigned.

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

DILLOX, J. T., M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Listowel Dispensary of the Union, *vice* U. Fitzmaurice, M.D., deceased.

ELLIOTT, William, L.D.S. Edin. and Dub., F.C.S., appointed Professor of Dental Mechanics in Queen's College, Birmingham.

HERN, William, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., appointed Assistant Dental Surgeon to the Dental Hospital of London.

O'CALLAGHAN, R. T. A., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Surgeon to the County Infirmary, Carlow.

ROYDS, William A. S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Surgeon to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

SKENE, W., L.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the West Bromwich Friendly Societies' Medical Alliance, *vice* J. Ashton, L.R.C.P., resigned.

STAWELL, J. Cooper, M.B., appointed Medical Officer to the Bagnalstown Dispensary of Carlow Union, *vice* R. T. A. O'Callaghan, L.R.C.S.I., resigned.

VAUDREY, E., M.B., appointed Resident Assistant House-Surgeon to the Derbyshire General Infirmary.

WOLFHAGEN, J. E., M.B., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 2s. 6d. which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTHS.

CARTER.—June 19th, at Savile House, Potter Newton, Leeds, the wife of F. R. Carter, M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

MAWSON.—On June 18th, at Corrie House, Thornton, near Bradford, the wife of J. Hargreave Mawson, L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

COTTELL—MURRAY.—On June 18th, at Crouch Hill, by the Rev. A. C. Murphy, D.Lit., Arthur Bowditch Cottell, Surgeon, Medical Staff, to Helen Mackintosh, daughter of William M. Murray, Esq., of Brambledown. Indian, China, and Australian papers please copy.

DEATH.

BENDALL.—On June 18th, at 9, Titchfield Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., Howard Bendall, M.D., M.R.C.S., in his thirty-second year.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FESTIVAL DINNER.—The annual festival dinner of St. Mary's Hospital was held on Wednesday, June 24th. The chair was taken by Mr. George Palmer, M.P. for Reading, who was supported by a numerous company of noblemen and gentlemen. The chairman, in proposing the toast of "Prosperity to St. Mary's Hospital," pointed out that a considerably larger income was now required to maintain the additional beds provided in the new wing, which has added very much to the efficiency, not only of the hospital, but of the medical school. At present, the committee were only able to make use of 240 beds, out of the total number of 270. The secretary was subsequently able to announce that the sum of £2,200 had been contributed.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 p.m. Specimens will be shown. Dr. Priestley: Notes of a Visit to some of the Lying-in Hospitals in the North of Europe, and particularly on the Advantages of the Antiseptic System in Obstetric Practice. Dr. Herman: On the Suppuration of Pelvic Dermoid Cysts. Mr. Hine: Case of Obstructed Labour in which Spontaneous Version followed an Unsuccessful Attempt to deliver by the Crotchet after Craniotomy.

FRIDAY.—Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, 8.30 p.m. Living specimens at 8 p.m. Discussion on the President's paper on Reflex Ophthalmitis. Mr. Anderson Critchett: Case of Extreme Retinal Irritability. Mr. J. B. Lawford: Tubercle of Choroid. Mr. Walter Edmunds and Mr. J. B. Lawford: Pathological Anatomy of Optic Neuritis.

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.—Easu London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.
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ACUTE MENINGITIS IN RELATION TO DISEASE OF THE NASAL MUCOUS MEMBRANE.

SIR,—Neither Dr. Frank Ogston's report of his case in the JOURNAL of May 16th, nor Dr. McNaught's note of two cases, published in the JOURNAL of May 23rd, seem to prove that the meningitis originated, in any one of these cases, from inflammation of the nasal mucous membrane.

