

to the home.—Dr. BUZZARD, speaking from his experience at Queen Square, strongly advocated the proposal that some experiment should be made. In asylums and infirmary wards, no selection was possible; for purposes of employment in workshops, or in market-gardening, suitable cases could be easily selected. The disease, owing to increased medical knowledge, was a different thing from what it was twenty years ago; it could now be kept at bay in many instances; and often, too, precautions were easy, owing to the manifest premonitory symptoms of an attack.—Dr. LANGDON DOWN thought tailoring, for those who could learn it, and mat-making, for those who required some simpler craft, with constant occupation out of doors, would be the most suitable modes of employment. He also described a visit that he had paid to the John Bost Asylums, but criticised them on the ground that it would be better, if possible, to supply employment, as the writer of the paper had argued, on some self-supporting or remunerative basis. There seemed to be nothing better than the treatment of epileptics at Kensington, as described by Miss Twining. He showed, from cases, how the disease could now be kept in check.—Dr. RAYNER thought any trade could be utilised for epileptics, provided that they were carefully watched for a time before being entrusted with employment, and that there was close supervision. There was no question that outdoor relief was the best; the disease was comparatively unfrequent in country districts. The details of any scheme for employment could only be worked out by experiment; but there was no doubt that the institution should be established in the country. A letter from Dr. Cobbold confirmed this in almost every particular. He thought that a home or residence, with workshops and market-garden attached, appeared to offer promise of success. All payments should be by piece-work, or in accordance with work done, and not by time; and workers should sign an agreement whereby the officers of the charity should be constituted sole judges of the value of the work. Marriage should be absolutely forbidden to single workers.—Dr. OLIVER said that, in London, he had about thirty-two new cases a week. In Scotland, he had found them comparatively few.—After a few remarks from Dr. LUNN, the meeting closed by the adoption of the following resolution, moved by Mr. F. D. MOCATTA, and seconded by Miss N. PAGET: "That it is desirable that an inquiry should be made to ascertain the number of epileptics in London for whom assistance, by way of employment, would prove beneficial; the best methods of providing employment; and the best means of maintaining, especially in co-operation with boards of guardians, any institution or other organisation for this purpose."

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

LIST OF RETURNS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1886.

East Anglian Branch: X, G. C. Edwards.
Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Liverpool District: III, A. Creswell Rich, M.D. (3); G. W. Steeves, M.D., Hamamelis; A. C. Rich, M.B.; W. Macfie Campbell, M.D.
Manchester District: Hamam, D. J. Mackenzie, M.D. Bolton District: Hamam, Dr. De Vere Hunt; Terebene, R. F. Woodcock.
North of England Branch: X, J. M. MacLagan, M.D.
Reading Branch: X, H. V.
South-Eastern Branch: East Kent District: III, B. Roberts, M.D.; X, Herbert Smalley; Intemp., T. F. Raven (2); C. Cotton.
West Surrey District: Hamam, J. Morton, M.B.; J. Lee Jardine.
South Wales Branch: Hamam, J. P. Drinkwater; III, G. Fisher.
Southern Branch: Isle of Wight District: III, H. M. Barker, M.B.; VII, H. M. Barker, M.B.; X, H. M. Barker, M.B.; W. E. Green; XIII, H. M. Barker, M.B.; Hamam, H. M. Barker, M.B.; J. G. Sinclair Coghill, M.D.
Thames Valley Branch: Terebene, F. P. Atkinson, M.D.
West Somerset Branch: Hamam, J. Bain Sincok.

The Committee beg also to acknowledge (May 17th) the receipt, since their last acknowledgment on April 28th, of the following replies to the International Inquiry into the geographical distribution of certain diseases.

Dorset and West Hants Branch, 1.
Glasgow Branch, 1.
Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Manchester District, 35.
South-Eastern Branch: East Kent District, 1; West Kent District, 2; East Sussex District, 1.
Yorkshire Branch, 4.

The Secretary to the International Committee begs also to acknowledge (May 17th) the receipt, since his last acknowledgment on April 28th, of the following returns to the same inquiry from members of the profession, not being members of the Association:

Metropolitan Counties, 1.
England, Wales, and the Channel Islands, 7.

The Secretary to the Collective Investigation Committee will feel obliged if any contributors who do not find their returns included in this list will communicate with him at once.

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 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, 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,
THE VALUE OF HAMAMELIS,
THE VALUE OF PURE TEREbene.

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 as early a date as possible, as the printing of the Tables is in progress.

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.

General inquiries into the THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF HAMAMELIS AND PURE TEREbene have been issued. A report will be made to the Section of Therapeutics at the annual meeting.

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 former discussion will be opened by Sir Andrew Clark, Bart., the latter by Dr. Arthur Ransome. 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.

