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Dudley, H. N., Durrrow	0	10	6	Purcell, T., Dublin	1	1	0
Duncan, J. F., Dublin	1	1	0	Quain, R., London	3	3	0
Fagan, J., Belfast	1	1	0	Reardon, D. C., Bruff	1	0	0
Ferguson, J. R., Dublin	1	10	0	Reid, J. S., Belfast	2	2	0
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Fitzgibbon, H., Dublin	5	0	0	Rice, T., Portlaurington	1	1	0
Fletcher, R. V., Ballinasloe	1	1	0	Ringwood, J., Kells	3	3	0
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Hearn, G. M., Bawnboy	2	2	0	Wheeler, W. J., Dublin	2	2	0
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Hemphill, W., Clonmel	2	2	0	Woods, O., Killarney	1	1	0
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**EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES.**—An alarming epidemic of measles is reported to have broken out at a village named Sebastopol, Monmouthshire, and is causing the utmost concern to the local authorities. There are over one hundred cases under medical treatment, and no fewer than twelve children lie dead, there being as many as three in one house. The authorities are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of disease, and neighbouring medical officers have obtained permission to close the schools at once, should the epidemic spread to their district.

## LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

THE following letter from Dr. Thomas Keith is published in the *Liverpool Daily Post* of January 17th:—

SIR,—In your paper of January 11th, which has just been sent to me, Dr. Imlach makes the monstrous statement that I am entirely in accord with him on the question now in dispute at the Liverpool Hospital for Women. So utterly does my practice differ, that during the last seven years, of a great number of cases submitted to me, and including all operations done by my son, I have only felt justified in advising the performance of this operation in not more than half the number that were operated on in the Shaw Street Hospital in the course of a single year.

I have also had brought under my notice, for the first time, the printed report of the committee submitted to the governors and subscribers of the hospital. At page 4 it is stated that my opinion on this matter was sought last year by the committee. I never received any communication from them. Had my opinion been asked, however, it would have been to this effect—that at their hospital it seemed to me that there was an undue haste, amounting almost to recklessness, in operating, and that the death-rate of one in every twelve women, following an operation for a complaint that of itself is rarely dangerous to life, was an excessive mortality, and far more than sufficient to banish the operation from surgery altogether.—Yours, etc.,

THOMAS KEITH.

Edinburgh, January 14th, 1887.

To this letter Dr. Imlach has published the following reply:—

SIR,—Dr. Keith has inverted the words and sense of my letter. What I said was that I was acquainted with his opinions, and entirely agreed with them. I spent the whole afternoon of February 18th in his house, listening gladly to the free and unrestrained expression of his opinions on the debated subject. I would readily subscribe to all of them, and I shall now proceed to show my committee, by published cases, that our practice is not so dissimilar as he hastily imagines. Not even Dr. Keith is always successful, as we know to our sorrow in this district, nor his judgment infallible. By his own admission, he has operated upon a far greater number of cases than our senior metropolitan authority, and many of them since the recent visit of his distinguished son to Birmingham. Indeed, considering that Dr. Keith has command, I believe, of only seven beds, while we have thirty-three, and that his fame has been made in another direction, I am genuinely surprised to learn that he has found occasion and opportunity to have recourse so frequently to what he now denounces. I do not question that he has written down his conscientious convictions of the moment, but also I do not forget that more than once in his long and honourable career he has finally adopted what for a time he vigorously opposed. There is no one whose writings I have studied with so much devotion as those of Dr. Keith, and none whose work I more admire, and strive to imitate; but I must confess that I never knew him to utter or to write a generous word of any living man in his own line of practice on this side of the Atlantic. And I believe the Edinburgh school to be more truly represented by his colleagues in the Royal Infirmary and the professor of obstetrics in the University, Dr. Simpson, who says of our hospital that he "does not consider the proportion of cases excessive in an institution where one of the surgeons makes a speciality of the class of patients requiring that operation."—Yours, etc.

FRANCIS IMLACH.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1887.  
ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

ANY qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

Meetings of the Council will be held on April 18th, July 13th, and October 19th, 1887. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary, not later than twenty-one days before each meeting, namely, March 24th, June 23rd, and September 29th, 1887.

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 being pursued on the following subjects

DIPHTHERIA, THE ETIOLOGY OF PHTHISIS,

THE VALUE OF HAMAMELIS, THE VALUE OF PURE TEREBENE.

*Memoranda on the above subjects, and forms for communicating observations on them, may be had on application.*

THE INQUIRIES ON OLD AGE, CANCER OF THE BREAST, and the CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, are now closed.

A Report on the CHOREA Inquiry has been prepared by Dr. Stephen Mackenzie; and will be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL as soon as the printing can be completed.

A Report on CENTENARIANS, prepared by Professor Humphry, was published with the JOURNAL of December 11th; a full Report on OLD AGE will follow.

Reports are in preparation upon the INQUIRIES made into ACUTE RHEUMATISM, DIPHTHERIA, CANCER OF THE BREAST, and HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, and a Supplementary Report on PUERPERAL PYREXIA. All the above will be published in the JOURNAL as soon as completed. Tables of the Chorea and Acute Rheumatism cases will be published in separate form.

The Returns made to the GEOGRAPHICAL INQUIRY are being tabulated for report.

*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.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, 1887. Members who wish to read papers or show cases are desired to send notice of such intention to one of the honorary secretaries, on or before January 18th.—Dr. DARBISHIRE, 60 High Street, Oxford; W. L. MOROAN, Esq., 42, Broad Street, Oxford.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital on Thursday, January 27th, at 12 noon. Members who may be willing to contribute papers or read notes of cases are requested to notify same to JOHN MOORE, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will take place at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, on Friday, February 18th. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary of the District, A. W. Nankivell, F.R.C.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, not later than January 29th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—A. W. NANKIVELL, Honorary Secretary, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham.

