

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1886.

## 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 April 14th, July 14th, and October 20th, 1886. 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, March 25th, June 24th, and September 30th, 1886.

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

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 on Acute Rheumatism be sent in at as early a date as possible, as the printing of the Tables is in progress.

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

**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.

**THE CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE.**—Additional replies are earnestly requested on the schedule issued with the JOURNAL of May 9th, 1885. Copies of the schedule may be had at once on application.

**PROGNOSIS IN HEART-VALVE DISEASE**, based on an examination of cases in which the lesion has existed for an unusual length of time without producing serious symptoms; **THE EXTREME DURATION OF INFECTIOUSNESS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** The Committee has proposed these two subjects for future inquiry, and has referred them to the Branches of the Association, in accordance with its regulations, with a view to preliminary discussion during the present year. Arrangements have also been entered into with the Section of Medicine of the Annual Meeting of 1886 to hold a discussion upon "Cases in which Disease of the Heart-Valves has been known to exist for upwards of five years without causing serious symptoms;" and with the Section of Public Health to hold a discussion on "The Duration of Infectiousness." The inquiry-papers, to be subsequently issued, will be based upon the information afforded in these Branch and general discussions.

*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.*

\* \* The COMMITTEE earnestly requests EARLY replies to the International Inquiry paper on the Geographical Distribution of certain diseases, at present being circulated in the Branches of the Association.

## BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**SOUTH INDIAN BRANCH.**—Meetings are held in the Medical College, Madras, on the first Friday in the month, at 4.30 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.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.**—The next meeting will be held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Adams, at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, February 18th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. Stephen Mackenzie will demonstrate a number of patients suffering from various forms of Skin-diseases.—J. W. HUNT, Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.**—The next meeting will be held in the Boardroom of the Great Northern Central Hospital, on Thursday, February 25th, 1886, at 8.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Dr. Dickson, President of the Branch. Mr. W. Spencer Watson will read a paper on Recent Improvements in the Treatment of Nasal Polypi and Chronic Rhinitis, and will exhibit an instrument for applying dry antiseptic vapour to wounds, and during operations. Dr. Fancourt Barnes: Case of Uterine Myoma, treated by oophorectomy. Dr. R. W. Burnet: Case of Cerebral Syphilis; Fits and Recovery. Dr. —: Case of Pott's Disease; Compression of Lung; Hypertrophy of Right Heart. All qualified medical men are invited to attend.—GEORGE HENTY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 302, Camden Road, N.

**STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.**—The second general meeting of the present session will be held at the London and North-Western Railway Hotel, Stafford, on Thursday, February 26th. The President (Mr. J. H. Hartill) will take the chair at half-past three o'clock. Papers.—Mr. F. Marsh: On the Use of Kocher's Method of Reduction of Subcoracoid Dislocations of Humerus. Dr. McAldowie: Paralysis of the Arm from Lesions of the Nerve-Trunks. Mr. Vincent Jackson: The Removal of Vesical Calculi from Boys and Male Infants. Dr. Gibson: Notes on a Case of Supposed Perforating Ulcer of Foot, with Specimen.—VINCENT JACKSON, General Secretary, Wolverhampton, January 27th, 1886.

**SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.**—The half-yearly meeting of the Branch will be held at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 3 p.m., J. D. Harris, Esq., President, in the Chair. Gentlemen desirous of introducing patients, exhibiting specimens, or making communications, are requested to signify their intention at once to EDWARD CURETON, Honorary Secretary.

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.**—The next meeting of the above district will be held at The Infirmary, Gravesend, on Friday, February 26th, at 4 p.m., O. R. Richmond, Esq., in the Chair. Dinner at the New Falcon Hotel, 6 p.m.; charge, 6s., exclusive of wine. Gentlemen who intend to dine are particularly requested to signify their intention to the Chairman, O. R. Richmond, Esq., Lodgewood, Gravesend, not later than February 24th. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend this meeting, and to introduce friends. Papers.—1. Dr. Curnow: Typhoid Fever and its complications; their treatment. 2. Mr. W. Rose: Some points connected with the operative treatment of Inguinal Hernia. 3. Dr. Firth: Three cases of Puerperal Convulsions. 4. Mr. Bryden: Cases of Foreign Bodies in the Ear. Several interesting cases will be exhibited by the medical staff of the infirmary.—A. W. NANKIVELL, Honorary Secretary of the District, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham.

## DUBLIN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The ninth annual meeting of the Branch was held on Thursday, January 28th, in the Hall of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland. There was a large attendance of members. Dr. LOMBE ATTHILL, president of the Branch, occupied the chair.

*Report of Council.*—The honorary secretary, Dr. RICHARD A. HAYES, read the following report. "Your Council, in presenting the ninth annual report, are pleased to be able to congratulate the Branch on its flourishing condition. As compared with last year, the number of members, namely, 175, is practically unaltered, but the Branch has suffered the loss by death of five members, two of whom occupied distinguished positions in the profession, Dr. B. G. McDowel and Mr. Joliffe Tufnell, while three of them, Drs. Neill, Cahill, and Warren, were cut off at a comparatively early period of their career. Your Council have noticed that, among the large number of members of the Association residing in the district embraced by the Dublin Branch, namely, the province of Leinster, there are an increasing number who are not members of the Branch. Your Council trust that these gentlemen may see the advantage and importance of joining the Branch, and thus add to its objects and those of the Association at large, by uniting more closely in one representative organisation formed for the advancement and preservation of the interests of the profession. In compliance with the resolution passed at the last annual general meeting, the report of your Council on the condition of the Army Medical Department was sent to the Parliamentary Bills Committee. That committee having discussed the report, forwarded copies of it to the Secretary of State for War, and to the Director-General of the Medical Staff, pressing upon them the views expressed in the report, and requesting that their attention might be directed to the important subjects referred to in it. To this communication, the following reply was received by the Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, from the permanent Under-Secretary of State.

War Office, Pall Mall, W.

SIR,—I am directed by the Marquis of Hartington to acknowledge your letter of March 10th, enclosing, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association, a report on the present condition of the Army Medical Department.

In thanking you for the same, I am to observe that the only way in which the promotion to administrative grades can be expedited, is to apply a more rigid system of selection; and steps have been recently adopted with this view.