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.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Infirmary, Hull, on Wednesday, May 26th, 1886, at 1.30 P.M. Gentlemen who intend to make any communication, or to propose any resolution, are requested to inform the secretary, not later than May 15th.—E. P. HARDEY, Honorary Secretary, 17, Brunswick Terrace, Spring Bank, Hull.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Swan Hotel, Bedford, on Thursday, June 8th, 1886, at 1.30 P.M. Dinner at 5 o'clock. Tickets 6s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. Gentlemen wishing to be present at the dinner, or to bring forward communications at the meeting, are requested to intimate their intention, and to send the titles of their papers without delay, to the Honorary Secretary, C. J. EVANS.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on July 16th or 17th. Members desirous of reading papers, etc., are requested to communicate at once with the Secretary, W. A. CARLINE, M.D., Lincoln.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The third general meeting of the present session will be held at the Bell Medical Library, Cleveland Road, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 27th. The president, Mr. J. T. Hartill, will take the chair, at 3 P.M. The following papers are promised: 1. Dr. McAlldowie: Paralysis of the Arm from Lesions of the Nerve-Trunks. 2. Dr. W. G. Lowe: Two Cases of Diabetic Coma in Young Children; A Case of Death from Diabetes Insipidus. 3. Mr. Vincent Jackson: An Analysis of 100 Cases of Osteotomy. —VINCENT JACKSON, General Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Friday, May 28th. Mr. Abbott will preside. Meeting at 3.30 P.M. Dinner at 5.30 P.M.; charge, 6s., exclusive of wine. The following papers are promised: 1. Dr. J. Herbert Stowers: Rodent Ulcer, its Nature and Treatment (microscopical sections). Coloured Drawings and Microscopical Sections of several rare Skin-Diseases. 2. Mr. John Gorham: Reminiscences of Guy's Hospital relating to Ovarian Dropsy. 3. Mr. C. Laminan: Thoracic Aneurysms. 4. Mr. G. S. Watson: A Case of Abscess of the Internal Ear. 5. Dr. T. Elliott: Ascaris Lumbricoides. It will be proposed that, in future, there should be three district meetings in the year, instead of four. This being the last meeting of the session, an Honorary Secretary will be elected for the ensuing year.—T. JENNER VERRALL, Honorary Secretary, 95, Western Road, Brighton.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—A special General Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal School of Mines, Jernyn Street, on Monday, May 31st, to consider the subject of degrees in medicine for London students. The President, Dr. Walter Dickson, will take the chair at 8 P.M. precisely. A resolution to the following effect will be submitted to the meeting: "That negotiations with the University of London not having led to the desired result, this meeting recommends that the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England be requested to endeavour to obtain power to grant degrees in medicine." All registered medical practitioners residing in the Metropolitan District are invited to attend.—ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D.; W. CHAPMAN GRIGG, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Thursday, June 3rd, at 6 P.M. Business.—Election of Secretary. At 6.15 P.M., sharp, the members and their friends will dine together. The President of the Branch, W. Dickson, M.D., E.N., will preside, and will be supported by Sir Guyer Hunter, K.C.M.G., M.P., J. S. Bristowe, M.D., F.R.S. (President-elect), C. J. Hare, M.D., T. Bridgewater, M.D., and C. Macnamara, Esq. (Past-Presidents), and other leaders of the profession. Tickets, 8s. each. Members intending to be present are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary as early as possible, but not later than Monday, May 31st.—JOSEPH W. HUNT, Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The sixth ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Museum and Library, Bristol, on Wednesday evening, May 19th (instead of May 26th), at half-past seven o'clock, E. C. Board, Esq., President. The following communications are expected: A Case of Intussusception, C. Elliott, M.D. On Endometritis, W. J. Tivy. The Localisation of a Cerebral Lesion, H. Waldo, M.D. The Removal of Tumours of the Bladder, with Cases, J. Greig Smith, C.M.—E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, R. J. H. SCOTT, Honorary Secretaries, Clifton, May, 1886.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SURREY DISTRICT.

A SPECIAL meeting was held in the County hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, May 6th; Mr. A. A. NAPPER, of Cranleigh, in the chair.

Secretary.—Dr. Frederick Pearse, of Haslemere and London, was re-elected Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.

Collective Investigation.—Discussions took place on two of the subjects proposed by the Collective Investigation Committee.

1. Papers on the Period of Incubation and Duration of Infection of the Principal Zymotic Diseases were read by Mr. S. G. Sloman, junior, and Dr. F. Pearse; and were discussed by Mr. Napper, senior, the Chairman, and Mr. Fowler.

2. A paper on Prognosis in Heart-Valve Disease was read by Dr. Isambard Owen; and a discussion followed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the readers of papers concluded the meeting.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this District was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on May 13th, Dr. Diver, of Kenley, in the chair.

Papers.—The following were read.

1. Dr. G. Harley, F.R.S.: The Crystalline Structure of Gallstones.

2. Mr. J. Tweedy: The Treatment of the various forms of Hardness of the Eyeball.

Cases and pathological specimens were exhibited by Mr. Noble Smith, Dr. Thudichum, Mr. Matthey, Dr. Oxley, and Dr. Rutherford Adams.

After a large and interesting meeting, twenty-nine members and visitors dined together.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.