DUBLIN BRANCH.—The tenth annual general meeting of this Branch will, by the kind permission of the President and Fellows, be held on Thursday next, January 27th, at 4 P.M., in the Hall of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Kildare Street. The Officers and Council for the ensuing year will be elected by ballot, and any other necessary business transacted. Dr. T. W. Grimsshaw, President-elect, will deliver the annual address. The annual dinner of the Branch will be in the College Hall, at 7 P.M., on the day of the meeting. The charge for dinner tickets for members who purchase their tickets on or before Wednesday, the 26th instant, is 17s. 6d.; for members purchasing their tickets after that date, and for guests, £1.—WILLIAM C. NEVILLE, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.—The ordinary meeting of this district will be held at Delfs Hotel, Ryde, on Thursday, January 27th, at 4 P.M.; David Lloyd, Esq., President, in the chair. Agenda:—1. Report of Collective Investigation Committee: R. Robertson, M.D. 2. A Question of Diagnosis: W. A. Harvey, M.B. 3. Four Cases of *Post Partum* Hemorrhage treated with Injections of Perchloride of Iron: Surgeon R. W. Barnes. 4. Case of Quinsy in an Infant: W. E. Green, Esq. Gentlemen who are desirous of introducing patients, exhibiting pathological specimens, or making communications, are requested to signify their intention at once to the honorary secretary. Dinner at 6 P.M.; charge 6s., exclusive of wine. Members to send in names before 25th instant.—W. E. GREEN, Honorary Secretary.

EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Adams, at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, February 17th, at 8.30 P.M. The chair will be taken by T. Vere Nicoll, Esq. A demonstration of interesting cases of skin-disease will be given by Stephen Mackenzie, Esq., M.D.—J. W. HUNT, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, on January 26th, at 6 P.M.; Dr. Langdon Down in the chair. A paper will be read by Dr. Lewers' on Modern Improvement in the Treatment of Malignant Diseases of the Cervix Uteri, and there will be a discussion on Terebene.—CHARLES C. SCOTT, M.B., Honorary Secretary.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

*Monthly Meeting.*—Held at the Adelaide Hospital, August 26th, 1886. Present: The Vice-President (Dr. DAVIES THOMAS), Drs. Gardner, London, Mitchell, Poulton, Stewart, Symons, Messrs. Giles, A. A. Hamilton, Hayward, Jay, Lloyd, Vaughan, and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. Cleland).

The minutes of the meeting held July 29th, 1886, were read and confirmed.

*New Member.*—Dr. Johnson was elected a member of the British Medical Association, and of its South Australian Branch.

*Centenary Celebration.*—A letter was read from the University of Sydney, asking for the co-operation of the Association in conjunction with other scientific societies, in forming an Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science; the meeting to be held in Sydney during the year 1888, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of these colonies. The Association to be formed on the lines of the British Association.—Dr. GARDNER, seconded by Mr. JAY, moved that the Branch express its willingness to co-operate as far as possible. Carried unanimously, and referred to the Council.

*Jubilee Exhibition.*—The Council having recommended that an honorary secretary should be appointed in connection with the Medical Committee *re* the Jubilee Exhibition, it was unanimously decided to appoint Dr. Poulton to the position.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

*Poisoning by Corrosive Sublimate used as an Antiseptic.*—*Dieulafoy on Puncture with the Aspirator Needle.*—*Fusiform Aneurysm of the Popliteal Artery.*—*Skin Grafting.*—*Cocaine as Antagonistic to Strychnine.*—*Physiological Action of Ordinary Piperidine.*—*General News.*

At a recent meeting of the Biological Society, M. Lucien Butte made a communication respecting the danger of mercuric chloride when used in dressing wounds and washing out cavities. The digestive organs are those most easily affected by corrosive sublimate. When the poison has been absorbed in sufficient quantity, diarrhoea comes on a few hours after the dressing of the wound; at first it is simply watery but afterwards becomes sanguinolent, and is accompanied by tenesmus, pains in the rectum, and abdominal colic, together with nausea and vomiting. Stomatitis and salivation are rarely observed. There is albuminuria, varying frequently in degree; the urine contains lymphoid and epithelial cells with granular casts. There is also severe headache, with slight transient disturbance of the intellectual faculties and insomnia. There is occasionally slight hyperæsthesia of the skin. Towards the end, although the intelligence is intact, sensation is less acute, the sight becomes dim, the pulse is weaker, the pupils contract, the temperature falls, and erythema appears, often in a very exaggerated form. The most important lesions are found in the alimentary canal, especially in the large intestines. The inflammation is generally limited to the colon, and rarely extends beyond the valve of Bauhin. There is violent hyperæmia of the mucous membrane, and the epithelium may be easily detached; the mucous membrane, which is superficially necrosed in some parts, is in others covered with a diphtheritic coating infiltrating the underlying layers. This coating is easily removed, when slight ulcerations with well defined edges become visible. These ulcerations only affect the epithelial layer of the mucous membrane. These intestinal changes, which have been already observed by Prévost, of Geneva, have been recently studied by Charrin from an experimental point of view. Characteristic lesions are also sometimes found in the kidneys. These organs are large, pale, and anæmic, and show the changes indicative of acute parenchymatous nephritis. Moreover, at the periphery and in sections striæ are seen of irregular size and of a yellowish-white hue. Microscopic examination shows that these points and striæ are composed of deposits of amorphous masses of oxalate of lime, which are situated in the hooked tubules, and are more abundant in the cortical matter than in the pyramids. Saikowsky succeeded in producing these lesions experimentally in rodents. Prévost showed that the calcareous deposits were caused by the decalcification of the bones, which in this form of poisoning lose as much as 9 or 10 per cent. of their solid constituents. The peritoneum is sometimes slightly injected. The liver is generally pale and anæmic. The other organs are unaffected excepting the brain, which, in an ex-

to the 1st Native Cavalry, *vice* Surgeon-Major J. E. C. Ferris, who has been transferred to civil employ.

