

THE ABERDEEN ROYAL INFIRMARY.

At a recent Quarterly Court of Managers of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, several resolutions of interest to the profession were adopted; 1. The addition of an Assistant-Physician to the Hospital staff; 2. That the number of resident-assistants be increased to four, two physicians' assistants, and two surgeons' assistants; 3. That the medical staff should meet together as a "Medical Committee," at least once a month, and report on such subjects as the Committee of Management may request their opinion upon, and on any matter which they may desire to bring under the notice of the Committee of Management; 4. That the fees paid by the students for admission to the Infirmary (other than fees paid for the Clinical Lectures) should belong to the hospital. These were among the reforms suggested by the Special Inquiry Committee, appointed in September last, of which Professor Struthers was chairman. They were then, on the motion of Dr. Struthers, remitted for the consideration of the Committee of Management, and now came before the quarterly court with the approval of that committee. Another recommendation of the special committee, also approved by the Committee of Management, "That the limit of service for the visiting medical officers be restricted to fifteen years, except in the case of professors in the University, engaged in clinical or pathological teaching, whose services the executive may deem it expedient to continue," is deferred till the next meeting of the Quarterly Court of Managers. The new office of Assistant-Physician is creating much interest in the profession in Aberdeen; a number of the most promising of the junior members being already in the field for the appointment, which will take place in September. Among the candidates are Drs. M. Booth, Edmond, Macgregor, Rodger, and Blaikie Smith.

IRELAND.

URLINGFORD DISPENSARY.

LAST week, an election for a medical officer to this dispensary took place. There were about a dozen candidates, but ultimately the number was reduced to two, namely, Drs. Coyne and Finnelly. Dr. Coyne, who was acting as *locum tenens*, was elected by a majority of four votes.

MANSLAUGHTER BY A LUNATIC.

DR. DAVYS, one of the coroners for the county Dublin, held an inquest, last week, at the Rathdrum Workhouse, in reference to the death of a lunatic who was killed by another lunatic inmate of the workhouse. The jury, after hearing the evidence, brought in a verdict that the deceased died from spinal concussion, the result of a severe blow inflicted upon him by another lunatic. They further added, that they considered that the hospital sergeant of the workhouse had too many duties to perform, and thus was unable to give the necessary attention to the male lunatics engaged on the farm; and they recommended that a special attendant should be employed for this purpose.

THE NEW MEDICAL ACT.

THE position of representatives by votes of the registered practitioners on the General Council will be probably sought for by Dr. G. H. Kidd and Dr. A. H. Jacob, who have taken for many years a very active interest in medical education.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—At the annual distribution of certificates to the successful members of the St. John Ambulance classes at Huddersfield, Mr. Martin, the surgeon-instructor, showed the great increase which had taken place in the numbers attending the classes, the total in the two years being 509, of whom 467 had gained certificates. It was stated that of the members of the police force, all of whom had undergone instruction, 93 had obtained certificates. At the conclusion, a presentation was made to Mr. Martin of a handsome liquor-crust by Mr. J. A. Sykes, on behalf of the students of the Lindley class.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 14th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

June 24th, 1886.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1886.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

ANY qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any 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.

GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Scientific Grants Committee of the British Medical Association desire to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences, that they are empowered to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted at the next annual meeting should be made without delay to the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 181A, Strand, W.C. Applications must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed.

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

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

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

INQUIRIES are in progress on the subjects of

DIPHTHERIA, CANCER OF THE BREAST,

OLD AGE, THE VALUE OF HAMAMELIS

THE VALUE OF PURE TEREBENE.

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

The inquiry on Acute Rheumatism is now closed, as the printing of the Tables is completed. Any cases of which Reports are sent by June 1st, will be added to the Tables.