THE last meeting of the winter session was held at the Hackney Town Hall, on April 15th; Dr. DICKSON, President of the Branch, in the chair.

Specimens.—Dr. C. R. Walker showed photographs of cases of myxœdema and polymorphic erythema.

Rheumatism.—Dr. THOMAS BARLOW read a paper on the by-ways of rheumatism, commencing by briefly discussing the joint-affections common after scarlet fever, some of which, he held, were rheumatic, and some certainly septicæmic. In others, he considered, the affection was simply a manifestation of the scarlatinal poison in the joint-tissues. He insisted on the importance of considering exhaustion, fatigue, and nervous prostration as strong predisposing, if not exciting, causes of rheumatism, and also quoted cases in which acute rheumatism followed injuries. He discussed the connection of tonsillitis with rheumatism, and stated that it was often an antecedent of rheumatic fever, especially in the hyperpyrexial form. After having dwelt upon the differences between rheumatic fever in young persons and in adults, he referred to the fact of ankylosis and dislocation of joints occurring as sequelæ, together with affections of the sheaths of tendons, the bone-ends, and the fibrous and ligamentous tissues round joints. With regard to treatment, he acknowledged the great value of salicin and its compounds; but when it failed to effect an early cure, he deprecated its continuance. He did not consider it of much value in the subacute and chronic forms, nor in relapsing cases.—A discussion ensued, in which Drs. Gibbings, Gilbert, Greenwood, Hunt, and Henty took part. Dr. Barlow briefly replied, and after a most cordial vote of thanks, the meeting adjourned.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Delegates of Learned Societies at the Sorbonne: Medical Section.—*Death following Enucleation of the Eye.*—*Anosmia,* and *Lingual Psoriasis.*—*The Jugular Veins in Chloro-anæmia.*—*Recent Observations on the Circulation of Invertebrates.*—*Proportion of Triple Births.*—*General News.*

THE annual meeting of the delegates of the learned societies, at the Sorbonne, has recently taken place. In the Medical Section, many interesting papers were read. M. Castan, of Montpellier, defended the dual theory of scrofula and tuberculosis. He stated that scrofula was very prevalent in the South of France, and tuberculosis very rarely met with there. He considered that a scrofulous diathesis was favourable to the development of tuberculosis, but that they were two distinct diatheses. M. Cagny described the good results in the Duchy of Baden, from the practice of preventive inoculations of pigs against measles. The Government has organised gratis inoculations. M. Delthil recorded statistics obtained in his own practice, by treating diphtheria by vapour of tar and turpentine, and those obtained by his medical brethren. The comparison is in favour of M. Delthil's method.

At the recent Ophthalmological meeting, M. Dor stated that only 27 instances of death after enucleation have been published, the real number being higher, from the fact that medical men often hesitate to publish their failures. In all the cases published, death immediately resulted from meningitis; yet, in four of these, the brain-lesion was cured. M. Dor has had two cases of death after enucleation; in one instance, meningitis set in six weeks after enucleation. The patient was tuberculous; in the second, the patient was an old man with irido-cyclitis in one eye, and a cataract in the other. M. Dor enucleated one eye, before operating on the other for cataract. On the fifth day after enucleation, the patient was perfectly well; subsequently, he died in two days, either from embolism or from cerebral apoplexy, or possibly from absorbing a solution of bichloride of mercury, which M. Dor used for his dressings.

Dr. Neigel, professor in the Faculty of Medicine at Jassy, publishes the following case in the *Progrès Médical*, of April 24th. A lady, 38 years of age, during the months of April and May of 1885, completely lost all sense of smell and taste. There were patches of psoriasis on the dorsal surface of the tongue. It was impossible to ascertain whether these patches preceded the anosmia. The sense of taste was entirely absent; it was not stimulated either by bitter, sweet, or salt flavours. The sense of smell was not acted on, either by asafetida or

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Monday, May 17th, 1886.

Medical Acts Amendment Bill.—In reply to Dr. FARQUHARSON, Sir L. PLAYFAIR said he did not propose to do more that night than to get the Bill into Committee, and immediately report progress.—Mr. F. POWELL suggested that, as the right hon. gentleman had several important amendments to propose, it might be well to commit the Bill *pro forma*, in order that it might be reprinted with the amendments.—Sir L. PLAYFAIR said he did not think the character of the amendments rendered that course necessary; they referred mostly to matters of detail.

Tuesday, May 18th, 1886.

Small-Pox and Infected Rags.—Mr. LAWSON asked the secretary to the Local Government Board, whether, in view of the recent severe outbreak of small-pox in the parish of Wooburn, Bucks, due to the rags used in paper-making at the Wooburn Mills, he would take steps to secure the disinfecting of all rags so used, to prevent the possibility of contagion.—Mr. BURLACE: The Board have learnt, with much regret, of the outbreak of small-pox at Wooburn. They have no authority under which they can secure the disinfection of rags used in paper-making, so as to prevent contagion. They have, however, with the view of assisting the local authorities, and those concerned in paper-making, collected and disseminated the fullest information respecting the circumstances of disease-production by means of rags, and the best means of disinfecting efficiently without injury to the rags. They have also enjoined the adoption of vaccination and re-vaccination of persons engaged in paper-making and the rag trade, as the most available means of saving individuals from the infection of small-pox.