I am glad to add that, bearing in mind the very liberal terms secured to the officers of the medical staff by existing warrants, the Secretary of State is not prepared to reconsider the rates of pension now offered to the senior executive grade, the members of which have, in addition to pension, numerous opportunities of continuous home employment on liberal terms.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

RALPH THOMPSON.

ERNEST HART, Esq., Chairman Parliamentary Bills Committee of the British Medical Association.

"Your Council regret the unsatisfactory nature of this reply, knowing as they do that the system of selection referred to is ineffectual in removing the block of promotion which still exists among the seniors of the executive ranks of the department. They have also to remark that no notice was taken of another subject of complaint in the report, namely, the short period of home service the majority of medical officers obtain, in consequence of the strength of the department having been reduced. Your Council having had their attention drawn to what they consider a substantial grievance of Irish medical practitioners residing in England, namely, that under the regulations of the Local Government Board for England, any practitioner desiring to act as public vaccinator in England must produce a certificate of having been instructed in vaccination at one of the educational vaccination stations named in the regulations of the Local Government Board for England, all of which stations are situated in England or Scotland. Your Council have written the following letter.

British Medical Association, Dublin Branch, Dublin,  
January 11th, 1886.

SIR,—I am directed by the Council of the Dublin Branch of the British Medical Association to request that you will be so good as to call the attention of your Board to the following circumstances which have been recently brought under the notice of the Council, and that you will move your Board to take steps to remove the difficulties at present in the way of our Irish Medical Practitioners becoming qualified to hold the appointment of public vaccinators in England.

Under an Order in Council of December 1st, 1859, the qualifications necessary for becoming "a contractor for vaccination" are defined, and, among other qualifications, it is required that he should "produce a special certificate given under such conditions as the Privy Council from time to time fix, by some public vaccinator whom the Privy Council authorise to act for the purpose, etc.

In order to provide for the granting of the before-mentioned certificates, certain stations are appointed, and certain persons determined as qualified to grant certificates by a notice published by your Board on April 18th, 1885.

Although the list contained in this notice comprise vaccination stations in England and Scotland, it does not include any stations in Ireland. Under these circumstances, Irish medical practitioners are unable, during the period of their medical studies in Ireland, to obtain the qualification in vaccination necessary to enable them to undertake the duties of public vaccinator in England, and are, therefore, under a disability should they settle in England; although, if they remain in Ireland, they are qualified when they become poor law medical officers to exercise the functions of public vaccinators.

When an Irish medical practitioner, resident in England, finds himself thus disqualified, he has, if he wish to become a public vaccinator, to go, at some expenditure of time and money, and often at great inconvenience, to an English or Scotch vaccination station, to obtain the necessary qualification.

The Council of this Branch of the British Medical Association consider that this, which the Council submit is a substantial grievance, ought to be as far as possible removed by the recognition by your Board, under order of the Privy Council, of vaccination stations where instructions might be given, and certificates granted either to those persons instructed by the vaccinator in charge of Irish stations, as in Section (2) of the notice of your Board, or on examination as in Section (3) of the rule.

The Council would take the liberty of suggesting that your Board should communicate with the Local Government for Ireland upon this question, and have no doubt that the Irish Board will be able to satisfy your Board that they have vaccination stations and public vaccinators which can fulfil all the conditions required by the Local Government Board of England.

The Council feel confident, now this question has been put before your Board, that it will be satisfactorily dealt with, and this disability of Irish medical practitioners resident in England speedily removed.—I remain, sir, your obedient servant,  
RICHARD A. HAYES, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

To the Secretary, Local Government Board, Whitehall, London, S.W.

"Up to the present date, no reply to this communication, beyond an official acknowledgment of its receipt, has been received. In connection with the subject of vaccination, your Council have also had under their consideration a recently issued sealed order of the Local Government Board for Ireland, a portion of which they cannot approve. Clause No. XII of the Order limits the revaccination of persons applying for that purpose, by the following conditions. 1st. That the person has attained the age of 15 years, or, if there be an immediate danger of small-pox, the age of 12 years; 2nd. That the person has not before been successfully revaccinated; and 3rd. That there are no circumstances present which would render the operation undesirable. The first two of these conditions seem to your Council, as a general rule, much too arbitrary, and to be an undue interference with the discretion and responsibility of the dispensary medical officer. To the third condition there can be no objection, and it would appear sufficient in itself to embrace the purpose intended to be laid down in the first and second. Dr. Richard Hayes having expressed his wish to resign the honorary secretaryship of the Branch, your Council desire to express its obligation to him for his past services, so ably and cheerfully rendered to the Branch and to the Association. Dr. William Cox Neville has kindly allowed himself to be nominated as honorary secretary, and your Council feel sure that he will be found an efficient successor to Dr. Hayes. The accounts of the Branch, up to January 27th, have been audited by Dr. E. H. Bennett, and show a balance in favour of the Branch of £25 12s. 2d. The thanks of the Branch and Council are again due to the President and Fellows of the College of Physicians for their courteous permission to hold our meetings within its walls."

Mr. STOKES, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in moving the adoption of the report, said that it showed that financially, and in every other way, the Branch was in a satisfactory condition. He thought it would be an advantage if the Branch met oftener than once a year to discuss matters of medical interest.

Dr. MAPOTHER seconded the motion. He concurred with what the Vice-President of the College of Surgeons had said as to the advantage of meeting at times during the year to discuss medical subjects. He believed the Council acted well in writing the paragraph in the report in reference to the difficulty in the way of Irish surgeons caused by the regulations of the Local Government Board, requiring that they should produce certificates of having been instructed at one of the educational vaccination-schools in England. He was happy to see that the Parliamentary representation of their profession had remarkably increased since they had last met, and that, in fact, all sides of politics were well represented. They had now in Parliament an exceedingly able member of their profession, who held the position of Chairman of the Council of the Association, Professor Foster, of Birmingham, whom they all held in the highest esteem, and who had been educated in Dublin. He was glad to see that a well-deserved tribute had been paid in the report to Dr. R. Hayes, who had, with much success, filled the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.—Dr. C. F. MOORE said that, in reference to the paragraph as to the difficulty of surgeons from this country being at once recognised in England as public vaccinators, they were themselves to blame, for the Irish College of Surgeons had given up requiring certificates of qualification as to vaccination. He would be glad to know whether the College of Physicians had also done so. He understood that the Apothecaries' Hall did not require them. There should be a consensus of opinion on the subject. The Local Government Board and the Irish medical bodies should determine on recognising certain public vaccinators, so as to give them a strong claim on the English Local Government Board.—The report was adopted.