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. MATILAN, M.B., Honorary Secretary, Madras.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, June 29th, at 5.30 P.M. President: Walter Dickson, M.D., President-elect: John S. Bristowe, M.D., F.R.S. Dinner at 7 P.M.; tickets: vs. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. Dr. Walter Smith has given notice that he will propose that the number of Vice-Presidents be increased from four to six, and that of ordinary members of the Council from eighteen to twenty-four. ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D.; W. CHAPMAN GIBCO, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Infirmary, Cardiff, on Thursday, July 8th. Members wishing to read papers should send titles before June 20th. Gentlemen wishing to join the Branch or Association should send notice before July 7th. A. SHEEN, M.D.; D. A. DAVIES, M.B., Honorary Secretaries.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Festiniog, in the first or second week in July. Members having cases to communicate, or papers to read, or who wish to propose new members, should advise the Secretary on or before the 21st instant. W. JONES MORRIS, Furtmadoc, Honorary Secretary.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Salop Infirmary on Tuesday, June 29th, at 2 P.M. W. H. O. SANKEY, Esq., M.D., President, in the chair. Members desirous of reading papers or other communications are requested to forward the titles to the Honorary Secretary, EDWARD CURETON, Shrewsbury.

NORTHERN COUNTIES (SCOTLAND) BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Elgin, on Wednesday, July 7th. Members wishing to show cases, or to read papers, will oblige by communicating the titles at once to the Honorary Secretary, J. W. NORRIS MACKAY, M.D., Elgin.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.—The Annual General Meeting of this Branch will be held on Tuesday, June 29th next, in the Medical Institute, Birmingham. An address will be delivered by the President, B. H. AGAR, Esq. The annual dinner will take place at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, at 6 P.M.; dinner tickets, exclusive of wine, 5s. each. ALFRED H. CARTER, M.D., 21, Temple Row, Birmingham; ROBERT SAUNDY, M.D., 83, Edmund Street, Birmingham, Honorary Secretaries.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Bradford, on Wednesday, June 30th, at 3 P.M. Gentlemen intending to read papers are requested to communicate with ARTHUR JACKSON, Sheffield.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON AND EAST ANGLIAN BRANCHES.—There will be a combined meeting of these Branches at Ipswich on Friday, July 9th, under the presidency of Dr. Elliott. It is requested that early notice of intended papers, or other communications, be given to one of the Secretaries: B. ANNINGSBY, M.D., Cambridge; M. BEVERLEY, M.D., Norwich; W. T. JACKMAN, Coggeshall; W. A. ELLISTON, M.D., Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Town Hall, Lancaster, on Wednesday, July 7th, at 2 P.M. The President, Dr. Barker, will deliver an inaugural address. Subject: The Study of Nature as the Foundation of Medical Thought and Practice. The following medical and surgical communications have been promised: Mr. Walter Whitehead: Three cases of Suprapubic Lithotomy. Dr. Stewart: A paper on Provident Dispensaries. Dr. Farrar will show Gerrard's Ureometer, and give a practical demonstration of its action. Mr. Christopher Johnson: A paper on Sanitary Reform a Hundred Years Ago. Dr. Ashby will show a specimen of Congenital Biliary Cirrhosis of the Liver from an infant aged 4 months. Dr. Griffith will read a paper on Tobacco Amblyopia in Women. Dr. Walter will show an unusual form of Uterine Polypus. Dr. Davidson will read a short communication upon a Medical Subject. Dr. Charles Rayne will read a paper on General Peritonitis as an early and prominent feature in Glanders. Luncheon will be provided by the President at the Town Hall, from 12.30 to 2 o'clock. The members will dine together at the King's Arms, at 5 P.M.; dinner tickets, 7s. 6d. (wine not included). CHARLES EDWARD GLASBEY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 93, St. John Street, Manchester.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The annual meeting will take place at Oxford on Wednesday, July 15th. Members who wish to read papers or show cases of interest are requested to inform one of the Honorary Secretaries (in or before July 11th). Dr. DARRINGTON, 60, High Street, and Mr. MORGAN, 42, Broad Street, Oxford, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH; EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above District was held at Tunbridge Wells on May 28th, 1886, Mr. ASHBY presided.

The next Meeting, it was decided, will be held at Hastings, in September.

Secretary.—Mr. T. Jenner Verrall was re-elected Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.

