

most important provident dispensaries, had been prepared for the information of the Committee.

Name of Dispensary.	Contributions per Month of Four Weeks.			Servants per annum.	Persons Joining Sick.	Midwifery.	Wage Limit (if any).
	Single.	Man and Wife.	Ch. taken under 14.				
Provincial.							
Birmingham Provincial Dispensary	d. 5	s. d. 0 10	d. 3	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 5 0	s. d. 10 0	s. d. ..
Northampton " " "	6	1 0	4	5 0	5 0	10 0	..
Derby " " "	4	0 8	2	3 6	3 6	10 6	..
Liverpool " " "	6	0 10	3	..	10 0	15 0	50 0
London.							
Battersea Provincial Dispensary	3 4	0 8	2	..	3 6	10 0	30 0
" " " "	4 8	1 4	4	..	5 0	15 0	50 0
Camberwell " " "	5 6	0 8	2	..	5 0	15 0	30 0
Finchley " " "	6 6	0 9	2	..	..	..	35 0
S. L. Medical Aid Institute	7 8	2 10	3	..	..	15 0	..
Fulham Sick Club	8 4	0 8	5	0	5 0	15 0	..
Wanlswoth Medical Aid Society	9 4	0 8	7	6	5 6	15 0	..
Suggested Rates	10 6	1 0	2	6 0	..	15 0	..

REMARKS.—¹ 1s. is the maximum rate for a family card. ² 8d. is the maximum rate for a family card. ³ Class A. Maximum rate, 1s. 4d. a month. ⁴ Class B. Maximum rate, 2s. 8d. a month. ⁵ 8d. is the maximum rate for a family card. ⁶ 1s. for man and wife, and all children under 14. ⁷ 2s. is the maximum rate for a family card. ⁸ 8d. is the maximum rate for a family card. ⁹ 1d. a member a quarter is charged for management. ¹⁰ 1s. 8d. to be the maximum rate for a family card.

¹¹ Non-Members are attended on the following terms: At Dispensary, first visit, 1s.; each visit after, 6d. At Home, first visit, 2s. 6d.; each visit after, 1s.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the following monthly rates should be recommended: Single persons, 6d. a month; man and wife, 1s. a month; children under 14 years, 2d. each a month; maximum rate for a family, 1s. 8d. a month.

It was suggested that the contribution for a man and wife joining together should be 10d.

It was pointed out that the success of the scheme would in a great measure depend upon the rates of contribution, and that unless these were high enough to allow of a reasonable remuneration to the medical men, their co-operation would not be secured. A sliding scale of contribution was suggested, by which persons who were willing and able could pay more than the rates suggested. This the Committee refused to adopt, as it was thought incompatible with the fixed wage-limit already adopted. A long discussion took place upon the rate of contribution for children, it being pointed out very strongly by several speakers that children gave the most trouble to the medical staff.

The following alternative rates were suggested: That 4d. a month should be charged for children; or one child, 4d.; two children, 6d.; three children, 8d.; four children, 10d.; man and wife, 10d.; making the maximum rate 1s. 8d. a month.

It was also suggested that children under 14 years should be charged 2d. a month; and between 14 and 16, 4d. a month.

Eventually the following rates were carried unanimously: Single cards (male or female), 6d. a month; man and wife, without children, 1s. a month; man, wife, and one child, 1s. 1d.; other children, 3d. a month each, not charging for more than four children in one family; making the maximum rate 1s. 10d. a month.

The Committee at the next meeting will consider the subject of entrance fees, midwifery, and special rates for persons joining sick.

It was generally agreed that all persons joining as ordinary members must be approved by the medical officers, and that persons whose physical condition would not allow them to be received at the ordinary rates could be received at special rates to be fixed according to the circumstances of the case.

THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bethlem Hospital on Wednesday, February 23rd. The chair was taken by Dr. Savage. Dr. Baker exhibited a model of a crib-bedstead with a close top, as recently in use at Utica Asylum. Dr. Savage then introduced for discussion the question: "Whether there is ever sufficient reason for the use of strong clothing and side-arm dresses?" which was followed by an interesting debate, in which Drs. Brushfield, Hayes, Newington, S. R. Phillips, Fox, Moody, and Haak Tukey, took part. The proceedings terminated with a paper by Dr. Percy Smith on "The results of an epidemic of Typhoid Fever on the Insane."