Medical Acts Amendment Bill.—The following notices of motion have been given in reference to this Bill. Dr. FOSTER will propose to reduce the number of Crown nominees in the Medical Council from six to four, two to be nominated for England; to increase the number of representatives of the medical profession in England from two to four; and to provide that each registered practitioner shall have the corresponding number of votes. Dr. Foster also proposes the following addition with reference to the revision of the constitution of the General Council. In case of any reduction of the members of the Council, by virtue of a report of the Privy Council, an additional member shall be given as a direct representative of the profession in that division of the United Kingdom in which the reduction has been made for every member taken from the constituent body or bodies. Also, to insert the following clause: *Registration of foreign degrees held by registered medical practitioners.*—On and after the appointed day, it shall be lawful for any registered medical practitioner, who being on the *Medical Register* by virtue of English, Scotch, or Irish qualifications, and in possession of a foreign degree in medicine, to cause a description of such foreign medical degree to be added to his name as an additional title in the *Medical Register*, provided he shall satisfy the General Council that he obtained such degree after proper examination, and prior to the passing of this Act.—Dr. FARQUHARSON will propose that the Universities of Aberdeen and of St. Andrew's shall each have a separate representative, instead of one collectively.

OBITUARY.

HENRY JACKSON, M.R.C.S., Barnstaple.

MANY old students of the Middlesex Hospital will hear, with great regret, of the death of this energetic practitioner, who has been cut off in the prime of life. Born at Torrington, the son of a private schoolmaster, he spent three years as pupil with Dr. Harper, of Barnstaple, and then entered as a student at the Middlesex Hospital. He distinguished himself in several of his classes, and devoted himself assiduously to the practical study of his profession. He obtained his double qualification as soon as the regulations admitted him, and became resident obstetric officer at the hospital. He then returned to Barnstaple, in 1873, and joined Dr. Harper in partnership; and threw himself, with over-abounding zeal and energy, into the duties of his profession. He became Surgeon to the North Devon Dispensary, and subsequently was elected on the staff of the North Devon Infirmary; and, for both these useful institutions, he did good and faithful work. He became Medical Officer of Health for the Urban and Rural Sanitary

Authority, and, in that capacity, drew up several admirable reports, tracing with care the outbreak and progress of many serious epidemics, and giving many judicious hints for the prevention of these fatal diseases. The Town Council, by a special vote after his decease, recorded their appreciation of the mingled zeal and tact with which he discharged duties that, at times, were far from pleasant. He was also one of the medical officers of the Union, and, in that capacity, was much trusted and beloved by the poor. He was most unselfish in his devotion to his duties, and he had his reward in their esteem and affection. He was surgeon to the Oddfellows, the Rechabites, and other benevolent societies; and these all manifested their genuine grief at his death by sending large deputations to follow his remains to the grave. Indeed, his funeral was a striking proof of the opportunities which our profession affords a genuine, kind-hearted man of winning the good-will and respect of large numbers of his fellows; for, though only thirty-five years of age, he was followed to his grave, amid evident signs of sorrow, by a very large number of persons representative of all classes of the community and of very nearly all the institutions of the town. His cheery presence, ready sympathy, and unvarying patience, were as grateful as his advice; and, that his heart was in his work, was patent from the energy, time, and thought he gave to it.

In 1882, Mr. Jackson married the daughter of Mr. James Bilney, of Barnstaple, whom he leaves a widow with three children, for whom a wide-spread sympathy is felt. His three brothers are in the profession, one of whom (Dr. Mark Jackson) will succeed him in his practice. The cause of death was rheumatic fever, complicated by pleurisy. The deceased was attended by Dr. Harper and Dr. Budd, and every medical man in the town was present at his funeral.

ROBERT SCOTT ORR, M.D., Glasgow.

We regret to announce that Dr. Scott Orr, of Glasgow, died suddenly on May 15th, whilst sitting in his house, reading. Dr. Scott Orr, who was 67 years of age, graduated M.D. of Edinburgh in 1840, and shortly afterwards went to Glasgow to assist Dr. Hutchieson, at the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Gartnavel. Later, he became superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, which he left to engage in practice at Dunoon. After some years, he returned to Glasgow, and became one of its leading physicians. Only last year he resigned his position as visiting physician to the Royal Infirmary, a position he had occupied for a long term of years. A few years ago, he was elected President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, and for ten years he has represented that Corporation at the General Medical Council. He was also an Examiner in Medicine to the University of Glasgow. In the earlier part of his career, he was a contributor to the Glasgow and Edinburgh medical journals. A shrewd business man, thoughtful, kindly, and dignified in all his conduct of life, he will be much missed by a wide circle of friends.

MEDICAL NEWS.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examinations for the licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1886, the undermentioned candidates were successful.