Meetings of the District.—Mr. VERRALL brought forward a proposal to reduce the number of meetings in the year from four to three. The attendance had not of late been good, and the custom in other districts seemed to show that three meetings were as many as could be well attended. He wished to ascertain the feeling of members on the point. Dr. WITHERS MOORE seconded, but regretted that there should be any occasion for the change, as he regarded these gatherings as of great value both from a scientific and a social aspect. Several of those present expressed similar views; and eventually it was decided that the present number might be retained for another year, in the hope that the question having been raised, more interest might be shown.

The Royal Medical Benevolent College.—Mr. MARSACK drew attention to a circular lately sent out, asking for help for the Royal Medical Benevolent College.

Communications.—The following communications were made.

1. Mr. Gorham gave some interesting and instructive reminiscences of Guy's Hospital relating to Ovarian Dropsy, and the difficulty experienced by the early advocates of removing the cyst in gaining recognition for the operation.

2. Dr. Stowers read a paper on Rodent Ulcer, its Nature and Treatment; and showed microscopical specimens. He discussed the nature of the disease with regard to its origin as an epithelioma or carcinoma, giving his adhesion to the former view. After indicating the various methods of treating the established disease, he laid stress on the desirability of removing in early life those warts or moles which were likely, in later years, to prove spots for the invasion of this affection. Dr. Mackey, Mr. Verrall, and Dr. Moore took part in the discussion.

3. Dr. Mackey showed varieties of Unna's Ointments, spread on muslin and gutta-percha.

Papers by Mr. Watson and Mr. Lammiman were not read, owing to their being unable to attend; and one by Dr. Elliott was postponed for want of time.

MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held at the County Hospital, Lincoln, on Thursday, June 17th, under the presidency of Dr. NEWMAN.

Officers, Council, etc.—The representatives in the General Council of the Association were re-elected. In the Branch Council, Dr. Handford (Nottingham) and Mr. Rice (Derby) were elected in the places of Dr. Stephenson and Mr. Dolman, who retire from lapse of time. Dr. Curgenven (Derby) was chosen as President-elect on the proposition of Mr. J. Wright Baker, seconded by Mr. Symphon. The Honorary Secretaries and Treasurer were re-elected.

New Members.—Dr. H. P. Berry, Dr. Thos. E. Carter, Mr. Okeil, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Johnston, Dr. Bernard, Dr. McFarland, and Mr. Webster, were elected members of the Branch.

Reorganisation of the Branch.—On the proposal of Dr. HANDFORD, seconded by Mr. SYMPSON, the following resolution was passed:—"That the secretaries of the four divisions of the Midland Branch be instructed to ascertain and be prepared to report to a future meeting the view of the members of the several divisions as to the reorganisation of the Branch."

Proposed Invitation to the Association.—The question of inviting the Association to hold its annual meeting in 1887 in the Branch having been raised, Mr. WILKINSON proposed, "That, with a view to settling the question more definitely of holding the annual meeting in one of the centres of the Midland Branch, a meeting of the members of each county be called to consider the question, and report to a general meeting of the Branch."

President's Address.—Dr. NEWMAN read an address on the Medical Treatment of the Poor, and the Provident System.

Papers, etc.—The following were brought before the meeting:—Dr. Lambard Owen: On Collective Investigation of Cases of Ovarian Dropsy. Dr. Wilkinson: Cases of Ovarian Dropsy. Dr. Handford: Rare Forms of Skin-disease illustrated by Photographs. Dr. Marshall: Pack's Operation for Fisure of Anus. Dr. Symphon showed a case of Myositis Ossificans. Luncheon and Dinner.—The President entertained the members at lunch in the board-room of the hospital, and, after the meeting, about eighteen members dined at the Great Northern Hotel.

and was drawn purposely over a brick laid down in front of the wheels, at a slow pace. The jar was very slight, owing to the careful way in which the springs have been arranged. I look upon it as one of the most perfect ambulances I have seen for the purpose of removing sick or injured persons, and I trust the members of the Association, at the forthcoming annual meeting, may have an opportunity of seeing one of the vehicles, and thoroughly testing its merits.—I am, Sir, yours most obediently,
MATTHEW COATES, M.D.
Vancouver, Mitcham Road, Streatham, S.W.