Surgeon J. C. SMITH, Bengal Establishment, is appointed to the medical charge of the 27th Punjab Infantry, *vice* Surgeon-Major F. A. Smyth.

Surgeon-Major P. S. TURNBULL, M.D., Bombay Establishment, has been appointed Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces.

Surgeon-Major J. P. STRATTON, M.D., Bombay Establishment, has retired from the service on a pension of £700 a year. Dr. Stratton's commission as Assistant-Surgeon dates from October 20th, 1852, and he attained to Surgeon-Major October 20th, 1872. During the Indian Mutiny in 1859, he was Political Officer with the columns under Brigadier-General Wheeler for the expulsion of the rebels from Bundelcund.

Surgeon A. F. SARGENT, Bombay Establishment, in medical charge 3rd Light Infantry, has been granted leave out of India on medical certificate for one year from date of being struck off duty. Surgeon Sargent is in his ninth year's service for pension, which commenced on December 25th, 1855.

Surgeon F. A. ROGERS, Bengal Establishment, is appointed to the medical charge of the 42nd Goorkha Light Infantry, *vice* Surgeon-Major J. Wilson, M.D., transferred to civil employment.

Surgeon J. W. ROGERS, Bengal Establishment, is appointed to the medical charge of the 2nd Sikh Infantry, *vice* Surgeon J. A. Nelis, M.B.

Brigade-Surgeon A. PORTER, M.D., Madras Establishment, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence at the Medical College, has been appointed Principal and Professor of the Medical College, on the retirement of Brigade-Surgeon J. Keess, M.D.

Surgeon P. J. DAMANIA, Bombay Establishment, in medical charge of the 22nd Native Infantry, has leave of absence to Bombay for ninety days, on medical certificate.

The following is the allotment of annuities in the Bombay Medical Retiring Fund for 1887:—Deputy Surgeon-General J. Y. SMITH, M.D., £252; Surgeon-Major T. E. P. MARTIN, £210\*; Surgeon-General J. LUMSDAINE, £210\*; Brigade-Surgeon F. B. W. P. JOHNSTON, £168\*; Deputy Surgeon-General H. COOK, M.D., £168\*; Surgeon-Major R. DICK, M.D., £168\*.

[\* Lapsed to Government, these officers having received a refund of their subscriptions.]

Surgeon-Major HAMLIN NOTT, M.D., on the retired list of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, died at Kensington, on January 17th.

#### THE VOLUNTEERS.

ACTING-SURGEON WILLIAM MACKIE, of the 1st Dumbarton, and Acting-Surgeon D. HARDIE, of the 1st Elgin, have resigned their appointments; the former joined his corps June 23rd, 1885, the latter April 15th, 1885.

ERRATUM.—In the JOURNAL of December 4th, 1886, p. 1124, it was erroneously stated that Surgeon-Major Charles Sibthorpe, of the Indian Medical Service, had been promoted to be Brigade-Surgeon for services in the Soudan, instead of in Burmah.

## INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

**FEMALE MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IN INDIA.**—The following facts, which we quote from the *Times of India*, will have considerable interest for those who are concerned in the subject of female medical education. Madras, which of the three presidencies has been foremost in this movement, naturally returns the largest number of successes. Of the batch who first passed out in 1878, Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., now holds the honourable position of Lecturer in Midwifery to the female students in the Madras Medical College, and also that of Superintendent of the Victoria Caste Hospital. Miss Dora White has for several years past been carrying on a successful practice among the Mahomedan women of Hyderabad; besides having charge of a large dispensary there, she is medical attendant to the ladies of the Nizam's zenana. She recently proceeded to England for the purpose of obtaining an English diploma. Mrs. Mary Lonergan (formerly Miss Beale) is medical adviser to the Maharana of Meywar, at Oodeypore, on a salary of 225 rupees per month, with free quarters and carriage allowance; and she has also charge of a hospital for women and children, which has become so popular as to be attracting a yearly attendance of 9,210 patients. The only one of those who passed out in 1878 who does not hold a medical appointment, is Mrs. Small (formerly Miss Susan Mitchell). Of those who passed out subsequently, Mrs. Van Ingen, who has the honour of being a medical graduate of the Madras University, has been appointed to the medical charge of Lady Dufferin's dispensary for women and children in Calcutta, on a salary of 300 rupees per month, with free quarters. Miss Esther Smith has charge of a similar hospital in Ulwar, on a salary of 125 rupees, rising to 150 rupees. Miss Stewart has accepted an appointment offered her by the Begum of Bhopal, on a monthly salary of 200 rupees, rising by annual increments to 300 rupees. Miss Ramsbottom is employed as resident medical officer of the Military Female Orphan Asylum, on 70 rupees per month with free quarters. Miss Yerbury is working as assistant-medical missionary in Khetri (Rajpootana), under an American lady doctor, on a salary of 100 rupees. The above facts are culled from the annual report of the Madras Medical College, in which an opinion is expressed by Dr. Keess, that with the growth of Lady Dufferin's movement, all women who have the necessary qualifications will soon be provided with appointments. Dr. Keess, moreover, confidently hopes that the day is not far distant

when the inhabitants of every district and town of Southern India will enjoy the benefits of having in their midst a well trained lady doctor from some Indian college.

## HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY MANAGEMENT.

### THE UTILISATION OF WORKHOUSE INFIRMARIES FOR CLINICAL STUDY.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to your article of January 15th upon the Utilisation of Workhouse Infirmaries for Clinical Study, in which it is stated that the superintendent and chairman of the St. Marylebone Infirmary are moving their Board to appoint a resident qualified clinical assistant for that establishment.

The article would lead your readers to the conclusion that this scheme originated with the medical superintendent of the St. Marylebone Infirmary, and I am, therefore, desirous to make known that in September last Mr. William Adams, F.R.C.S., Vice-Chairman of the St. Pancras Board of Guardians and Chairman of the St. Pancras Infirmary Committee, addressed a letter to the Board—a copy of which I herewith enclose—laying down a scheme for the appointment of two resident qualified clinical assistants to be nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University College Hospital from the qualified students of that school, who should hold office for a period of six months, and receive an honorarium of 25 guineas each at the expiration of that period of office.

That scheme was unanimously adopted by the Guardians of St. Pancras on October 14, and was sanctioned by the Local Government Board on November 30th, and since December 25th last has been in full operation at the St. Pancras Infirmary, Dartmouth Park Hill, two gentlemen from the University College Hospital, Bachelors of Medicine of London, with surgical qualifications, being now in office.

I think, therefore, that it should be known that St. Pancras has taken the lead in a movement which, we hope, will greatly extend beyond the parish in which it originated.—I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

ALFRED A. MILLWARD,

Clerk to the St. Pancras Guardians.

Mr. William Adams, F.R.C.S. (Tower Lodge, Regent's Park Road), in the letter referred to, after referring to previously existing arrangements, expressed the opinion that the Infirmary at Dartmouth Park Hill was undermanned, and that if the work was to be performed with any approach to efficiency, three medical officers at least were absolutely necessary. The letter continues:

"Let me remind you that the large charitable hospitals of this metropolis are officered—and you will admit most efficiently too—by the system of appointing newly-qualified medical men to have charge of the patients under the direction of the physicians and surgeons. This system I would introduce into our infirmary, hoping thereby to secure the same efficiency of administration. I shall propose, then, that two assistants be appointed in the place of Dr. Bridgeford, and that they be engaged for six months only, as in the metropolitan hospitals. At the expiration of this time, they shall cease to hold office, and two others be appointed in their stead for another period of six months. These assistants I would propose to draw from the medical schools, and from the same high class of men who obtain the posts of house-surgeons and house-physicians of our hospitals, as a reward for superior practical skill and scientific attainments. The payment of these officers should be an honorarium at the end of their period of office; and I believe that a sum of twenty-five guineas, in addition to board and lodging, for each officer, would suffice to attract for that limited period the best class of men. I have had a conference with the medical staff of the University College Hospital, and have received from them an assurance that they would find no difficulty in nominating a sufficient number of fully-qualified young men of the highest order for the guardians to select from; and that they are ready to accept the responsibility of keeping up the supply. These changes would not affect, in the slightest degree, the position of the medical superintendent. His relationship with the assistants would be precisely the same as that now existing between himself and the assistant medical superintendent."

After showing that the increased cost would be very slight, Mr. Adams pointed out that the scheme ensured the following very substantial advantages:—1. An additional officer—a point of absolute necessity—and consequently a more thorough attention to the wants of the sick. 2. An introduction into the infirmary, from time to time, it is hoped, of the advances and improvements which are continually being made in the scientific treatment of disease. 3. A record of the history and treatment of every patient admitted into the infirmary, which might reasonably be required of the increased staff. 4. The great advantage to the public at large in affording experience to young medical men, at the commencement of their career, and in acquiring a knowledge of Poor-law medical work and the management of Poor-law infirmaries before engaging in private or public practice on their own responsibility. 5. By the continual influx of men of enthusiasm and energy, a means of combating that lethargy which is so apt to settle down upon isolated institutions such as ours, to the detriment of the sufferers therein."

On December 23rd, 1886, Mr. Lucien De Chazal, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., was appointed Senior Assistant Medical Superintendent; and Mr. Frederick Sherman Toogood, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond., was appointed Junior Assistant Medical Superintendent.

## MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

## ADVERTISEMENT OF THE NAMES OF HOSPITAL STAFFS: AN EXPLANATION.

H. (Manchester) writes: I have much sympathy with "M.D.," whose letter appears in the JOURNAL of January 15th (p. 136), when he complains of the "advertisements" which appear in the daily papers of the names of the members of the staff of various hospitals in this city. Under the pretence of the weekly hospital returns being published, the names of the staff and consulting staff are repeated *ad nauseam*, under circumstances which certainly look like a direct advertisement. "M.D." might have added that the Royal Infirmary and Children's Hospital send their weekly returns, but do not advertise their staff; they are, I believe, the only charities here which do not.