*Officers and Council.*—The result of the ballot for the officers of the Branch for the ensuing year was declared to be as follows. *President:* E. H. Bennett, M.D. *President-elect:* T. W. Grimshaw, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* E. D. Mapother, M.D., W. Moore, M.D. *Council:* Lombe Atthill, M.D., John T. Banks, M.D., J. K. Barton, M.D., J. H. Chapman, F.R.C.S.P., A. H. Corley, M.D., George F. Duffey, M.D., E. Hamilton, M.D., R. A. Hayes, M.D., J. W. Moore, M.D., Walter G. Smith, M.D., W. Stokes, M.D., J. J. Thompson, Deputy Surgeon-General. *Representative on the Council of the Association:* George F. Duffey, M.D. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* William C. Neville, M.D.

*New President.*—Dr. E. H. BENNETT then took the chair, and was most cordially received.

*Vote of Thanks to Outgoing President.*—Dr. WILLIAM MOORE moved:

"That the marked thanks of the Branch be given to Dr. Atthill for the manner in which he had presided over the Branch, and for the attention he had bestowed to the interests of the Branch and of the Association during his year of office."

The motion, having been seconded by Dr. EDWARD HAMILTON, was carried with acclamation.

*Presidential Remarks.*—The PRESIDENT, having expressed his thanks for the honour done him in electing him to the chair, craved the indulgence of the members for his inability to deliver the customary presidential address in consequence of his late severe illness, from which he had but so recently recovered, that it was impossible for him to prepare one.

The meeting then adjourned.

*Annual Dinner.*—In the evening the usual annual dinner took place in the Hall of the College of Physicians, and was attended with even more success, perhaps, than the many former pleasant gatherings of the Branch. Additional *eclat* was given to the dinner by the presence at it of His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimer, the General Commanding the Forces in Ireland. Covers were laid for seventy-eight. The President, Dr. Bennett, was in the Chair. Everything connected with the arrangements, including the after-dinner speeches, and the charming vocal and instrumental music, rendered by Professor Tichborne, Mr. W. B. Martin, Surgeon Carte, Coldstream Guards, Drs. Tweedy, Browne, Jacob, and R. A. Hayes, was excellent. Among those also present were Lord James W. Butler, the Hon. Mr. W. Burrell, Sir Robert Jackson, C.B.; Sir R. Hamilton, K.C.B.; Sir George Owens, Sir George Porter, Surgeon to the Queen; Sir William Kaye, Q.C.; the Provost, the President of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Dr. Banks, and Dr. William Moore, Physicians to the Queen in Ireland; the President of the Irish Medical Association, Dr. Croker King, L.G.B.; Captain Twiss, R.N.,

H.M.S. *Belleisle*; Mr. E. H. Kinahan, D.L.; Colonel Dease, Count Plunkett, The MacDermot, Q.C.; Lieutenant-Colonel Turner, R.A., Military Secretary; Dr. Robert McDonnell, F.R.S.; Dr. Kidd, Captain Porter, Surgeon-Major Robinson, Scots Guards; Dr. Mapother, Dr. Atthill, Dr. Gordon, Professor Sigerson, Mr. George Smyth, Dr. Duffey, Mr. Wheeler, etc. etc.

#### EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: ESSEX DISTRICT.

THE members of this District met, by invitation of Dr. Amsden, at the Essex County Asylum, Brentwood, Wednesday, January 27th, at 2.30 P.M., under the Presidency of Dr. ELLISTON (Ipswich), President of the Branch. Nineteen gentlemen were present. Previously to the meeting, Dr. Amsden escorted the members round the wards of the asylum.

*Summer Meeting.*—It was decided to hold the summer meeting at Halstead; and Mr. R. G. Kellett, of that town, was asked to take the chair at that meeting, in the event of the President being absent.

*Honorary Secretary.*—Mr. W. T. Jackman, of Coggeshall, was re-elected Honorary Secretary for the year 1886.

*Administration of Medicines by Injection into the Rectum.*—An interesting and practical paper on this subject was read by the President.

*The Members of the Royal College of Surgeons.*—Mr. C. E. ABBOTT, Braintree, Honorary Secretary for Essex of the Association of Members of the Royal College of Surgeons, proposed, and Mr. R. G. KELLETT, seconded, the following resolution: "That this meeting expresses its sympathy with the Association of Members of the Royal College of Surgeons in its endeavour to obtain the College franchise and a proportion of seats on the Council for the Members of the Royal College of Surgeons, and protests against the action of the Council in refusing the demands of the Members."

Mr. W. A. ELLIS, Honorary Secretary to the Association of Members of the College of Surgeons, said that the Association was rapidly increasing in its numbers, and that there was a general feeling throughout the country that the Members of the College should have a share in the management of College affairs; and that that was the main object for which the Association was fighting. The two general meetings at Lincoln's Inn Fields had formed an epoch in the history of the College, and the resolutions advanced thereat by the Association had been carried by very large majorities in crowded assemblies. But the reform must be carried through, and this could only be done by the great bulk of the Members of the College declaring publicly, as in a petition to the Queen or Parliament, what they all must have at heart. Little was to be expected from the Council, as, even in its suggestion to take the opinion of the Fellows upon the question, it had left out of sight the demand that Members should themselves sit upon the Council—a point upon which Mr. Holmes, himself long a councillor, had laid the greatest stress. The Council had spoken, in its reply to the Members, of its being necessary to guard the exclusive privileges of Fellows; but prominent Fellows, such as Mr. Rivington, had declared that "he valued these privileges very highly, but he should not value them if they could only be sustained at the expense of injustice to the Members." The Council had also referred to the "social status" that its diploma conferred upon its Members, as being a sufficient return for the labour and cost of attaining Membership; but it forgot that it was the good bearing and high education of the Members that conferred its dignity upon the College, and therefore upon its Council. The Council, however, was strong in its position and reputation, and the Members must put forth their utmost strength against it to gain representation.

THE PRESIDENT having spoken in favour of the resolution, it was carried *nem. con.*

*Papers.*—Dr. W. B. Hadden, of St. Thomas's Hospital, read a paper on Fits. Dr. Amsden and the President also made some remarks on the subject.—Mr. T. Taylor (Bocking) read a paper on the Relative Value of Different Life Assurance Companies.—Dr. G. Amsden, Medical Superintendent of the Essex County Asylum, read a paper on the Treatment of Acute Mania by Hyoseyamine.