ELECTION AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

SIR,—As the by-laws of the Royal College of Surgeons require me to stand again for election into the Council, on July 1st, after two years' tenure of office, I may be permitted to express my hope that the Fellows will continue their trust in me.

I have attended every meeting of the Council held during my membership. Besides sharing in routine business, I have served on two important committees; one for widening the basis on which the fellowship may be obtained, the other for considering the question of granting the title of M.D. to members who have passed the conjoint examination of the two colleges.

In joining in the work of these committees, I have striven to promote the acceptance of these proposals, which are, in my opinion, most desirable to bring into operation. By taking part in all discussions, when I believed I could do so usefully, I have endeavoured to instruct myself in the business of the College, and to perform the duties entrusted to me.

On these experiences, I venture to rest my claim for a renewal of the confidence of the Fellows. If reinstated into the Council, I shall endeavour to promote the interests of the College to the best of my ability.—I am, Sir, etc.,
Wimpole Street.

BERKELEY HILL.

UNSATISFACTORY INQUESTS.

SIR,—There can be no doubt that a reform is needed in the whole of our present system of coroners' jurisdiction, from their appointment to the finding of verdicts, including also their extrajudicial decisions as to whether an inquest is or is not necessary. The principal requirement is greater uniformity. All coroners should be paid by salary, rather than by a fee per inquest; and there should be some rule, more definite than that which at present exists, as to what are proper cases to be referred to them. The subject is well worthy of consideration at the forthcoming annual meeting at Brighton.

But, while admitting all that Mr. Lovegrove has written, and that there are unsatisfactory inquests, I think it will be well for us to look at home, and see if there not also "unsatisfactory death-certificates." All deaths may, as regards this question, be divided into three classes: (a) those in which a certificate ought to be given; (b) those in which one ought to be refused; (c) those which are of a doubtful character. The first of these are those cases in which the deceased have been attended by medical practitioners in their last illness for natural diseases, and where there is no circumstance demanding an inquiry. The second class is less briefly defined, but includes all deaths from accident within a year and a day thereof; all cases involving a charge of neglect; all deaths from poison, whether suicidal, homicidal, or accidental; and all deaths from violence. This may appear somewhat trite; but there is much difference of opinion on this point. Thus, I have seen a certificate in which the cause of death was stated to be "childbirth—neglect of midwife." Of course, the registrar refused to register it, and referred it to the coroner. The proper course would have been for the surgeon to have refused a certificate, and communicated directly with the coroner. I have known certificates given in cases of homicidal violence, accident, and even poison, where the giving of a certificate could not be justified; it was simply a waste of time and trouble, an inquest being inevitable. Coroners complain, and very naturally, of this; and we must cast out our own "beams" before we venture to see the coroners' "motes."

The doubtful cases are the most difficult of all. Some coroners claim the right to sit in every case of sudden death; and it will be remembered that the late Dr. Hardwicke incurred much odium for holding an inquest upon the late Mr. Acton, who was well known to be suffering from heart-disease. Other coroners adopt a different course, being guided by the medical attendant; but, as the law is at present, the coroner has an undoubted right to sit in cases of sudden death, and it would be wiser, therefore, to refer every such case to him. So, also, with regard to infants found dead in bed by their mothers; some practitioners would certify, though they are proper cases to be

referred to the coroner whether he should hold an inquest or not. Greater uniformity is required as to the giving or withholding of medical certificates, and reference of all doubtful cases to the coroner.

Some medical practitioners regard all coroner's inquests as farces, no doubt with some reason; but we must remember that the coroner is as much an "institution" as a magistrate, recorder, or judge of assize. He is the only official who has power to inquire primarily as to a sudden, violent, or suspicious death, to order a *post mortem* examination, and to summon witnesses.

Let medical practitioners first begin by referring all cases which are proper ones for inquiry, or in which any doubt exists, directly to the coroner. Let them treat the coroner with that respect which they would have him show them, for some have quite as much dread of the coroner as Mr. Lovegrove thinks coroners appear to have of medical witnesses. Let us first correct what is amiss in our own ranks, and then we shall be in a better position to demand reform and uniformity of practice from coroners.—I am sir, etc., yours faithfully,
FRED. W. LOWNDES.