DR. JAMES NIVEN (Oldham) writes: With reference to a letter appearing in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of January 15th, 1887, p. 136, signed "M.D.," I beg to inform you that your correspondent has not brought to your knowledge the whole of the facts. Dr. James Ross's paper on bisulphide of carbon poisoning, which was, no doubt, the one your correspondent refers to, was read at a meeting of the Manchester Medical Society, and the subject matter was considered by the members present to be so important that Dr. Ross was requested to make it public. On Dr. Ross asking how that could be done, one of the members suggested that the paper should be published in the *Medical Chronicle*, and advance sheets sent to the daily press, of course with the object of drawing special attention to the contents of the paper. This suggestion was accepted, and was subsequently carried out, with, it is believed, beneficial results. The remarks in your correspondent's letter are, therefore, quite uncalled for.

## THE DUTY OF SANITARY OFFICERS TOWARDS MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

MR. J. M.—Although a careful perusal of the correspondence between Mr. M. and Mr. F. leaves no doubt upon our mind that Mr. M. is entitled to an explanation from the responsible sanitary authority in reference to the case therein alluded to, our correspondent cannot, we think, fail to see that, in the absence of the medical officer's long delayed answer, we are not in a position to offer an unbiased opinion on the point in question. At the same time, we consider that he has just cause to complain of Dr. R.'s apparent lack of courtesy to a professional brother in delaying (even under the circumstances stated by Mr. F.) to reply to the letter of inquiry addressed to him as medical officer.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their Primary Examination in Anatomy and Physiology at a meeting of the Board of Examiners in Anatomy and Physiology on January 12th, and when eligible will be admitted to the Pass Examination, namely:

H. J. H. Scott, of Melbourne University and King's College, and C. F. Stovin, of London Hospital.

Passed in Anatomy only.

L. D. Gover, A. B. Howe, and S. Yeoman, of St. Thomas's Hospital; W. J. Best, of the London Hospital; E. P. Furber, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. W. Anderson and K. F. T. Buco, of University College.

Passed in Physiology only.

A. H. Bird, of St. Mary's Hospital; C. Robson and E. N. H. Davidson, of St. Thomas's Hospital; J. Naylor, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. K. Bremner, of King's College; T. F. Ricketts, of Guy's Hospital; C. R. Harper, of Middlesex Hospital.

Passed on January 13th in Anatomy only.

E. H. Harden, of University College; A. T. Harrison, of Guy's Hospital; C. E. Judge and R. H. Wellington, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; L. L. Preston, of Middlesex Hospital; G. C. L. Vintras, of St. Mary's Hospital; J. L. Rubel, of King's College.

EXAMINING BOARD IN ENGLAND BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON AND THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their Second Examination in Anatomy and Physiology on January 10th, and when eligible will be admitted to the Third or Final Examination, namely:

F. H. Westmacott, student of Owens College, Manchester; B. P. Viret, R. E. F. Pearce, J. H. Drysdale, E. P. Paton, G. F. Murrell, C. H. Herbert, and E. D. FitzGerald, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. G. W. St. Cedd, of Guy's Hospital; C. H. Powers, of St. Mary's Hospital; E. Prada, of King's College; C. N. Lovely, of London Hospital.

Passed in Anatomy only.

W. R. Naylor, of Leeds School of Medicine; E. R. Rouse and B. Neill, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; C. H. D. Ralph, C. J. Prime, and C. P. Morgan, of Guy's Hospital; H. A. Vernon, of the London Hospital; H. W. Kershaw, of St. Mary's Hospital.

Passed in Physiology only.

A. Hawley, of Birmingham; R. H. Aston, of Leeds; F. H. M. Vander Pant, of Charing Cross Hospital; H. Slater, R. Johnson, and C. F. Beadles, of University College; S. H. Bankes-Price, of Middlesex Hospital; A. R. Lacey, of Guy's Hospital.

Passed on January 11th in Anatomy only.

R. S. Pearson, of Owens College, Manchester; G. H. Dawes, of Sheffield; W. R. Appleyard, of Liverpool; R. F. E. Austin, of Bristol School of Medicine;

E. S. Worts and J. Hutchinson, of Guy's Hospital; J. Severs and G. F. Glinn, of St. Mary's Hospital; H. M. Speechly and J. H. Sequeira, of the London Hospital; C. H. Wake, of University College; C. Wiggins, of Charing Cross Hospital.

Passed in Physiology only.

P. T. Naden, A. A. D. Townshend, and R. H. E. G. Holt, of Birmingham; H. J. Carstairs, of St. Thomas's Hospital; F. H. Squire, C. A. Ryde, and H. W. K. Read, of the London Hospital; A. E. Reynolds and G. Carolin, of University College; W. L. Hughes and L. H. Walsh, of King's College; C. H. White, of Middlesex Hospital.

Passed on January 12th in Anatomy and Physiology.

A. S. Dutton, student of St. Thomas's Hospital; P. W. Dove, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Passed in Anatomy only.

J. Cohen and A. Boulton, of Charing Cross Hospital; A. H. Creswell and F. G. Cory, of London Hospital.

Passed in Physiology only.

J. K. Birdseye, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. Hopkins and R. B. Debenham, of London Hospital; W. W. Stocker, of St. Mary's Hospital.

Passed on January 13th in Anatomy only.

D. Lawson, of Middlesex Hospital; S. A. C. Dallas, T. F. Woodhead, and J. E. Bailey, of University College; H. L. Penny, W. Penberthy, and H. P. Cuthbert, of London Hospital; W. H. T. Storrs, of King's College; H. Romer, of St. Thomas's Hospital; W. A. Odling and J. C. Hoyle, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. F. Colyer, of Charing Cross Hospital.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary examinations, were, at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, admitted Members of the College, on January 17th, namely:

A. H. Middleton, M.D. Dub., Shankill, co. Dublin, and J. Murray. M.B. Dub., Norfolk Street, W.C., of Dublin; G. Cranston, M.B. Durh., Ludlow, Salop, of Newcastle and St. Thomas's Hospital; M. C. Moxham, L.S.A., Swansea, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; C. H. Tattersall, L.R.C.P. Lond., Patricroft, of Manchester Royal Infirmary; C. H. Wild, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Bootle, of Liverpool.