*Charges against Medical Men.*—Dr. J. SINCLAIR HOLDEN (Sudbury) proposed, and Dr. BODKIN (Chelmsford) seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That, as medical men may at any time become liable to false and groundless charges of a ruinous nature, it is most desirable that a Medical Defence Fund be formed and administered in connection with the British Medical Association, and that its members should be asked to contribute a small sum annually to this fund, those who do so becoming entitled, should occasion arise, to legal advice and assistance."

*Neurological Specimens and Drawings.*—Dr. Hadden exhibited

some sections showing naked-eye changes in the spinal cord, and some drawings of disease of the brain and spinal cord.

*Dinner.*—After the meeting, the members were most hospitably entertained by Dr. Amsden at dinner.

#### OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH: MEETING.

A MEETING of the Oxford and District Branch was held in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Wednesday, January 27th; Sir HENRY ACLAND, President, in the chair. There were twenty members present, and one stranger.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association and the Branch: W. Byares, Dorchester, Oxon.; F. H. Lyon, Thatcham; Geo. J. Wilson, Oxford; F. A. Dixey, Oxford; J. B. Bunney, Newbury; L. Williams, Wheatley; M. H. Humphreys, Thame; J. C. R. Freeborn, Oxford; Fred. Thos. Maisey, Charlbury; Thos. Walker, Hook Norton; Ed. W. Turner, Deddington. Five gentlemen were proposed as candidates for election at the next meeting as members of the Association and the Branch. Mr. James Cornwall, of Fairford, was elected a member of the Branch.

*Collective Investigation.*—THE PRESIDENT made some remarks on the questions which had been sent round by the Collective Investigation Committee of the International Medical Congress.

*Communications.*—The following communications were read.

1. Dr. Brooks showed a case of Charcot's Joint-disease. The joint was enlarged and loose; there was some grating. The patient could use it with a crutch and stick; he had broken his leg lately while walking. He presented typical symptoms of locomotor ataxy.

2. Mr. Symonds showed a Bronchocele, which he removed from a girl who was present. It was very large, and the removal had alleviated many distressing symptoms. The operation was done a few months ago, and no signs of myxedema had supervened.

3. Mr. Symonds showed three cases of Excision of the Knee; and Mr. Winkfield one.

4. Dr. Welsford showed a very interesting Brain from a woman who died from Thrombosis of the Cerebral Veins. The longitudinal sinus contained a firm *ante mortem* clot, and the veins of the arachnoid were like cords. She had only been ill three weeks, apparently with anæmia.

5. Mr. Morgan showed a man with a huge Tumour in the left flank, pressing up the lower ribs, and reaching down to the ilium. There was fluctuation in separate cysts, and some places were very hard. Mr. Morgan diagnosed an enchondroma growing from a rib.

*Vote of Thanks.*—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and adjourned.

*Dinner.*—Sixteen members met at dinner together after the meeting.

#### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING was held at the Hackney Town Hall on January 21st; F. COCKELL, Esq., in the chair.

*Communications.*—The following communications were made.

1. Mr. Major Greenwood showed specimens of granular contracted kidney, weighing two ounces and one and three-quarter ounces, from a woman aged 23, who died of uræmia. There was no albumen when the urine was examined shortly before death. The heart was very much hypertrophied. There was a family history of Bright's disease, but none of intemperance.

2. Mr. Major Greenwood also showed a modification of Squibb's apparatus for estimating urea. The principal feature consisted in reading off the amount of nitrogen displaced in a graduated curette instead of the displaced water.

3. Dr. Gilbert Smith gave short notes of a case of verrucose endocarditis. The patient, aged 31, had a history of heart disease of over twenty years. His last illness was about two and a-half weeks' duration, and was due to emboli carried from the heart to various organs, brain, kidney, bowel, etc. The heart, which was shown to the meeting, was hypertrophied, and showed numerous vegetations on the aortic and mitral valves. There were small ulcerations in the cæcum evidently due to emboli.—An interesting discussion ensued, and after the usual votes of thanks the meeting adjourned.

LARGE CALCULUS REMOVED FROM A YOUNG BOY'S BLADDER.—At a recent meeting of the surgical staff of the City Hospital, Jersey City, New Jersey, Dr. Theo. R. Varick, Surgeon-General of the State, removed a calculus weighing 3,440 grains (nearly 8 ounces) from the bladder of a boy twelve years old.—*Louisville Practitioner.*

## INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

The services of Surgeon C. ADAMS, M.B., Madras Establishment, Civil Surgeon of Buecaner, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department, from the date of his return from furlough.

Surgeon-Major B. FRANKLIN, Bengal Establishment, has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General.

Surgeon-Major R. POWER, of the Bengal Establishment, has retired from the service, which he entered as Assistant Surgeon, October 2nd, 1865, becoming Surgeon-Major twelve years thereafter. He served in the Hazara campaign, on the North-West Frontier of India, in 1868, including the operations on the Black Mountain (medal and clasp), and with the expedition sent against the Jowaki Afridis in 1877-78 (clasp). He also served in the recent war in Afghanistan, and was at the attack and capture of Ali Masjid (medal with clasp).

Surgeons G. W. F. DENNIS, J. A. CUNNINGHAM, M.D., and G. J. STRAND, M.D., all of the Bengal Establishment, are confirmed in their appointments as Second Class Civil Surgeons.

## OBITUARY.

JAMES BALLS WOOLBY, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

WE have to announce the death, by drowning, at the age of 30, of James Balls Woolby, M.B., of Engcobo, South Africa. Dr. Woolby was educated at King's College, London, where he obtained a scholarship at the end of the first year. At this time, a weakness of the lung showed itself, and, after qualifying, he accepted an appointment in South Africa, and returned two years later much benefited by the change. He filled the post of Assistant House-Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital, and subsequently held the appointment of Resident Medical Officer to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital. Symptoms of incipient phthisis having reappeared, he was induced to return to South Africa in the latter part of 1884, with most favourable results to his health and prospects. Of genial manners, cultured and unassuming, the early death of Dr. Woolby will be read with much regret by those to whom he was personally known.