Liverpool.

JEJUNOSTOMY.

SIR,—In your report of the Clinical Society of London (December 5th, 1885), Mr. Golding-Bird gives a description of the above operation, which he performed on October 25th, 1885; and Mr. Pearce Gould states that the same operation had been done by him in the beginning of September. I was surprised that no notice was taken of a similar operation, performed by me on March 9th, 1883, an account of which appeared in your issue of February 21st, 1885. I believe the omission to have arisen from the fact that I used the general term, enterostomy; for the reason that I had, before operating, carefully considered, and consulted with my friends, whether to open the duodenum or the jejunum. Preference was given to the latter, for reasons stated in the paper referred to. Like the above gentlemen, I was not aware of anything of the kind having been previously attempted; but, unlike them, I had the melancholy satisfaction of discovering that the operation had been performed, in the year 1859, by M. Surmay, to whom, therefore, I believe, belongs the merit of priority. It may be worth while to note that the operative procedure of the various operators differs, as regards the site of the abdominal incision, and in other respects.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. ROBERTSON, M.B.,
Surgeon to the Oldham Infirmary.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council was held on Thursday, June 24th, at the College.

On the confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council, held on June 10th, the following amended resolution relating to Mr. Bryceson was carried:

"That Mr. Bryceson be allowed to present himself for the final Examination for the Diploma of Member, on producing certificates of having attended anew, at the London Hospital College of Medicine, the several courses of lectures which were invalid in his schedule—namely, the courses on *Materia Medica*, *Midwifery*, *Chemistry*, *Practical Chemistry*, *Medicine*, and *Pathological Anatomy*."

Mr. Alabone, a Member of the College, was summoned by the Council, to answer certain questions relating to unprofessional notices of him which had appeared in various public journals; and, having made a verbal statement, was called upon to put the same in writing, for the further consideration of the Council.

LEEDS AND WEST-RIDING MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—The general meeting of this Society was held on May 21st. The report stated that the Society, during the past year, had held eight ordinary, besides two extraordinary meetings. The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*President*: Dr. S. C. Smith. *Vice-Presidents*: Mr. Ed. Atkinson and Dr. Cameron. *Treasurer*: Dr. Clifford Allbutt. *Honorary Secretaries*: Mr. A. W. Mayo Robson and Dr. Jacob. *Librarian*: Dr. Barrs. *Auditor*: Dr. Braithwaite. *Committee*: Dr. Churton; Dr. Dobson; Mr. Wm. Hall; Dr. Hutchinson; Mr. Jessop; Dr. Fletcher Little; Mr. W. N. Price; Mr. Fredk. Shaan; Dr. Swana; Mr. Wiseman; Mr. C. J. Wright; Dr. Young.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone all the necessary examinations, were admitted Licentiates in Dental Surgery at a meeting of the Board of Examiners on June 17th.

Charles A. Barstow, James Street, Harrogate; Alfred E. Jones, Stamford Hill; Josiah Mansbridge, West Hampstead; Charles F. Rillott, Grange Park, Ealing; George O. Whittaker, Blackley, Manchester; Charles F. Wright, Edgware Road, W.; Thomas H. G. Wrighton, Buckhurst Hill. Seven candidates referred.

UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS.—For the examination commencing June 1st, 1886, for the degree of M.D., nine candidates presented themselves, and the following gentlemen obtained their diplomas.

John F. H. Ellerton, M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. Edin., Bridport; Charles S. Humphreys, M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. Lond., St. George's Dispensary, W.; George W. F. Paul, M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. Lond., 62, Ladbrooke Grove Road; Percy Rendall, M.R.C.S. and L.S.A. Lond., 20, Ladbrooke Square.

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, June 17th, 1886.