Dr. Ogston gives no history of symptoms pointing to nasal disease, and he does not state that he found the nasal mucous membrane diseased. He apparently relies on the facts that there were signs of inflammation extending from the cribriform plate of the ethmoid, and that, when the bone was cut through here, pus welled from the nasal cavity (ethmoidal cells?) into the brain-cavity. But it is to be remarked that he also found the dura mater thickened and roughened at the parts overlying the middle ears, and the middle ears were "filled with dirty reddish fluid." Does not this rather point to ear-disease as the primary cause of the meningitis? The inflammation involving the ethmoid might be secondary to that over the tympanum, though continuity were not apparent. There is no note of the condition of the tympanic membrane.

As regards Dr. McNaught's cases, he says there were no signs indicating affection of the nasal mucous membrane, except the sudden purulent discharge, and this he seems to accept as a proof. In connection with these cases, I may relate a third. Two years ago, I saw a case of meningitis unquestionably connected with ear-disease, and not with nasal disease. After the usual symptoms, rigors and stupor came on, and soon a messenger came for me hurriedly, with the information that "an abscess had burst in the head."

I found the man dying, with pus issuing freely from one nostril; but I do not suppose that this came from the frontal sinus.—Your obedient servant,

M.D., C.M.

MR. F. R. HUMPHREYS, of Queen's Crescent, Haverstock Hill, forwards the following notes in relation to the same subject.

A case occurred while I was house-surgeon at the Windsor Royal Infirmary and Dispensary. A boy was admitted on July 8th for "sunstroke." He had been taken suddenly ill while working in an out-house before breakfast. On admission, he complained of intense headache; and, having other symptoms of meningitis, an ice-coil was applied to his head. The symptoms increased, the patient becoming less conscious. On July 10th, he became much worse, and collapse set in. During the night, what appeared to be an abscess burst through his right nostril. The boy recovered steadily after this. Just before leaving the hospital, he had a molar tooth of the right upper jaw extracted for severe toothache, and with it came away a large piece of necrosed bone. The explanation of the case appeared to us, at the time, to be that an abscess had formed in the antrum in connection with the tooth, had set up in some way meningitis, and had ultimately burst through the nose, and so relieved the patient.

A CASE OF SUPERFETATION.

SIR,—In the JOURNAL of May 30th, I notice, under the above heading, a letter from Mr. Gordon Nicholls, in which he states that, on going to see his patient a second time, he found "a still-born fetus of about eight months, and, by the side of it, a fetus of about four and a half months' duration; the latter was in a state of desquamation; the other had apparently been dead only a few hours. The placentae were quite separate and distinct, the smaller one breaking down under the touch, while the larger was normal."

As I am somewhat interested in this subject, might I ask Mr. Nicholls what evidence he has that the period of conception was different for each child? and what he would have his readers to understand by the word duration? Is it that the child had been conceived about four months and a half previously? or that it died at about the period of four and a half months from the time of conception?—I am, sir, yours truly,

JOHN W. WATSON.

Limavady.

ACTION OF QUININE ON THE UTERUS.

SIR,—The action of quinine on the pregnant uterus is so generally believed in by Europeans in India, that women who are pregnant are very chary of taking it, even when attacked by ague, for fear that it should cause abortion. One day last year, I was called to see the wife of a warrant-officer in the Ordnance Department, and found her suffering from ague, for which she had not taken quinine, as she was in the family-way. On inquiry, I learned that her time was up, according to her calculation, and that she was expecting any day. I then explained to her husband that, even if quinine did bring on labour, no harm would be done, and he consented that it should be given. She took two five-grain doses that day, and during the night pains came on, and she was safely delivered early in the morning. The ague left her. I may here remark that I have for a long time given quinine in five-grain doses while the ague-fit was actually on, and not only found no harm in the practice, but that the fit was cut short by it.—I am, etc.,

T. MURTAGH, Surgeon-Major, Medical Staff.

WORMS.