J. MAULE SUTTON, M.D.

THE death of Dr. J. Maule Sutton is announced from Oldham. Dr. Maule Sutton was the first Medical Officer of Health appointed at Oldham more than twelve years ago, and attained great reputation by the conspicuous ability, courtesy, and success with which he fulfilled the duties of his office. He was an able and skilful physician, and rendered great services to the West Hulme Hospital, the admirable arrangements of which are largely ascribed to his judgment. He was J.P. and Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Pembroke. Dying in the prime of life, at the age of 56, he leaves a large circle of attached friends.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

## POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE GUARDIANS OF THE OUNDLE UNION AND MR. A. S. STOKES.

SIR,—I read the report of what appeared in your issue of January 30th, at the meeting of the Board of Guardians, on February 4th, when, after the subject had been fully discussed, a resolution was passed, and I was directed to send a copy of same to you, for insertion in your next issue, in order that in fairness and justice towards the Board of Guardians, the *ex parte* statements made by Mr. Stokes, might be replied to and explained. I enclose copy of the resolution.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, W. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

Oundle Union, Union Offices, New Street, Oundle.

*Copy of Resolution.*—It was proposed by the Rev. E. M. Moore, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Brown, D.D., and carried unanimously, "That the case between the Guardians of the Oundle Union and Mr. A. S. Stokes, is entirely misrepresented in the statement published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, of January 30th, 1886, and further, that the Guardians accept Mr. Pink's assertion with regard to the statement that a pauper has had to pay tenpence a week for the carriage of medicines from Mr. Pink's surgery to her cottage, is wholly untrue."

"\* \* We feel so strongly, that the action of the Oundle Board of Guardians, as described in our issue of December 5th, 1885, and January 30th, 1886, necessitated some explanation, if medical relief to our sick poor is not to degenerate into an absolute farce, that we very readily publish the letter from the clerk to the Board, and the resolution accompanying it. It cannot, however, fail to be noted, that the resolution is very general in its phraseology. Thus it ignores the statement that an unregistered medical man was appointed to the Weldon district; that on his leaving the locality, Mr. A. S. Stokes was appointed, at a salary less than his predecessor; that, on his resigning on that account, he was summarily dismissed from the office of public vaccinator; and that a gentleman was then appointed, who was not only non-resident, but actually lived eight miles away, and that, too, with the sanction of the Local Government Board's inspector. The whole of these facts were culled from the local Journal from which we quoted. The only statement

the guardians directly deny is, that a poor bedridden woman, in the receipt of 2s. 6d. a week, had to pay 10d. to get her medicine, not a very extravagant charge, seeing that the said medicine had to travel eight miles from Mr. Pink's surgery, to this poor creature's cottage. It is not improbable that this question will be mooted elsewhere.

SIR,—I perceive that at the last meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Oundle Union, the statement that an aged and bedridden woman, in receipt of 2s. 6d. a week, has had to pay 10d. of that amount for carriage of medicine, was denied.

The statement, however, is correct, notwithstanding the assertion of the two reverend gentlemen whose resolution was moved and carried.—I am, sir, yours obediently

ARTHUR S. STOKES.

Weldon, Wansford.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Preliminary Scientific M.B. Examination, January 1886. Pass-list. Entire Examination.

*First Division.*—Medwin C. Clutterbuck, University College, Bristol; R. E. S. Krohn, University College and School and private tuition; C. E. Lansdown, University College, St. Mary's Hospital, and private tuition; C. G. Mack, St. Mary's Hospital and private tuition; John J. Macnamara, University of Edinburgh and University College, London; Sidney H. Snell, University College and private study.—*Second Division.*—William T. Atwood, University College, St. Mary's Hospital, and private study and tuition; Robert H. Cole, St. Mary's Hospital; Arthur J. Edge, Owens College, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and private tuition; Alan J. Heath, University College and private study and tuition; George F. Murrell, University College School, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and private study; John E. Paul, University College and private tuition; Arthur E. Price, St. Thomas's Hospital; Frederic R. P. Taylor, Westminster Hospital and private study; Atwood Thorne, St. Mary's Hospital and private tuition; Reginald C. Worsley, University College; Sydney F. Wright, St. Thomas's Hospital.—*Two Subjects of the Examination.*—Albert J. Adkins (c, p), St. Thomas's Hospital; Frank G. Bushnell (p, b), St. Thomas's Hospital, University College, and private tuition; John N. Collins (c, p), London Hospital; Henry Corby (c, p), London Hospital; Henry J. Curtis (c, b), University College, Cardiff; William T. Davies (c, p), University College and private study and tuition; Albert A. French (c, p), St. Bartholomew's Hospital and private study; Albert Gurney (c, p), London Hospital; Frederick Johnson (c, b), St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Robert J. Langley (c, b), St. Thomas's Hospital and private study; Yarnold H. Mills (c, p), London Hospital and private study; Stephen Nesfield (c, b), University and Owens Colleges; Maurice E. Paul (c, p), University College and London Hospital; Joseph A. Pickels (c, p), Owens College; William J. Procter (c, p), University College and London Hospital; Richard W. Richards (c, p), Mason and University Colleges; James H. Sequeira (c, p), London Hospital; Evan Staples (c, p), Polytechnic Institute; John L. Thomas (c, b), St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Henry E. Tracey (c, b), St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Lewis Williams (c, p), University College and private study; Howard S. Willson (c, p), St. Paul's School.—*One Subject of the Examination.*—Frank A. Arnold (b), Hartley Institution and St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Harold W. C. Anstey (c), St. Bartholomew's Hospital and private study; Arthur R. Badger (p), King Edward's High School, Birmingham; William B. Bale (c), Owens College; Henry M. Bowman (p), St. Bartholomew's Hospital and private tuition; John H. Bryant (p), King's School, Sherborne, and Guy's Hospital; Francis H. Cooke (p), University College and private tuition; Walter M. Cox (p), King Edward's High School, Birmingham; John D. Cruickshank (p), Guy's Hospital; John Fawcett (p), Dulwich College and Guy's Hospital; Alfred Heginbottom (c), St. Bartholomew's Hospital and private tuition; Malcolm L. Hepburn (c), St. Bartholomew's Hospital; George L. Hill (c), Mason College and private tuition; Harold Hodgson (c), University College; Ernest C. Lomas (p), Owen's College; Algernon W. Lyons (p), King's College; James Neal (c), Queen's and Mason Colleges, Birmingham; H. Fitz Stephen Nunes (c), International and University Colleges; Victor S. Saul (c), London Hospital; Mildred E. K. Staley (p), Mason College and private study; William Taylor (c), University College and Medical School, Bristol.