Birch, Charles Ormond, Harley Street, W.
Denman, Robert, Sydenham, S.E.
Freeman, Richard Austin, Caledonian Road, N.
Morris, Edward, Wharton Road, West Kensington Park.
Williams-Freeman, John Peere, Bursledon, Southampton.
Yolland, John Horatio, Hoylake, Birkenhead.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

- AXBRIDGE UNION.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £47 10s., with additional medical extras. Applications by June 28th to W. Reece, Esq.
- BRAINTREE UNION, Essex.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 2nd to F. Smoothy, Esq.
- BARNWOOD HOUSE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, Gloucester.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Dr. Needham.
- BUCKS GENERAL INFIRMARY, Aylesbury.**—Resident Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary, £80, first year, with board and lodging. Applications by July 6th to G. Fell, Esq., solicitor, Aylesbury.
- ESSEX AND COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Physician. Applications by June 30th to the Secretary.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, Manchester.**—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by June 26th to the Chairman of the Medical Board.
- HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Honorary Physician. Applications by July 5th to the Chairman, Hull Royal Infirmary.
- JERSEY GENERAL DISPENSARY.**—Resident Visiting and Dispensing Medical Officer. Salary, £120, with furnished rooms, attendance, coals, and gas. Applications by July 7th to F. A. Hyne, Esq., 43, David Place, Jersey.
- LYING-IN HOSPITAL, York Road, Lambeth.**—House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by June 28th to the Secretary.
- NATIONAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street.**—Anæsthetist. Applications by June 30th to A. G. Klugh, Esq.
- NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, Bloomsbury.**—Junior House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and apartments. Applications by July 8th to B. Burford Rawlings, Esq.
- NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Clifton.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Board, apartments, etc. Applications by June 30th to the Medical Superintendent.
- OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester.**—Professor of Chemistry. Applications to the Council of the College, under cover, to the Registrar by August 31st.
- RIPON DISPENSARY.**—Resident House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 1st to the Honorary Secretary.
- ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road.**—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £104 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by July 7th to J. S. Byth, Esq.
- SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY, Greenwich.**—Surgeon for the Dispensary at Well Street, London Docks. Salary, £63 per annum. Applications by July 2nd to W. T. Evans, Esq., Seamen's Hospital Office, Greenwich, S.E.
- TEWKESBURY UNION.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Overbury District. Salary, £60 per annum, with extras. Applications by July 5th to H. A. Badham, Esq.
- WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications by June 28th to G. A. Newham, Esq.
- WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Resident Assistant. Board, lodging, and washing. Applications by June 28th to the Chairman of the Medical Committee.
- WEST RIDING ASYLUM, WAKEFIELD.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Board, apartments, etc. Applications immediately to the Medical Director, at the Asylum.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- CLARK, F. W., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Croydon Infirmary, vice G. A. S. Gordon, resigned.
- GARRY, T. G., M.D., M.Ch., M.A.O., appointed Resident Physician to the Ben Rhydding Hydropathic Establishment, vice Dr. Little, appointed Consulting Physician.
- HUTCHINSON, Procter S., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden Square.
- MIRCHELL, Robert, M.A., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed House-Surgeon to the Dewsbury and District General Infirmary.
- NEALE, J. Headley, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Honorary Assistant-Physician to the Leicester Infirmary and Fever House.
- PARTRIDGE, S., M.B., C.M., re-appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Carlisle Dispensary.
- POPE, F. M., B.A., M.B., M.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Honorary Full Physician to the Leicester Infirmary and Fever House, vice Dr. Buck, resigned.
- RODLER, J., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Head Surgeon to the Liverpool Dispensaries.
- ROUGHTON, E. W., M.D. Lond., appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
- SCHACHT, F. F., M.B., B.A. Cantab., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Physician to Westminster General Dispensary, vice B. O'Connor, M.D., resigned.
- SMYTHE, A. C. B., F.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to St. George's Dispensary, Hanover Square, vice F. T. Prince, deceased.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

BIRTHS.