SIR,—I have now under my care a very remarkable case of a young lady, aged 21, who is infested with worms (the common round). Previously to 1879 she was quite healthy. She states she was then seized with a lancinating pain at the back of the head, to the left side, confined to one spot, together with a glazed blush on the left cheek, and partial closure of the eye on that side. The pain was temporarily relieved by local remedies, as morphia, etc., only to return at frequent intervals with the blush. Two years ago she was attacked by a similar pain at the lower part of the abdomen, which consultation decided was an irritable spot on the interior of an undeveloped uterus, being worse at the catamenial periods, these being regular, but scanty. Having a suspicion of worms, male-fem was administered, with no result. Cowhage dislodged them, and enemas of quassia and assafoetida produced the expulsion of a large quantity. The bowel then became, and is now practically free, and the abdominal pain disappeared. Emetics revealed dead worms knotted together; then they escaped to the number of 15 to 20, every twenty-four hours, through the nostril, the external ear, and the inner canthus of the eye in the order stated, always on the left side, the pain in the head being greatly relieved. They are still coming through the ear, nothing making any impression upon them. I have personally observed them actually emerging from the several parts stated, so am able to assert with confidence. If any of your readers can suggest a remedy which can assist in producing their extermination, it will be gratefully received.—Yours faithfully,

414, Stretford Road, Manchester.

KENT FAIRCLOUGH, M.D.

MR. W. C. GALLOWAY. The question of precedence of nationalities is not one which we can undertake to settle.

APHIDES ON PLANTS.

SIR,—I sympathise with Dr. Browne in his anxiety to cure his out-door patient, and I think I may help him. I have at present under treatment a gentleman who has a large number of patients affected with the same disease as Dr. Browne's interesting sufferer, and he tells me, that a never-failing remedy, and one which is now coming generally into use, is to squirt the patient all over with a dilute solution of soft soap. The precautions requisite are, first to dissolve the soft soap in a small quantity of boiling water before mixing it with the requisite volume of cold water, by which means "lumpiness" of the solution is avoided; and then you must squirt upwards as well as downwards, so as to irrigate effectually all the aphides. Plants have skin-diseases as well as man. I am told by the lexicographer Dean Scott (the joint author with Dean Liddell of the *Lexicon*) that so far from the name lichen being derived, as it is commonly thought to be, from *λεῖχον* a tree-moss, the right version of the matter is the very converse of this. The primary signification of *λεῖχον* is "skin-disease;" the tree-moss having been regarded by the ancients as a skin-disease of the tree. It undoubtedly is so. It is a vegetable-parasite skin-disease of the tree, just as the aphides constitute an animal-parasite skin-disease of the tree.—I am, your obedient servant,

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INCONTINENCE OF URINE AND FÆCES.

SIR,—In my hands Liquid Extract of *Rhus Aromatica* (Parke, Davis, and Co.) has produced very satisfactory results in nocturnal incontinence of urine. I beg to suggest a trial of it to "M.B., C.M." I give it in full doses, proportioned to the patient's age, three times daily. I should probably give his patient 5 to 8 minims in each dose.—Yours truly,

M.D. BRUX.

DR. SIMON BARNET.—The communication is too long for insertion. We agree with Dr. Barnett as to the high merits of Dr. Emmet's work, which was reviewed in the *JOURNAL* of May 16th.

AJVAIN OR O'MAM SEEDS.

SIR,—In the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of June 6th, Dr. Waring, in his "Remarks on a few Articles of the Indian Materia Medica," refers to ajvain or o'mam seeds in the treatment of dipsomania; I am sure he will confer a great favour on his professional brethren by kindly stating where they can be procured, also the preparations and doses, if any.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. PURDON, M.D.

14, College Square East, Belfast.

A REMEDY FOR HAY-FEVER.