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 13th, 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.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Hackney Town Hall, on Thursday, March 17th, at 8.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Dr. Herman. A paper on Puerperal Convulsions; their Cause and Treatment, will be read by J. Williams, M.D., President of the Obstetrical Society. Visitors will be welcome.—J. W. HUNT, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Board Room of the Great Northern Central Hospital, Caledonian Road, N., on Wednesday, March 9th, 1887, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. Bristowe, F.R.S., President of the Branch, in the chair. Dr. E. Clifford Beale will read some notes on Two Cases of Symmetrical Gangrene (Raynaud's Disease). Dr. Burnet will describe and show a case of Chorea, with unusual symptoms. Dr. Beevor, three cases, illustrating some movements in nervous diseases, namely: 1. Paralysis Agitans. 2. Disseminated Sclerosis. 3. Athetosis. W. Spencer Watson, Esq., F.R.C.S., will read a short case of Chronic Hypertrophic Rhinitis, with spasmodic sneezing. All members of the profession are invited.—GEORGE HENTY, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The spring meeting will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, March 18th, at 6 p.m. Dr. Haddon, Hawick, will read a paper and introduce a discussion on Typhilitis and Perityphilitis. Dr. Eaton (Cleator Moor): The Coroner's Court from a medical point of view. Dr. Altham, Penrith, will read a paper on a Case of Compound Fracture of the Patella, and a Note upon the Antiseptic Treatment of Hydræcele. Notices of papers for reading, patients or morbid specimens for showing, should be sent to the Secretary without delay.—HENRY A. LEDIARD, M.D., 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST AND WEST SUSSEX DISTRICTS.—A conjoint meeting of the above Districts will be held at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, on Wednesday, March 30th. Dr. J. H. Ross will preside. Gentlemen desirous of contributing papers, etc., should communicate with the Honorary Secretary for East Sussex, 97, Montpellier Road, Brighton.—T. JENNER VERRALL, G. B. COLLET, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, March 10th, at 4 p.m., Edmund Hooper Galton, M.D., of Brixton Hill, S.W., in the chair. Papers by Dr. Braxton Hicks, "On the Alternate Contraction and Relaxation of the Uterus as a means of Diagnosing Pregnancy, normal and abnormal." By Dr. Pye-Smith, "On the Treatment of Pyrexia." By H. G. Plimmer, Esq., "On a case of Melanotic Sarcoma of the Foot." By Dr. J. H. Galton, "A case of Ovariotomy." By Dr. Dalton, "A case of Hydatid Liver," etc. Dinner at 6 p.m.; charge, 7s., exclusive of wine.—P. T. DUNCAN, M.D., Croydon, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.—The spring meeting of the above district will be held at the Albion Hotel, Broadstairs, on Thursday, March 17th, at 3 p.m.; Mr. Raven in the chair. The dinner will take place at the above hotel at 5 p.m. All gentlemen proposing to dine are requested to inform the Chairman by Tuesday, the 15th, that proper arrangements may be made. Agenda:—3 p.m. Etiology of Phthisis, with Special Reference to the Inquiry of the Collective Investigation Committee: Dr. Isambard Owen. The High Altitude Treatment of Phthisis: Dr. Tyson. Two Cases of Myxœdema and One of Early Multiple Cerebro-Spinal Sclerosis: the Chairman.—W. J. TYSON, Honorary Secretary.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.—The next meeting of the Branch will be held at Richmond, on Wednesday, March 30th. Members willing to read papers or show cases are desired to communicate as soon as possible with CHARLES C. SCOTT, M.B., St. Margaret's, Twickenham, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—A special general meeting will be held at Grantham, on Thursday, March 31st, for the purpose of discussing "the question of the payment of the travelling expenses of the representatives of the various Branches of the Association for their attendance at the four quarterly meetings of the Council." Members desirous of reading papers or exhibiting cases to this meeting are requested to communicate at once with W. A. CARLINE, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the members of the Essex District will be held at the Saracen's Head, Chelmsford, on Thursday, March 10th, 1887, at 8.30 P.M. Dr. Elliston, President of the Branch, will preside. Programme and Business Agenda: 8.30 P.M. General meeting. 1. To elect an honorary secretary for the year 1887. 2. To arrange the place and date of the next meeting, and to nominate a member of the district, resident in or near such place of meeting, to take the chair thereof, provided the President of the Branch does not attend. The following papers have been promised: 1. *Peseries*: their varieties, uses and abuses, by Dr. Clement Godson, London. 2. *Age in Zymotic Diseases*, by Dr. Downes, Chelmsford. 3. *Notes of a case of Charbon*, with remarks by T. H. Waller, Esq., Chelmsford. 4. *A Rare Form of Ichthyosis*, by E. H. Carter, Esq., Chelmsford. Notes on two successful cases of Malignant Pustule, by R. Z. Pitts, Esq., Chelmsford. At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be "high" tea at the Saracen's Head, tickets 3s. Any member wishing to be present, or to read a paper, or exhibit a case, is requested to notify his intention to C. E. Abbott, Esq., Honorary Secretary (*pro tem.*) Braintree, on or before Thursday, March 3rd.—W. T. JACKMAN, 114, Brixton Hill, S.W., Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—An intermediate meeting of this Branch will be held at Birkenhead, on Wednesday, March 30th. Members wishing to read papers, make communications, or show cases, are requested to communicate without delay with Dr. Glascott, Honorary Secretary, 23, St. John Street, Manchester. The programme of the meeting and other details will be published as soon as they have been approved by the Council of the Branch.—Dr. GLASCOTT, Honorary Secretary, 23, St. John Street, Manchester.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Dublin, on August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1887.