For the Licences to Practise Medicine and Midwifery. R. H. Abbott, M.D., Queen's University, Kingston, Canada; G. S. Lestrangle, Banagher, King's County; J. W. Lonsdale, Manchester; B. O. Mauly, Dublin; P. J. Sheridan, Duncormack, County Wexford; W. E. Waters, Carbury, County Kildare.

For the Licence to Practise Medicine only. A. Badcock, Bramley, Leeds; L. Birch, Manchester; D. McCann, Dublin; F. W. McCauley, Rathmines, Dublin; E. F. S. McKay, Dublin; W. J. Reed, Smethwick, Birmingham; J. J. Savage, Clonmel, County Tipperary.

For the Licence to Practise Midwifery only. J. H. Griffin, Merrion, County Dublin; J. J. O'Brien, M.D., R.U.I., Upper Riverstown, County Cork.

The following candidate, having been duly examined, was granted the licence to practise as a midwife and nurse-tender.

M. H. Baxter.

The undermentioned licentiate in medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to membership pursuant to the provisions of the supplemental charter of December 12th, 1878, has been duly enrolled a member of the College.

M. J. Jordan, Castiebar, County Mayo.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine,

Surgery, and Midwifery, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, May 13th, 1886.

Alexandria, Nazareth, Scutari, Constantinople.
 Atkinson, John Lancelot, 1, St. George's Square, S.W.
 Barnes, Robert Newton, Ash House, Bishop's Waltham, Hants.
 Bell, John Charles, Merlin, Ontario, Canada.
 Englebach, Frederick George, Richmond, Surrey.
 Jones, Josiah Herbert, Hoe Street, Walthamstow.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

AYSARTH UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by May 22nd to W. E. M. Wynn, Askrigg, via Bedale.
CARLISLE DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Mr. J. Ostell, 14, Bank Street, Carlisle.
CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Fulham Road, S.W.—Three Chemical Assistants. Applications to Secretary.
CHESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Visiting Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by May 22nd to the Chairman of the Board.
CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by June 8th.
CLIFDEN UNION.—Medical Officer, Roundstone Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. J. J. O'Loughlin, Assistant Honorary Secretary. Election on May 28th.
EAST RIDING ASYLUM, Beverley.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Medical Superintendent by July 1st.
GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N.—Two Clinical Assistants. Applications to Secretary.
HARTLEPOOL FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S ASSOCIATION.—Dispenser. Applications to T. Tweddell, Reed Street, West Hartlepool.
HUDDERSFIELD INFIRMARY.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by June 5th to F. Eastwood, Infirmary, Huddersfield.
INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST AND THROAT, 26, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square.—Honorary Physician. Applications by May 20th.
LEEDS UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by May 24th to John King.
LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE.—Honorary Full Physician. Applications by May 24th to the Secretary, 24, Friar Lane, Leicester.
LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE.—Two Honorary Assistant Physicians. Applications by May 31st to the Secretary, 24, Friar Lane, Leicester.
LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE.—Two Honorary Assistant Surgeons. Applications by May 31st to the Secretary, 24, Friar Lane, Leicester.
NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Surgeon. Applications by May 29th.
PARISH OF LOCHBROOM, Ross-shire.—Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by June 2nd to John Munro, Inspector of Poor.
QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Two Physicians to the Out-Patients. Applications by May 31st.
ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Moorfields, E.C.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by June 1st.
ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William Street, Strand, W.C.—House Surgeon. Applications by June 2nd.
ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE, DISPENSARY.—Surgeon. Applications by June 1st to the Secretary.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.—Second Medical Officer. Salary, £50. Applications by May 24th to the Honorary Secretary.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BAILEY, T. Ridley, M.B. Edin., re-appointed Medical Officer of Health, Bilston.
BARLING, Gilbert, B.S., F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham, vice W. G. Archer, F.R.C.S., resigned.
BLACKWOOD, Arthur, M.D., M.Ch., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Liverpool Parish Infirmary, vice W. Piercy Fox, resigned.
BOND, C. K., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the North London Hospital for Consumption, Hampstead, N.W., vice G. A. Shackel, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.
EVANS, Williams, M.R.C.S. Lond., L.K.Q.C.P.I., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, vice S. Hughes, M.B., M.R.C.S.
FRASER, James Thomson, M.B., C.M., appointed Honorary Physician to the Hulme Dispensary, vice G. J. Haslam, M.D., M.R.C.S., resigned.
GEMMELL, John E., M.B., C.M. Edin., late House-Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, appointed House-Surgeon, vice A. W. Collins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.
HINDS, Frank, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Resident Medical Officer to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, vice E. J. Lewis, resigned.
LAKE, Richard, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the West London Hospital, vice C. H. Taylor, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., resigned.
LEWIS, E. J., appointed House-Physician to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, vice John Thomson, M.B., resigned.
LISTER, Charles E., L.K.Q.C.P.I., House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, vice A. E. Weightman, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin.