Eight candidates were referred for three months, 9 for six months, and 1 for nine months. Four candidates passed in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine and Midwifery, will be admitted Members.

Admitted on January 18th.

W. M. Yeoman, M.B. Durh., Northallerton, A. Green, M.B. Durh., Gateshead, and B. G. Sumpter, M.B. Durh., Clay-next-Sea, Norfolk, of Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary; H. Browne, L.S.A., Cornwall Road, W., of Middlesex Hospital; P. T. Adams, L.S.A., Maidstone, of Newcastle and Guy's Hospital; J. G. Johnson, L.R.C.P. Lond., Lansdown Road, S.W., of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; S. H. N. Harrington, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Montpellier Terrace, Liverpool, of Liverpool Royal Infirmary; J. C. McLearn, M.D. Q.U.I., Highgate, of Dublin; E. Foxton, M.D. Kingston, Brockville, Ontario; J. F. Howitt, M.B. Toronto, of Toronto, Middlesex and University College; J. E. P. Sparrow, L.S.A., Southsea, Hants, of King's College; F. W. Thornton, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Trinity Street, Huddersfield, of Leeds General Infirmary.

Four candidates were referred for three months, and 8 for six months. Six candidates passed in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine and Midwifery, will be admitted Members.

Admitted on January 19th.

G. H. Spencer, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Turton, Bolton, student of Manchester Royal Infirmary; J. T. C. Williams, L.S.A., Dolgelly, North Wales, of London Hospital; H. Duncan, L.R.C.P. Lond., 8, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, of St. Thomas's Hospital; W. H. Blake, L.S.A., 8, Brondesbury Villas, Kilburn, and H. H. Brown, The Park, Harrow, of University College; H. E. Crook, L.R.C.P. Lond., Northfleet, Kent, of Guy's Hospital.

Four candidates were referred for three months, and 8 for six months. Seven candidates passed in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine and Midwifery, will be admitted Members.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed the examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, and received certificates to practise on Thursday, January 13th, 1887.

Bacot, William Rickward, The Cottage, Sudbury, Middlesex.  
Ford, Theodore Albert Vores, 31, Beauford Road, Clifton, Bristol.  
Johnson, Reginald Edward, 34, Winter Street, Sheffield.  
Wilde, Leonard, Ardwick House, Watford.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

ATHY UNION, Ballylinan Dispensary District.—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, and £18 per annum as Sanitary Officer, and fees. Applications by January 29th to W. Murphy, Esq., Aughanure, Ballylinan.

BEDFORD GENERAL INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with apartments and board, etc. Applications by February 3rd to the Secretary.

BELMULLET UNION, Knocknower Dispensary District.—Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, and £10 per annum as Medical Officer of Health, and fees. Applications by January 26th to A. O'Donnell, Esq., Chairman of the Committee.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL, Jaffray Suburban Branch.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 29th to Henry Fox, Esq., R.N.

**CASTLEREA UNION**, Castleplunket Dispensary District. Medical Officer. Salary, £90 per annum, and £20 per annum as Medical Officer of Health and fees. Applications by January 28th to J. L. Cotton, Esq., Longford House, Castlereagh.

**CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN**, Fulham Road, S.W.—Assistant Physician. Applications by January 31st to the Secretary.

**COUNTIES ASYLUM**, Carlisle.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications by February 5th to Dr. Campbell, Garland's Asylum, Carlisle.

**EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL**, Ipswich.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 26th to the Secretary.

**ENNISCORTHY UNION**.—Medical Officer, Ferns Dispensary. Salary, £100 per annum, and fees. Applications by January 22nd to Robert Lett, Esq.

**EYE, EAR, AND THROAT HOSPITAL FOR SHROPSHIRE AND WALES**, Shrewsbury.—Surgeon. Honorarium, £150 per annum for three years. Applications by February 8th to the Secretary.

**FLINTSHIRE DISPENSARY**.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished house, etc. Applications by January 25th to the Secretary, Bagdet Street, Holywell.

**GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL**, Caledonian Road, N.—Surgeon. Applications by January 29th to the Secretary.

**GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL**, Caledonian Road.—Two Clinical Assistants. Applications by January 29th to the Secretary.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST**, Brompton.—Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications by February 19th to the Secretary.

**HULL AND SCULCOATES DISPENSARY**.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by February 1st to R. H. Barker, Esq., Temple Buildings, Bowlalley Lane, Hull.

**LAMPETER UNION**.—Medical Officer. Salary, £30 per annum, and fees. Applications by January 27th to D. Lloyd, Esq.

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM**, Rainhill, near Liverpool.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by February 7th to the Medical Superintendent.

**LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL**, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Junior House-Surgeon.—Applications by January 22nd to the Secretary.

**NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL**.—Surgical Registrar and Anæsthetist. Applications by February 1st to the Secretary.

**QUEEN'S JUBILEE HOSPITAL FOR THROAT, EAR, SKIN, EYE, RECTUM, ORTHOPÆDIC, AND SURGICAL APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT**, Gloucester Terrace, Queen's Gate.—Applications by January 25th to the Secretary.

**RETTFORD DISPENSARY**.—Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with rooms, coals, gas, and attendance. Applications to the Secretary, West Retford Rectory, Retford.