SIR,—At this time of the year, no excuse will be needed for making as widely known as possible a remedy for this tiresome complaint. The process may sound a little formidable to your lay readers, but it is really simple, and becomes easy after one or two trials. The thing to be done is to pass about a pint of tepid water, containing a powder, up one nostril and down the other. Get a druggist to prepare a fine powder consisting of equal parts of borax and pure alum. Of this powder dissolve about a small salt-spoonful, or 20 grains, in a pint of water rather warmer than tepid. Buy three feet of India-rubber tubing, such as is used for feeding-bottles. Fasten one end of this tubing in the jug of water in such a way as to ensure its remaining at the bottom. Place the jug on a shelf or wardrobe well above the head and exhaust the air by suction at the other end. When the water begins to flow, place this end a little way up one nostril, which should be gently closed about it. On leaning the head over a basin, the water will escape in a continuous stream by the other nostril, and, judging by my own experience, instant alleviation will result. It may be done twice a day, and care should be taken to seize the moment when the patient is feeling pretty well and his nostrils clear. Of course, during the operation, he must breathe through his throat. I am indebted for the above to a London incumbent who had been cured by the application, and have found it remarkably efficacious in my own case.—Yours faithfully,

A. D. G.

IMPERFORATE VAGINA.

SIR,—I think the following case is of value when looked at from a medico-legal point. A woman came to consult me whom I deemed it necessary to examine. I found the orifice of the vagina so small that it would only admit the entrance of a No. 1 rectal bougie and undilatable. She had been married 17 years. Both her husband and herself were quite ignorant of the fact that perfect intercourse had never taken place. His penis was of a full average size.—Faithfully yours,

M.R.C.S.E.

STAMMERING AND STUTTERING.

SIR,—As much misapprehension exists, perhaps the following brief notice may interest your readers.

1. Speech, or articulated voice, depends for its perfect production on vigour of mind, on sound natural organisation, and on due training of the vocal and articulating apparatus.

2. Stammering is inability to articulate, marked by slowness, stoppage, hesitation, and indistinctness, but not with repetition; whereas stuttering consists in a painful repetition of the same consonants, often attended by flushing and facial contortions.

3. Stammering and stuttering may sometimes be caused by organic defects, such as cleft palate, harelip, enlarged uvula, inflamed tonsils, etc.; but these impediments are far more frequently due to functional causes, that is, habit, imitation, heredity, etc. Nervousness is often the consequence, or concomitant of stammering, rather than its cause. Organic effects must, of course, be treated medically or surgically, but the subsequent cure belongs to the elocutionist; while functional derangements (wrong action of the voice apparatus), are peculiarly his province.

4. The sooner the curative process begins, the greater is the prospect of success. What is easily eradicated at an early age, becomes hard to remove at a later period; though at any time of life, alleviation, if not cure, can be assured as the result of perseverance. "He will grow out of it," is a fatal saying. A fair time ought to be given, according to the nature of the case; for "a few lessons" cannot reasonably be expected to undo the mischief of many years; and the teacher is often accused of failure, when the blame is solely attributable to the patient or the parent.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

King's College, London.

ALEX. J. D. D'ORSEY.

R. W. (Edinburgh).—Duly received, and is being carefully considered.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL AND MR. L. D. PARRY.

SIR,—Reading in the *JOURNAL* of May 16th that the case of Mr. Parry, who was convicted a year or two ago of manslaughter in New Zealand, has been brought before the Medical Council, and has been referred to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh with a view to erasing his name from the *Medical Register* in this country; as one personally acquainted with that unfortunate gentleman before his departure abroad, I beg to draw attention to the fact that, although his name has been erased from the *New Zealand Register*, there were many petitions at the time of his conviction from all the colonial medical societies, and among others from the affiliated Branch of the British Medical Association, affirming that the conviction had been against the evidence, and asking for a remission of the sentence, but unfortunately it appears without success. All this was reported and commented upon by most of the medical journals at the time, and the general opinion was, I think, decidedly in favour of Mr. Parry. As, therefore, it is by no means improbable that this gentleman may have received but scant justice in New Zealand, being, not unlikely, the victim of popular prejudice, but too apt to be excited against any practitioner unfortunate enough to lose a patient in child-bed, I trust that all the particulars of his case will be carefully considered by the authorities in this country before coming to a final decision, and that the example of the colonial legislature will not be followed as a mere matter of routine.—I am, yours faithfully,

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