- HOOKE, —On June 16th, at Gosport, the wife of Charles Hooker, Surgeon, Cirencester, of a son.
- JONES. —On June 22nd, 1886, at 6, Westbourne Street, Hyde Park Gardens, the wife of T. W. Carmalt Jones, M.A., F.R.C.S. Edin., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- DAVIES—DIXON. —June 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, Stroud Green, N., by the Rev. W. Cator, William Thomas Frederick Davies, M.B., B.S. Lond., of Swansea, to Florence, daughter of Thomas Dixon, Esq., of Stroud Green, and Dutoits Pan, South Africa.
- HOLBECH—EASTWOOD. —On June 16th, at St. Peter's, Malvern Wells, by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Cirencester, assisted by the Rev. R. F. S. Perfect, M.A., Vicar, Arthur Oliver Holbeche, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Malvern Wells, youngest son of the late Vincent Holbeche, Esq., of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, to Helen Jane, daughter of the late Rev. J. Eastwood, M.A., Vicar of Hope, Staffordshire.
- WOOD—MADGEN. —On June 23rd, at St. Hilda's, South Shields, by the Rev. James McGrigor, John Cuddehill Wood, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Ed., son of Peter Wood, of Sunderland, to Ellen Maude Madgen, of South Shields, second daughter of the late W. L. Madgen, of Greencroft, Haltwhistle.

DEATH.

- JONES. —On June 18th, at Medina Lodge, West Cowes, from the effects of accident, John Jones, M.R.C.S., aged 45.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—The presentation of medals, prizes, and certificates gained during the summer session, 1885 and the winter session 1885-86, by the students of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, took place this week at the Medical School, Chandos Street. The Rev. John F. Kitto, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in the chair. The Dean, Dr. Bruce, read his report, which stated that sixty-nine students had entered during the past twelve months—this being the largest entry in the history of the school. The average daily attendance of pupils had been 190. After the distribution of prizes, the chairman addressed the students, the whole concluding with a vote of thanks to the chairman on the motion of Sir Joseph Fayrer.

THE NATIONAL AID SOCIETY.—The accounts of the Princess of Wales Branch of the National Aid Society have been closed, and the surplus, £6417 16s. 3d., has been placed in the hands of the Princess of Wales for investment, to form a fund, to be used whenever needed for the assistance of British soldiers and sailors in time of war.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

- FRIDAY.**—Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, Annual General Meeting, 8.30 p.m. Living specimens at 8 p.m. Dr. Symons (Adelaide): Double Symmetrical Corneal Changes. W. A. Brailley and Simeon Spill: Nerve of Choroid with Secondary Glaucoma. E. Nettleship: Transverse Calcareous Film of Cornea after Operation. W. A. Brailley: Case of Double Glaucoma (microscopical specimens). W. T. Cant: Paralysis of both Sixth Nerves with Morbus Brightii. W. A. Brailley: 1. Tubercular Iritis. 2. Interstitial Keratitis. Query Tubercular.

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.—1.30 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.

CHARGING 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., 9; 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.

QUERIES.

CASES OF INTERSTITIAL KERATITIS.

OPHTHALMOS writes: Will any of your readers give me the names and dates of any publications, since that of Mr. Hutchinson in 1863, comprising an analysis of a series of cases of interstitial keratitis? I believe there was a summary of 100 such cases in some provincial journal within the last six months.

CAUSE OF WARTS.

H. G. M. asks if some member could inform him if washing the feet, etc., in the water in which potatoes have been boiled caused warts; and, if so, how it caused them. About two months ago, a child was brought to him, suffering from a large number of warts on both feet. The child's mother blamed the potato-water for them. The potato-water ablations were discontinued, and each wart was touched once with nitric acid. At the end of a month, all the warts were gone.

In a child predisposed to warts, any irritant, solid or in solution, tends to produce them.

ANSWERS.

INCOME-TAX RETURNS.

Dr. SANGRADO will find some practical information on this subject at page 132 of *The Sanitary and Medical Record's Diary*, December for 1886 (Smith, Elder, and Co.).

CUCAINE IN CATHETERISM.

MR. HURRY FENWICK writes: In answer to Mr. B. Dale in the JOURNAL of June 19th, the most convenient instrument for applying eucaine to the deep urethra is a terminal-orificed one. Either a terminal-orificed soft Jacques's catheter, which Mayer and Meltzer will supply, or a Guyon bougie à boule perforée (supplied by Lasserre, 26, Boulevard Saint-Michel, Paris) will do. Stick up half a drachm of a 20 per cent. solution of eucaine into an India-rubber cat-topped medicine-dropper, and, having passed the catheter until the point is at the site required, and fitted the point of the dropper into the mouth of the catheter, squirt the contents along the same. To inject the prostatic canal, the point need only rest in the membranous urethra.