LUCAS, S. A., L.R.C.P. and S. Ed., appointed Honorary District Medical Officer for No. 1 District of the Liverpool Ladies' Charity and Lying-in Hospital.
MOIR, John, L.R.C.P. Ed., re-appointed Medical Officer to the West Ham Local Board Cottage Hospital, Plaistow.
MORGAN, A. L., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Kidderminster Infirmary, vice F. S. Barber, resigned.
OSWALD, Robert J. W., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. & S. Ed., appointed Medical Officer to the 7th District of the Lambeth Parish, vice Lionel Druitt, M.D., resigned.
PARRY-JONES, M., M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Surgeon to Pinxton Collieries, vice E. Penny, M.D., resigned.
PEDLEY, R. D., M.R.C.S., L.D.S., appointed Dental Surgeon to the Evelina Hospital for Children, vice Newland Pedley, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., resigned.
PRICE, J. A. P., M.B., B.A., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Berks Hospital, vice F. W. Sutton, M.R.C.S., resigned.
RAKE, Herbert Vaughan, M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Fordingbridge Union.
RICHARDSON, J. B., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Castle Betham District, Bourn Union.
SPONG, C. S., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., appointed House Surgeon to the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, vice A. R. Hall, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.
TAYLOR, C. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., appointed House-Physician to the West London Hospital, vice A. Harper, M.B., M.R.C.S., resigned.
THOMAS, W. Thelwall, M.R.C.S. Lond., L.R.C.P. Edin., appointed House-Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, vice John E. Gemmell, M.B., C.M. Edin.
UNDERWOOD, A. T., M.R.C.S., L.D.S. Eng., appointed Dental Surgeon to the Dental Hospital of London, vice Henry Moon, M.R.C.S., L.D.S. Eng., resigned.
WATSON, Thos. A., M.B., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Rochdale Infirmary, vice S. H. A. Stephenson, M.B., resigned.
WILSON, Samuel, M.D., M.Ch., R.U.I., appointed House-Surgeon to the Monkwearmouth and Southwick Dispensary and Accident Home, vice V. E. R. Ardagh, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin., resigned.
WILLIAMS, R. R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, vice John Bostock, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., 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.

DEATHS.

OWEN.—On May 7th, at 60, Belvedere Road, Upper Norwood, Harvey Kimpton Owen, M.D., F.R.C.S., L.S.A. Lond., in his 71st year.
WILLETT.—On May 11th, 1886, at Ashley House, Ashley Road, Brixton, Matthew Willett, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., aged 72.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

AN extraordinary meeting of the College was held on Thursday, May 20th; Sir W. JENNER in the chair.

The gentlemen who were elected to the Fellowship at the last Comitia, and whose names have been already published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, were formally admitted.

A report was received from the Medical Bill Committee, upon which a discussion arose as to the desirability of the admission to the *Medical Register* of certificates in Sanitary Science, granted by Universities or Medical Corporations. This view was strongly advocated by Sir ANDREW CLARK and other speakers, and a hostile amendment was defeated by a large majority.

The Building Committee appointed by this College, along with the College of Surgeons, presented an *ad interim* Report, which referred to the successful ceremony at the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Examination Hall, and stated that the works are progressing rapidly, and will probably be completed before the 24th of March of next year. The Committee added that, in their opinion, it was desirable that the Colleges should consider what use ought to be made of the plot of ground adjoining the new Hall.

The report was received; and, after some discussion with reference to the last clause, it was resolved to name a Committee to confer with a Committee from the College of Surgeons to consider this question.

The subject of the Croonian Trust was again discussed, and several amendments were brought forward, but, finally, the matter was again postponed.

SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS IN JAPAN.—A paragraph in *Nature* states that there are thirty-seven periodicals published in Japan, devoted to matters connected with education; of this number, seven are medical papers, with a monthly circulation of 13,514. There are nine papers relating to sanitary matters, and two to pharmacy. There are also nine other papers, devoted to other branches of science; and no fewer than twenty-nine papers, with a circulation of over 70,000, engaged in disseminating a knowledge of popular science.