<sup>1</sup> The subjects taken up by these candidates are indicated by initials after the name—c. = Chemistry; p. = Physics; b. = Biology; z. = Zoology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen were admitted Members on February 1st.

E. C. Greenwood, L.R.C.P.L., of Guy's Hospital; E. H. Meaden, L.R.C.P.L., of Bristol General Hospital; W. J. A. Adye, L.S.A., of St. Thomas's Hospital; H. C. Bartlett, L.R.C.P.Lond., of Middlesex Hospital; S. J. Daly, L.R.C.P.L., of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Five candidates were approved in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine and Midwifery, will be admitted Members; three were referred for three months, three for six months, one for nine months, and one for twelve months.

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—*Double Qualification.*—During the recent sittings of the Examiners, the following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted L.R.C.P. Edinburgh and L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

W. Booth, Innerleithen; D. Davis, Berkshire; F. P. Denman, Yorkshire; R. Hall, County Down; W. S. Fulshaw, Leicestershire; A. Haynes, Cork; R. E. Kane, County Cork; F. R. Lengden, Australia; M. J. Lee, County Galway; W. G. Meade, County Cork; H. Peek, Wigan; R. A. Nesbitt, Belfast; A. E. Nevins, Liverpool; H. McKeon, County Leitrim; A. W. Wales, Belfast; G. J. E. Trotter, Durham.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.**—The following gentlemen passed their final examination during the January sittings of the Examiners, and were admitted Licentiates of the College.

C. Strickland, Yorkshire; A. L. F. Robertson, Lanarkshire; and F. E. H. Daut, Kinsale.

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

A. F. Benson, Yeovil; F. W. Masters, Manchester; and J. Masters, Manchester.

**SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.**—The following gentleman passed the Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, and received a certificate to practise, on Thursday, January 28th, 1886.

Duckworth, Alfred, Eaton Bank, Accrington.

The following gentleman passed in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received a certificate to practise.

Bateman, Robert Watering, 53, Carlton Terrace, Norwich.

The following gentleman passed the Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received a Certificate to Practise, on Thursday, February 4th, 1886.

Henderson, James Threapland, Wibsey, near Bradford.

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

Charlesworth, George, the Middlesex Hospital.

Mason, Francis John Gorringe, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

**DISTRICT INFIRMARY, Ashton-under-Lyne.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £30. Applications by February 23rd.

**FEMALE LOCK HOSPITAL, Harrow Road, W.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100. Applications by February 13th.

**GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road.**—Two Clinical Assistants.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by February 13th.

**LEITH HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70. Applications to the Secretary.

**LONDON SCHOOL OF GYNÆCOLOGY, Hospital for Women, Soho Square, W.**—Two Clinical Assistants.

**LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road.**—Clinical Clerks. Applications to the Secretary.

**LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road.**—Surgical Dressers. Applications to the Secretary.

**LUNATIC HOSPITAL, The Coppice, Nottingham.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100. Applications to Dr. Tate by February 13th.

**MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT.**—Honorary Surgeon. Applications by February 17th.

**MERCER'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.**—Apothecary and Resident Medical Officer. Applications to the Registrar.

**NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Ventnor.**—Clinical Assistant.

**QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.**—Two Casualty Surgeons. Honorarium, £50 each. Applications by February 13th.

**SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY, Greenwich.**—Visiting Physician. Applications before March 5th to W. T. Evans.

**ST. HELEN'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION.**—Medical Practitioner. Applications by March 1st.

**UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.**—Professor of Physics. For particulars apply to S. Samuel, 5, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, S.W., by February 17th.

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, University College, Liverpool.**—Lecturer on Hygiene. Applications to the Registrar.

**WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £63. Applications by February 22nd.

**WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, 153, Marylebone Road, W.**—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by March 1st.

**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.**—Assistant Physician. Applications by February 19th.

**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.**—House-Surgeon. Applications by February 19th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**BRAMWELL, Hugh Ransom, M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed House-Surgeon and Secretary to the Staffordshire General Infirmary, *vice* F. Milnes Blumer, M.B., C.M. Edin., resigned.

**BRAMWELL, J. W., M.D., L.R.C.S.E.,** appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Cheltenham General Hospital, *vice* J. Bubbs, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

**BROUGHTON, M. B., L.R.C.S., L.M., L.S.A.,** appointed Consulting Medical Officer to the Plymouth District of Three Towns Friendly Society.

**CARTER, R. Brudenell, F.R.C.S.,** appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic.

**COLLINS, H., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond.,** appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Plymouth District of Three Towns Friendly Society, *vice* Dr. Keily, resigned.

**DAVIS, Henry, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Anaesthetist to the National Dental Hospital.

**DONALDSON, Robert I. S., A.B., M.B., B.Ch. Univ. Dub.,** appointed Assistant Resident Medical Superintendent to the Monaghan Lunatic Asylum, *vice* J. A. Johnston, L.K.Q.C.P., resigned.

**DOWLING, John Edward,** appointed Medical Officer to the Tuam Union, *vice* Patrick J. Bodkin, L.K.Q.C.P., late Medical Officer of Tuam No. 1 Dispensary District, deceased.

**EARLE, P. M., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ed.,** appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Salop and Montgomery Counties Lunatic Asylum, *vice* H. McAndrew, M.B. and C.M. Ed., resigned.

**ENGLAND, W., L.D.S. Eng.,** appointed Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Home for Female Orphans, St. John's Wood, W.

**EVANS, William Arnott, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed House-Physician to the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, *vice* E. A. Dingley, M.D., M.R.C.S., resigned.

**FLOYER, William W., M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed House-Physician to Guy's Hospital.

**GODFREY, F. W., M.B., Ch.M. Ed.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary, *vice* James Harvie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

**GRAY, A. M.B., C.M. Ed.,** appointed Second House-Surgeon to the Sunderland Infirmary, *vice* W. H. Malin, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Senior House-Surgeon.

**GUNN, R. Marcus, F.R.C.S.,** appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic.

**HOOBEX, Edgar, B.A., M.B., T.O.D.,** appointed Physician for Out-Patients to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

**HOOPER, J. W. Dunbar, L.R.C.P. and S. Ed.,** appointed Senior Resident Medical Officer to the Hospital for Women, Melbourne.

**HORSLEY, Victor A. H., M.B., F.R.C.S.,** appointed Surgeon to the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic.