**ROYAL BERKS HOSPITAL**, Reading.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by February 8th to the Secretary.

**SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY**.—House-Surgeon and Acting Secretary. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by January 26th to the Medical Staff.

**ST. PANCRAS AND NORTHERN DISPENSARY**.—Honorary Physician. Applications by February 13th to H. P. Bodkin, Esq., 23, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.

**SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL**, Greenwich, S.E.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 22nd to the Secretary.

**WATERFORD UNION**, Kilmeeaden Dispensary District.—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, and £20 per annum as Medical Officer of Health and fees. Applications by January 26th to D. Hickey, Esq., Stonehouse, Kilmeeaden.

**WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY**.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by February 7th to the Secretary.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**COURTEEN, R.**, M.B.Dur., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the St. Marylebone Infirmary, *vice* H. Larder, M.R.C.S., resigned.

**GREENLEES, T. D.**, M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the City of London Lunatic Asylum, Stone, near Dartford, *vice* Dr. E. H. Paddison, resigned.

**HOBBS, T. G.** Postbrooke Rice, L.F.P.S.G., L.M., L.S.A.Lond., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Sutton Coldfield District of the Aston Union, *vice* C. Barlow, M.R.C.S., deceased.

**LOCK, John Griffith**, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., L.M., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Tenby District of the Pembroke Union, *vice* L. C. Leslie, L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.

**MACKENZIE, K. W.** Ingleby, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon and Secretary to the Isle of Wight Infirmary, Ryde, *vice* Mr. Foulerton, resigned.

**RIDLEY, G. W.**, M.D., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Dispensary, *vice* W. C. Beatty, M.D., resigned.

**ROE, A. Dunville**, M.B.Cantab., M.R.C.S., appointed Divisional Surgeon to the Wandsworth Police, *vice* J. H. Hooper, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S., resigned.

**WHITFORD, William**, M.D., Honorary Assistant-Physician, appointed Physician to the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, *vice* D. D. Costine, M.D., J.P., appointed Consulting Physician.

**OUR BUTTER SUPPLY**.—The Shoreditch Analyst has reported that the result of the analyses of butter he had made revealed some peculiar combinations, one sample containing 90 per cent. of foreign fats, the amount of butter fats not exceeding 3 per cent. This was served as genuine butter, and one shilling and twopence a pound charged for it. Prosecutions are pending.

**FIRST AID TO THE INJURED**.—Colonel F. Duncan, C.B., M.P., delivered an address to the members of the Shaftesbury Club (Working Men's Club and Institute), at Lavender Hill, on Monday evening. Classes were at once formed; and fifty officers of the Royal Engineers at Chatham will immediately commence a course of instruction under Surgeon-Major McNulty, of the Army Medical Staff.

**MEDICAL MAGISTRATE**.—Mr. C. B. Plowright, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., has been appointed a magistrate for the borough of King's Lynn.

### MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY**.—MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M. Clinical night. Mr. Davies-Colley: Case of Plastic Operation for Ectropium. Mr. Walter Pyle: Case of Plastic Operation on Face. Dr. Maguire: Analgesia after Injury to the Head. Dr. Isambard Owen: Case of Tumour of Abdomen. And others.

**TUESDAY**.—ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Barwell: On widely incising by a Two-Stage Method Hydatids of the Liver. Mr. W. E. Cant: Clinical Observations on "Induration" in the Primary Lesion of Syphilis in Women. (Communicated by Mr. Holmes.)

**WEDNESDAY**.—BRITISH GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 8.30 P.M. Specimens will be shown. Address on Listerism, by Dr. G. Granville Bantock. Council 8 P.M.

**HUNTERIAN SOCIETY**. Mr. Croft will explain and demonstrate the method of treating fractures by the immediate application of plaster-of-Paris.

**THURSDAY**.—OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 8.30 P.M. Living and card specimens at 8 P.M. Mr. Nettleship: (1) Atrophy of Optic Nerves with Multiple Congenital Exostoses of Skull; (2) Three Cases of Light Blindness with Peculiar Retinal Changes. Mr. George Cowell: Three Cases showing the Result of Operation for Conical Cornea. Mr. Marcus Gunn: Case of Transverse Calcareous Film of Cornea. Papers.—Mr. P. H. Mules: A Short Record of some Unusual Clinical Cases. Mr. G. A. Berry: On Three Cases of Acute Cerebral Disease with Ocular Symptoms. Mr. W. H. Jessop: Sudden and Lasting Lateral Nystagmus. Mr. W. Lang: Case of Meningitis after Excision.

**FRIDAY**.—CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.0 P.M. Address by the President. Mr. Henry Morris: (1) A Case of Calculous Disease of Both Kidneys, with Remarks on the Surgical Treatment of Calculous Kidneys. (2) A Case of Nephro-Lithotomy. Mr. Howard Marsh: A Case in which very Severe Symptoms were due to Four Small Stones in an Atrophied and Movable Kidney; Failure to Detect the Kidney by Lumbar Incision; Discovery by Laparotomy; Successful Removal of the Organ. Mr. W. H. Bennett: A Case of Supposed Nephrotomy for Scrofulous Liver. Living specimens.—Mr. J. R. Lunn: (1) A Boy with Ichthyosis. (2) Peculiar Deformity of the Feet in an Ataxic Patient. (3) A Man with Raynaud's Disease of the Feet. (4) A Case of Myxedema, with want of Development of the Genital Organs.