GLASGOW PATHOLOGICAL AND CLINICAL SOCIETY.—The closing meeting of this Society for the present session was held on Tuesday, May 11th. Professor George Buchanan presided. Dr. Thomas Reid showed two cases of glioma of the retina, in which the choroid became early involved, and where the disease, after remaining for some time quiescent, suddenly burst through the tissue of the eyeball, and invaded the orbit. He described the pathological appearances, and showed some of the glomatous tissue under the microscope. Dr. Newman showed a patient whose larynx he had excised, in February last, for malignant disease. The case has been fully reported in this JOURNAL, in the issues of May 1st and 8th of the present year, pp. 814 and 868. Dr. Newman insisted on the necessity for speedy removal of malignant disease, when limited to the inner parts of the larynx, and in such cases, for diagnostic purposes, attached the utmost importance to removal of a portion of the tumour, for examination, by the endo-laryngeal method. The patient could articulate distinctly and well with the aid of a reed fitted into the laryngeal tube in the ordinary way. Dr. Joseph Coats followed with an account of observations made on Dr. Newman's patient, with a view to determine the seat of origin of the vesicular murmur in respiration. Different conditions of the external opening of the trachea were produced, and the changes in auscultation observed. The results went to show that the seat of the vesicular murmur was in the pulmonary parenchyma. Dr. Knox showed an epithelioma of the hand, which he had successfully removed from a man, aged 55. The ulceration had its origin in the cicatrix of an extensive burn, which had occurred when the patient was a child. The disease appeared twelve months ago, spreading with great rapidity, and causing gangrene of all the fingers. The patient had been burnt on the face also, and epithelioma had appeared on the left temple, but was stationary. Sections of the ulcerated surface were shown under the microscope. Towards the close of the meeting, the following office-bearers were chosen for the session 1886-87. *President*: Dr. James Finlayson. *Vice-President*: Mr. Henry E. Clark. *Treasurer*: Dr. J. B. Russell. *Secretary*: Dr. David Newman. *Other Members of Council*: Dr. George Buchanan, Dr. Donald Macphail, Dr. Donald Fraser, and Dr. Eben. Duncan.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—An ambulance-class, composed of officers and non-commissioned officers of the 45th Regimental District Head-quarters, was examined at Derby, on May 6th, by Dr. J. W. Martin, who reports in the highest terms of the manner in which all the pupils passed the examination. The Examiner lays great stress on the importance of this subject to all branches of the service, and strongly urges the formation of similar classes elsewhere. Amongst the successful candidates were Colonel J. North Crealock, C.B.; Captain N. J. Reech; Lieutenant Henry James Bowman; and thirteen non-commissioned officers.

THE GERMAN UNIVERSITIES.—The following were the number of students, during the past winter session, in the medical faculties of the Universities of the German Empire, and of those Universities where instruction is given in the German language: Berlin, 1,305; Bonn, 267; Breslau, 375; Erlangen, 247; Freiburg, 389; Giessen, 145; Göttingen, 206; Greifswald, 399; Halle, 280; Heidelberg, 205; Jena, 193; Kiel, 127; Königsberg, 241; Leipzig, 742; Marburg, 268; Munich, 1,225; Rostock, 106; Strasburg, 210; Tübingen, 197; Würzburg, 827; Vienna, 2,673; Graz, 490; Innsbruck, 202; Basle, 121; Berne, 198; Zürich, 207; Dorpat, 840.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Lockwood: The Morbid Anatomy and Pathology of Encysted and Infantile Hernia. Dr. Fletcher Beach: A Case of Imbecility, with Choreoid Movements. Dr. Stevenson and Mr. Bruce Clarke: The Treatment of Stricture of the Urethra by Electrolysis.

WEDNESDAY.—British Gynaecological Society, 8.30 P.M. Specimens will be shown by Mr. Lawson Tait and others. Dr. Fancourt Barnes on a Case of Pyometra. Dr. Grigg on Pyosalpinx in the Puerpera. Council meeting at 8 P.M.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society, 8.30 P.M.—Report of Urinary Tests Committee. Dr. Caton (Liverpool): Aneurysm of Hepatic Artery. Mr. R. W. Parker: On the Treatment of Nævus by Excision; to which is appended a clinical analysis of 564 cases of nævus, together with the microscopic nature of this condition. Mr. Victor Horsley: A Case of Suppuration of the Mastoid Cells, complicated by Thrombosis of the Right Lateral Sinus, and Septic Embolism of the Heart and Left Lung, in which Recovery followed Trephining of the Mastoid Process; with remarks on the Prevention of Septic Embolism in such cases. Dr. Hale White: On Simultaneous Inflammation of several Serous Membranes. Society of Medical Officers of Health, 7.30 P.M. The minutes of the preceding meeting will be read. William Basse, O.E., F.L.S., F.G.S. The Waters derived from the Bagshot Beds considered as Drinking-Supplies.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....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.

TUESDAY.....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).

WEDNESDAY.....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.

THURSDAY.....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.

FRIDAY.....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.

SATURDAY.....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.

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

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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

RUPTURE OF UTERUS?

MR. H. T. BATCHELOR (Queenstown, Cape Colony) writes: An elderly, spare woman, the mother of many children, came under my care during her confinement. Labour began, and all things went well, until about the time when the os was nearly dilated. Then there came a gush of blood, so great as to frighten her, and lead her to ask if she were flooding. I could not myself account for it, as I had not, in my examination, felt the placenta within the os. After a delay, labour proceeded with regularity, the bleeding having stopped, and was finished in due course. There was now a delay in the birth of the placenta; and, as I knew the patient was addicted to suffering from hour-glass contraction, I passed the left hand into the uterine cavity, steadying the uterus externally by the right hand. I came upon the contracted upper segment, and felt the portion of placenta passing into it. I dilated the contracture with my fingers, and removed the imprisoned portion of placenta. I then proceeded to examine with the index-finger in the upper segment, and make sure that the whole cavity was clear; when, to my surprise, there appeared to be nothing between my inside hand and outside hand but the abdominal wall, that is, between my left index-finger, and right hand resting on the belly. I withdrew my left hand, carrying the placenta with it. The uterus contracted firmly. There was no further difficulty of any kind, and the patient made an excellent recovery, and has since given birth to another child.