I have not as yet had a case of "eucaine poisoning," and I have used it most freely (up to half an ounce of a 40 per cent.) in lithotomy, internal urethrotomy, and in conveying patients with enlarged prostates and irritable bladders into the country, besides, of course, in the minor operations of vesico-urethral practice. The only disagreeable effects I have noticed is a distressing sleeplessness, which I believe arises from absorption.

The last question: "Have I observed any such effect as is produced by contact of chloroform with depuration of air upon a surface?" which is palpably a printer's error for deprivation of air; I am unable to answer.

JUNUS.—It is impossible for a surgeon to give an opinion of a case which he has not seen. Resecting a fractured bone is sometimes necessary, and, in the case which you quote, you acted as you thought right. Medical members of general committees at hospitals should not discuss questions concerning the clinical work of an absent colleague, without previous notice to the gentleman whose actions they think right to criticize. To exercise scrutiny over cases remaining for a long time in the wards, is an essential part of hospital management. It is best for the Secretary to draw up a monthly list of such cases, and to make inquiries of the surgeons in charge of them. To regulate long-standing cases by a consultation between the members of the staff, which is quite a different thing from a consultation about an operation, is an arrangement which does not, as a rule, work satisfactorily.

INQUEST ON A CASE OF MARASMUS INFANTUM.

F. W. J., having seen and examined the child two days before its death (the fifth day of its life), was clearly justified in giving a certificate indicating, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the cause of death; though "marasmus infantum" is a very indefinite term, still it is perhaps as good as any other when congenital syphilis is suspected. It is not safe, however, to diagnose inherited syphilis in an infant who presents no objective signs beyond wasting, merely because it is reported to be premature by a midwife, and the mother had had a previous abortion. If an inquest be held, a coroner is bound by the written law to ascertain the cause of death, but he is equally bound by the unwritten law to use all courtesy to the medical witnesses especially, who are often placed in most difficult positions.

SPARTEINE.

IN reply to "H. S.," who inquires (JOURNAL, June 5th, page 1091) as to the dose of sparleine sulphate in cardiac dilatation with anasarca, Dr. J. STRAHAN (Belfast) writes as follows. Although calculated to be of great value in most cases of cardiac atony, from whatever cause, sparleine is not so likely to benefit anasarca, at least directly. In this it contrasts strongly with digitalis and caffeine, the action of which drugs it otherwise closely imitates. In the same respect it contrasts strongly with the drug from which it is obtained (spartium scoparium). The uncombined alkaloid sparleine is unsuitable for medicinal use, as it is extremely bitter and perfectly insoluble in water. It is an oily, colourless liquid, having very decided basic properties from its strong alkalinity. It agrees with cocaine and nicotine, in having no oxygen in its composition, its formula being C₃₀H₂₆N₂. It combines with any acid, and with excess of sulphuric forms sparleine sulphate, which is perfectly soluble in water. The physiological action of this salt has been investigated by Mills, in 1863; by Fick, in 1870; by Rymond, a pupil of Vulpian, in 1880; and it was introduced as a remedy for heart-affections in 1883. Its action on the healthy heart has been quite recently investigated by Eaparde.

As to the dose, the author of a paper on the subject, in the *Comptes Rendus de l'Union Pharmaceutique* (see *London Medical Record*, March, 1886, p. 106), has fixed the dose which produces marked cardiac effects, without acting on the digestion or nervous system, at 1.54 grains (one decigramme) in aqueous solution.

The action of sparleine sulphate on the heart is most definite and useful; but in moderate doses it leaves the quantity of urine unaltered, so that it does not seem a promising remedy for anasarca. According to Germain, Sp. sparleine has three characteristic effects. The most striking is the raising of the pulse and cardiac action; acting in this, much as digitalis and convallaria majalis, though its cardiac tonic action is greater, more lasting, and more quickly produced. The next effect is very prompt regulation of disordered rhythm. This action is so very marked, that no known remedy approaches it. Its third effect resembles that of atropina, as it greatly and quickly accelerates the action. In