### 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 announcement.*

#### MARRIAGE.

**RISK**—LANGSTON-FADDY.—At St. Luke's Church, Jullundur, Punjab, on December 13th, 1886, by the Rev. Wm. Ellison, Chaplain, Surgeon E. J. Erskine Risk, Army Medical Staff, son of the Rev. J. Erskine Risk, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's Chapel of Ease, Plymouth, to Ellie Mary, youngest daughter of Major Langston-Faddy, Retired List, Bengal Army.

#### DEATH.

**SNAPP**.—On January 13th, at Chorley New Road, Bolton-le-Moors, Richard Forth Snape, F.R.C.S.Eng., aged 65 years.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

MANUSCRIPTS FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THIS JOURNAL CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE RETURNED.



## A QUALIFIED ASSISTANT'S WAGES.

F. T. S. WRITES: The following advertisement appears this week in a medical paper:

"Wanted, a registered assistant, in-door, total abstainer preferred, to attend surgery in the morning, dispense in the afternoon, attend midwifery, and act as tutor for about three hours in the day to advertiser's two sons, aged 10 and 12. Must be a good accoucheur. Salary, £30, and all fees from midwifery attended by himself. Suit a gentleman who liked an easy life."

If this generous advertiser pays his assistant such a sum, I wonder what he pays his cook, for, doubtless, a physician would have a good retinue of servants. Is it possible that the profession is so overcrowded that any British medical practitioner can be found who would accept such an offer—an offer, to my mind, of abject slavery? To work in the surgery morning and afternoon is surely hard work enough for most men; what, then, must it be with night-work, and giving three hours' instruction daily to two young urchins? How can that suit one who liked an easy life? Thoughts fail me when I try to picture the man who dared to make such an offer to members of his own profession.

## DURATION OF INFECTIOUSNESS IN RÜTHELN.

MR. J. CORNBILL (Ilfracombe) writes: In the JOURNAL of January 15th, Mr. Lennox Browne inquires how long an interval should elapse before a patient recovered from rütheln may mix with others. The supplement to the *Health Journal* (Manchester) for March, 1884, contains a table and diagram illustrating the duration of the latent period, the fever, and the infectiveness of the exanthemata and some allied diseases. The time from the beginning of the eruption in German measles, till the patient ceases to be infective, is there stated to be fourteen days.

## AN EASY METHOD OF DIAGNOSING RÜTHELN FROM SCARLATINA AND MEASLES.

MR. T. P. ATKINSON (Surbiton) writes: According to Mr. Lennox Browne's opinion, the cases which have occurred at Wimbledon, and been pronounced to be scarlatina, are nothing more than ordinary German measles, or rütheln. I myself had the idea that this might prove to be the case, as I have known instances here where the same mistake has been made. Without doubt, the diagnosis now and then in the very commencement is very difficult; but if, from the high state of fever, sore-throat, etc., there is any doubt as to the nature of the case, it is best to defer giving an opinion till forty-eight hours have elapsed, at the end of which time, if it be simply German measles, the rash will either have entirely disappeared, or very materially diminished, and the temperature become pretty nearly normal.

In rütheln, again, the lymphatics are generally enlarged, but rarely the sub-maxillary glands. In many cases, the patient is scarcely ill at all, and the tongue is neither coated nor abnormally red. Bearing these points in mind, the diagnosis, I think, becomes much more easy.

According to the conclusions arrived at by the medical officers of public schools, no one who has had an attack of German measles should be allowed to mix with others till two or three weeks have elapsed. No one who has been exposed to the infection should be allowed to mix with others till the lapse of sixteen days after such exposure.

## PERSONATION AT THE EXAMINATIONS OF THE CONJOINT BOARD.

A. Y. Z. writes: I am surprised to hear that at the first or elementary examination of the Conjoint Board of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons no means are taken to prove the identity of the candidates presenting themselves. Thus, when a candidate first makes application in writing by post, his signature is not attested by any witness, and when he presents himself at the time of examination, he does not place his signature in a college-book; hence, the most open and easy road to the fraud of personation. How often this may take place it is impossible to say, whilst one or two simple precautions would entirely prevent, or, at any rate, make extremely difficult the success of any attempt in that direction.

## PILOCARPINE AS A GALACTOGOGUE.

RICHARD NEALE, M.D. Lond., writes: In the letter of your Paris Correspondent, page 80, it is stated that M. Chéron has discovered the remarkable effect of pilocarpine on the mammary secretion, and that, until his researches, although "some writers have incidentally mentioned the action of pilocarpine as a galactagogue, still, from a practical point of view, nothing seems to have been published upon the subject."

The value of pilocarpine as a galactagogue is now so well known that I should not have thought it needed the aid of the *Medical Digest* to refresh one's memory. Still, for those that need a reference, Section 1,600, ii, will show that, since Ringer, in 1875, drew attention to the subject, others have confirmed his statement.

## HOOKLESS CYSTICERCUS IN MAN.

DR. McREDDIE (Glasgow) writes: Professor Wilhelm von Zehender, in his Bowman Lecture, published in the JOURNAL of December 4th, says: "It is worth noting that this cysticercus without hooks, living in cattle, has never been found in the human body, neither in the eye nor elsewhere." With reference to this statement, I have to say that, in 1873 or 1874, in the N. W. Provinces of India, I found this hookless cysticercus on two occasions in the intestines of natives of low caste, who use the flesh of cattle when they can afford it. I carefully examined the parasites, and preserved them for some time, and have no doubt that, if looked for, the hookless worms will often be found in the natives of India of certain castes.

ERRATUM.—In the paragraph relating to an increase of salary granted by the Belfast Dispensary Committee, for "Mr. Mehany," read W. J. Meharry, L.R.C.P. & S. Ed., L.S.A., L.A.H.

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