**JOLLY, S. Blake, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the London Temperance Hospital, *vice* H. G. Nicholson, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

**LUCY, Reginald H., M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the London Hospital.

**MACANDREW, Herbert, M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Seaclyff Asylum, Dunedin, New Zealand.

**WEAVER, John J., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Oldham Infirmary, *vice* R. Holton, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.*

#### BIRTH.

**DOBSON.**—On January 9th, at Bangalore, the wife of Surgeon-Major A. F. Dobson, M.B., of a daughter, prematurely.

#### MARRIAGE.

**HILLS—FLETCHER.**—On February 10th, at the Parish Church, Deeping St. Nicholas, Augustus Phillips Hills, M.R.C.S., of Carlton House, Battersea Park, S.W., son of the late George Hills, M.D., F.R.C.S., to Lizzie Jane Holland, younger daughter of the late John F. Fletcher, M.R.C.S., and niece of John W. Holland of the Shrubbery, Deeping St. Nicholas.

#### DEATH.

**CHURCH.**—On February 1st, at Rodwell Lodge, Weymouth, William John Church F.R.C.S., formerly of 22, The Circus, Bath, in his 88th year.

### MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY.**—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Clinical Evening. Dr. Maguire Case of Dystrophy of the Thumb-joints. Mr. Francis Mason and Mr. Hurry Fenwick: Case of Excision of the Elbow after Operation followed by Tubercular Testis. Mr. Spencer Watson: New Instruments for the Removal of Nasal Polyp. Dr. Radcliffe Crocker: Cases of Pityriasis Circinata and Tuberculated Leprosy. Mr. John H. Morgan: Case of Congenital Constriction by Band producing Perforating Ulcer of the Foot in an Adult. Living specimens at 8.

**TUESDAY.**—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Moxon: Cerebral Tumour. Dr. Beevor: Cerebral Tumours. Dr. George Ogilvie: Cerebral Tumours. Dr. Hale White: Thinning of Skull from Cerebral Tumour. Dr. Carrington: Cancer of Body of Stomach. Mr. J. Hutchinson, jun.: Cylindrical Cancer of Humerus. Mr. C. J. Symonds: Syphilitic Hepatitis and Pneumonia in an Infant. Mr. Stephen Paget: Dermoid Cyst of Tongue. Mr. Clutton: Epithelial Tumour of Skin near Rectum. Dr. S. West: 1. Aneurysm of Aorta and Aortic Valves; 2. Abscess of Gall-Bladder (card). Mr. D'Arcy Power: Multiple Intussusception. Dr. Hadden: 1. Intestine in Lymphadenoma (card); 2. Malignant Disease of both Suprarenal Bodies (card). Dr. Turner (Card-Specimens): 1. Syphilitic Ulceration of Trachea; 2. Conjoined Kidneys and Unicorn Uterus. Mr. J. Poland (Card-Specimens): 1. Amputation-stump at Knee-joint; 2. Dislocation of Knee-joint. Mr. E. H. Fenwick: Atresia (?) Congenital of Orifice of Ureter; Cystic Kidney (card).

**THURSDAY.**—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. W. Rayner: Cases of Discoloration of the Skin in Newly Born Children, from Absorption of Aniline Dye. Dr. A. E. Sansom: On some Modern Remedies in Cardiac Diseases.

**FRIDAY.**—Society of Medical Officers of Health, 7.30 P.M. Mr. R. S. Lovett will make a statement on an Important Decision under the Sanitary Act of 1866 as to the Power of a Nuisance Authority to make Regulations for Houses let in Lodgings. Messrs. Wynter Blyth and Alfred Spencer: On the Supervision of the Milk-Supply of the Metropolis in Reference to the Propagation of Disease.



## OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); and Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Metropolitan Free; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic; Royal Orthopaedic; and Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women.
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Westminster; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: West London; Cancer Hospital, Brompton.—4 P.M.: St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ...	10 A.M.: National Orthopaedic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Mary's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: London; University College; Westminster; Great Northern Central; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children; St. Peter's.—3 to 4 P.M.: King's College.
<b>THURSDAY</b> ....	10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: St. George's.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Central London Ophthalmic; Hospital for Diseases of the Throat; Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: North-west London; Chelsea Hospital for Women.
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.15 P.M.: St. George's (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: King's College; St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department); Central London Ophthalmic; Royal South London Ophthalmic; East London Hospital for Children.—2.30 P.M.: West London.
<b>SATURDAY</b> ....	9 A.M.: Royal Free.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: King's College.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Middlesex; Royal Free; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton.

## HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

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

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CORRESPONDENTS who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication. CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

## COLONIAL PRACTICE.

SIR,—I have seen "A Member's" letter in the JOURNAL of October 24th. Medical men should remember that, when they come to the colonies, they have to deal with the lowest classes of mankind, who have suddenly been released from all useful discipline, and who have acquired more wealth than they ever before dreamed of. Clubs, as "A Member" says, are the curse of the colonies. Their members are insolent, exacting, and tyrannical. Wealthy men belong to them, and exact attendance from the wretched medical man at a truly miserable remuneration. The medical man, being generally the only decently bred person in the whole district, is a target for the ruffians who inhabit it, and whom a fortunate country has carefully exported.

Let no medical man come out to the colonies in hopes of making his fortune. If he make a bare living by very small fees, and in spite of contumely and hardship, he will have met with average good fortune. My clubs pay me at the rate of 8d. a visit, and give me any amount of work. They expect more deference than people in good society at home would dream of demanding. I do not say that they get it; but their whole demeanour is at once ridiculous and offensive in the extreme. Hoping that these letters may prevent young medical men from leaving their friends, their country, and all the conveniences of civilisation, for the sake of penury and hardship.—I am, sir, faithfully yours,

New Zealand.

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## LING'S SWEDISH GYMNASTICS.

SIR,—For the information of your correspondent, "L. M.," we would say that we publish translations of all Ling's books and pamphlets on "the movement cure," both with and without apparatus, a list of which we shall be happy to furnish, if he will send us his name and address.—Yours truly,

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SIR,—In answer to Dr. L. M.'s query in the JOURNAL of January 3rd, as to training in the above, I beg to inform him that Miss Bergman, who was, I believe, till lately, lady superintendent of physical education in the London School Board, has started a training college for teachers of scientific physical education (Ling's Swedish system), at Reromonde, Broadhurst Gardens, near Finchley Road, Metropolitan Station, Hampstead, N.W.; and I have no doubt all information on the subject can be obtained from her.