Did rupture of the uterus at the fundus occur towards the completion of dilatation of the os, at the time when the patient asked if she were flooding, and did my examining finger pass through the rupture when engaged in the removal of placenta from uterus? I believe I am right in answering yes.

MATERNAL IMPRESSIONS.

MR. G. RICHMOND MOORE (Gorey) writes that he attended a confinement where the child was spotted on the face and trunk, with numerous round, shining naevi, of a bright red colour. The mother said she had experienced an intense longing to possess a bunch of mountain-ash, every time she passed a certain garden where it grows luxuriantly. These naevi are very like mountain-ash. In another case, where the mother had sprained her ankle on a doorstep, the ligaments of the child's ankle on the same side were very loose, and the foot fell outwards when turned over. In a third case (at Bristol), Mr. Moore was summoned to see a child just born. Both legs between the knee and ankle were constricted, raw, and bleeding, and looked as though an ineffectual attempt had been made to cut them off, by tying a rope tightly round each; there was half an inch of cicatrization at the margin of the raw surface. There was also a large, partly raw, partly cicatrized surface, in the region of the right groin, about the size of a hand. And on the back of each hand was a red stain of the skin, like a bloody finger-mark. The mother stated that, six months previously, she was walking with a female friend, and they witnessed an accident. A young man was run over by a cart; the shaft ran into his right groin, and the wheels passed over both legs, fracturing them. When he was carried away, she distinctly saw a dab of blood on the back of each hand, probably left there by the person who lifted him. The child was a female, and had a very pretty face and a remarkably well formed head, and was otherwise sound and healthy.

MR. JAMES RHODES (Glossop) writes: Mr. J. D., a schoolmaster of the old type, had to act as scribe and lawyer for those requiring his help. He had no phalanges on the left hand, and just a nodule of nail at the end of each metacarpal bone. He placed this hand on what he was then writing, and a woman, then in her third month, kept her attention on it. On delivery, her child had a similar hand. I know her well, and have the photograph of her hand. She also was the means of imparting this malformation to a female friend, who met her one day when in the third month, by putting her hand to her face. The child, on delivery, had the same malformation.

MR. W. HEWITT (Prestwick) writes: A few days ago, I was in attendance on Mrs. A., an intelligent, middle-aged lady. She informed me that she had not slept overnight, and, in a casual manner, stated that, of course, the night was somewhat stormy. On my remarking that the night was not what one would call stormy, she informed me that even a slight storm of wind had always had greater terrors for her than the most severe thunderstorm could have. She had come to womanhood when her mother told her that she (Mrs. A.) was born during a severe storm of wind, and that, immediately preceding her birth, the roof of the cottage was entirely removed.

THE ELECTRO-MAGNET IN SURGERY.

W. M. H. writes:—Magneto-electricity has achieved such good results in the extraction of metallic substances from the eye, that I would inquire if it have proved similarly useful elsewhere.

I have to record its utter failure in a case where, last Christmas, in scrubbing a floor, a needle ran into the palm of the hand, over the head of the third metacarpal bone, and broke off. There was no indication of its exact whereabouts, and no suppuration, etc. On March 2nd, Dr. South, R.N., very kindly took the patient on board H.M.S. *Vernon*, and, having cut down over the supposed site, applied so powerful an electro-magnet, that it suspended me from its armature. Yet the needle was not withdrawn, nor did it prick or otherwise cause sensations to the patient. On April 3rd, however, there being "soreness" on the back of the hand, I cut down (under Esmarch's bandage), and, after some probing, felt and removed a portion of a needle, seven-eighths of an inch long.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:

Dr. Mackey, Brighton; Dr. Styrap, Shrewsbury; Mr. E. J. Penny, Berkhamsted; Dr. Rich, Liverpool; Dr. Houghton, Upper Norwood; Mr. K. R. Schramm, London; Dr. A. Tornes, London; Mr. H. Meymott, Ludlow; Mr. W. H. Newell, Dublin; Mr. John Langton, London; Dr. A. H. Corley, Dublin; Dr. Edmund Lechmere, London; Mr. R. B. Wild, Withington; Mr. Thomas Partridge, Stroud; Mr. W. E. Sacker, London; Mr. Lennox Browne, London; Mr. H. Vaughan Rake, Salisbury; Dr. F. Soper, Philadelphia; Dr. F. E. A. Prince, London; Dr. J. Home Hay, Alcoa; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; Dr. A. Wurzburg, Berlin; Mr. H. L. Pearson, New Ferry; Mr. J. M. Cotterill, Edinburgh; Mr. J. T. Hartill, Willenhall; Mr. H. Casson, Workop; Mr. W. F. Smartt, Essequibo, British Guiana; Dr. Weatherly, Bath; Mr. Gubb, London; Mr. James T. Rudall, Melbourne; Mr. S. Clarke Noble, Kendal; Mr.

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