Miss Bergman is from the Royal Institute of Gymnastics, Stockholm, and, during the International Health Exhibition, gave demonstrations with a class of girls from the London Board Schools in the "free exercises."

As to books on the subject, I would refer Dr. L. M. to one recently published by Messrs. Hachette and Co., on the *Ling System of Gymnastics*, by J. D. Haasum, another by Dr. Roth, on *The Gymnastic Free Exercises*, and also a work by Miss Concordia Löfving, on *Physical Education and its Place in a System of Rational Education*.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

CHARLES BOYCE, M.B.

## DESTRUCTION OF SUPERFLUOUS HAIRS BY ELECTROLYSIS.

SIR,—After nearly two years' use of the process of electrolysis, for destruction of superfluous hair, I find that a well-pointed toughened gold needle wears the best, and is the best conductor. I should also recommend the application of a 5 per cent. solution of hydrochlorate of eucaine to the situation of the superfluous hairs a few minutes before using the electrode. The success of this useful operation depends much upon whether or no the battery is in good working order. I find Grove's twenty-cell bichromate battery the best.—I am, your obedient servant,

JAMES STARTIN, Honorary Superintendent Lecturer to St. John's Hospital for Skin-Diseases.

17, Sackville Street, Piccadilly.

THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON AND THE EXAMINATION OF MIDWIVES. IN the notice of the last meeting of this society, in the JOURNAL of February 6th, page 264, a misleading word was inadvertently placed in the sentence, "Dr. Graily Hewitt observed that the members desired payment for their services." For "desired," *deserved* was intended.

## HOME FOR INCURABLES.

SIR,—With reference to letter from "Nemo," in the JOURNAL of January 16th, the Midland Counties Home for Incurables, at Leamington, has accommodation for paying patients. I shall be pleased to give any information on application.—Yours faithfully,

G. RADCLIFFE, General Honorary Secretary.

## DOCTORS' GIGS.

SIR,—Replying to your correspondent in the JOURNAL of January 30th, I beg to say that I have had two of Beddowes Moore's gigs, and found the second (built of steel) satisfactory in every way. With the window in the back of the hood made to open downwards; and, with a leather apron, I scarcely see how the gig could be improved.

I would be glad to know, from some of your readers, what fee is usually allowed to their medical officer, by the "Oddfellows" and "Shepherds" for examining candidates for admission to their lodges.—Yours truly,

W. J. S.

## FIRES IN BEDROOMS.

SIR,—In reference to your article on the English climate, I have much pleasure in informing you that a block of ordinary peat, as sold by London oilmen, will maintain a moderately warm and equable temperature during the whole night without requiring any attention.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM R. COOK.

24, Colvestone Crescent, West Hackney, E.

## HEALTH-RESORT FOR A PHTHISICAL PATIENT.

SIR,—Let me recommend to "An Associate" an excellent book by Dr. Hardwicke, entitled *Health Resorts and Spas of Europe* (W. H. Allen and Co.). I also am phthisical, and found all I wanted therein.—Yours obediently,

Wood Green.

WILLIAM BLOCKLEY, M.D.

L. S. A., Manchester.—1. Is it not necessary first to establish the evidence that any particular district is "preserved" before the question of "poaching" is raised? 2. What is the evidence that the druggist makes the statement in question as to distance (of which the inaccuracy would be self-evident); or, 3, that the medical man is responsible for it? Telephonic medical consultations in a druggist's shop are a new development of medical enterprise.

G. R. P.—The explanation was hypothetical. Its correctness would depend upon many details, and remain open to discussion.

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## THE RAILWAY WATER-CLOSETS AND URINALS.

SIR,—Allow me to call the attention of medical officers of health to the state of the water-closets at the stations of the various railway companies; for, were an epidemic of fever or cholera to break out, I cannot help thinking they might be productive of very grave mischief. In many places, they will be found to possess no means of ventilation except through the door, and this door simply leads into a covered space containing the urinal. At some of these stations, though the smell from the urinals is disagreeable enough, this is really nothing compared with that arising from the closets. The scent arising from these is simply disgusting, and it is perfectly impossible for anyone with the slightest perception of smell to enter them without retching. As to being shut in one of them, it would be beyond any ordinary individual's power of endurance. One is very ready to complain of the closets and urinals abroad, but really some at home are not very much better.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

P. P. ATKINSON, M.D.

## SMOKE CONSUMING GRATTS AND STOVES.

R. J. B. T. should obtain a copy of the illustrated official report of the Smoke Abatement Committee, published by Smith, Elder and Co., 15, Waterloo Place, London, S.W.

## RUDIMENTARY CLAVICLES.

SIR,—The following case may be worth recording. On February 7th I was asked by a woman, aged 59, to examine her chest, as she feared that she had heart-disease.

I found that she had a typical "pigeon breast," and there appeared to be flattening under the outer half of both clavicles; placing my finger on the flattened part, I was astonished to find that the outer half of the clavicle was absent on each side. The outer ends of both rudimentary clavicles can be distinctly seen and felt, terminating in a sharp point midway between the sternal and acromial articulations. The first rib can also be distinctly felt. The sternum is much wider than I have noticed it in other individuals. Can anybody inform me whether this peculiarity is common, as I believe the case to be unique.—Yours truly,

Y. M. JONES-HUMFREYS.

Sheffield, Beds.

SIR,—Through your kindness, I have received, and beg gratefully to acknowledge one guinea from Dr. R. B. Ruddock, 4, Saville Place, Clifton, and £1 from Matlock Baths (no name), making £3 1s. in all, for my unfortunate father.—I am, sir, yours obliged,

E. D. BAUER.

19, Laute Road, Newington Butts, S.E.

## FRENCH CHALK (CRETA GALLICA).

SIR,—Can any member of the Association inform me of the exact chemical composition of the above? I have searched Gray's *Supplement* in vain, and the geological and other books I possess do not enlighten me.—Yours truly,

AN OLD M.B., M.A.

## MESSAGE FOR A MALE PATIENT.

SIR,—Could you, or any of your readers, inform me whether there is an institution in London where a male patient, highly nervous, and on the borderland of hysteria, could be treated by means of massage and electricity? As the patient is not in affluent circumstances, the charges must be moderate.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

L. C. W.

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