President: Withers Moore, M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

President-elect: John T. Banks, M.D., D.Sc. (Hon.), F.K.Q.C.P.I., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Dublin.

President of the Council: Sir B. Walter Foster, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine in Queen's College, and Physician to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Treasurer: C. Macnamara, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, London.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by W. T. Gairdner, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Professor of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by Edward Hamilton, M.D., Fellow and Professor of Surgery in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

An Address in Public Medicine will be given by the Reverend S. Houghton, M.D., F.R.S., D.C.L., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.

The scientific business of the meeting will be conducted in eight Sections and two Subsections, as follows, namely:

MEDICINE.—*President*, William Moore, M.D. *Vice-Presidents*, H. C. Bastian, M.D., F.R.S.; J. Magee Fiary, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries*, T. Gilbert Smith, M.D., 68, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.; C. J. Nixon, M.D., 2, Merrion Square, Dublin.

SURGERY.—*President*, Sir George H. Porter, M.D. *Vice-Presidents*, Alexander Ogston, M.D.; John Fagan, F.R.C.S.I. *Honorary Secretaries*, W. Thomson, M.D., 34, Harcourt Street, Dublin; R. J. Godlee, F.R.C.S. Eng., 81, Wimpole Street, London, W.; C. B. Ball, M.D., 16, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin.

OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.—*President*, A. V. Macan, M.B. *Vice-Presidents*, T. More Madden, M.D.; A. L. Galabin, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries*, Wm. J. Smyly, M.D., 56, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin; Wm. Duncan, M.D., 6, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.

PUBLIC MEDICINE.—*President*, Sir Thomas Crawford, M.D., K.C.B. *Vice-Presidents*, John S. Taylor, M.D.; R. Thorne Thorne, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries*, John Wm. Moore, M.D., 40, Fitzwilliam Square West, Dublin; John F. W. Tatham, M.D., Town Hall, Salford.

PSYCHOLOGY.—*President*, J. R. Gasquet, M.B. *Vice-Presidents*, Frederick Needham, M.D.; Oscar T. Woods, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries*, Conolly Norman, F.R.C.S.I., Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin; T. Lyle, M.D., Rubery Hill Asylum, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

PATHOLOGY.—*President*, Samuel Gordon, M.D. *Vice-Presidents*, A. W. Foot, M.D.; David J. Hamilton, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries*, Theodore D. Acland, M.D., 7, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.; Henry T. Bewley, M.B., Willow Park, Booterstown, Co. Dublin.

THERAPEUTICS AND PHARMACOLOGY.—*President*, Wm. Whitla, M.D. *Vice-President*, Matthew Charteris, M.D.; D. J. Leech, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries*, Chas. Y. Pearson, M.D., 42, King Street, Cork; Michael McHugh, M.B., 25, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.—*President*, H. R. Swanzy, M.B. *Vice-Presidents*, D. Argyll Robertson, M.D.; Priestley Smith, M.R.C.S. Eng. *Hono-*

rary Secretaries, A. H. Benson, M.B., 42, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin. A. W. Sandford, M.D., 13, St. Patrick's Place, Cork.

SUBSECTIONS.

OTOLOGY.—*Chairman*, E. Woakes, M.D. *Vice-Chairman*, J. B. Story, M.B. *Honorary Secretary*, D. D. Redmond, L.R.C.S.I., 14, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

LARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY.—*Chairman*, W. H. MacNeill Whistler, M.D. *Vice-Chairman*, Kendal Franks, M.D. *Honorary Secretary*, R. A. Hayes, M.D., 56, Merrion Square South, Dublin.

Local Honorary Secretary.—George F. Duffey, M.D., 30, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.

A HALF-YEARLY meeting of the Branch was held at Boreatton Park, on Tuesday, February 22nd, 1887, at 8.30 P.M. The president, Dr. SANKEY, occupied the chair.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Branch: Thomas Edwards, Grinshill; Henry Oakes, Wem; Alfred Martin-Sutton, Pontesbury; James Thomas Neech, Oswestry; Denis Ahearne Sheahan, Oswestry.

State Honours and the Medical Profession.—Mr. BROOKES (Wenlock), in re-introducing this subject, said that the public had now a better knowledge and a juster and more generous appreciation of the services rendered by the medical profession of all classes. He thought the present year afforded an appropriate occasion to present a memorial to the Prime Minister on the subject, in the following terms:

To the Most Honourable the Marquis of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Prime Minister.

The humble memorial of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch of the British Medical Association, at their meeting held at Boreatton Park, near Shrewsbury, on Tuesday, February 22nd, 1887, sheweth:

That the medical profession has for many years rendered great services, civil as well as military, to the State, services which your memorialists believe have not been inferior to those of other professions. That your memorialists have long felt disappointed that the members of the medical profession have not had the privilege of participating in those higher honours of the State which have been properly conferred upon members of other professions, and upon other subjects of Her Majesty, distinguished for their talents or services, or noted for their wealth and its attendant influence. Your memorialists therefore humbly pray that you will be pleased to advise Her Most Gracious Majesty to bestow upon such physicians and surgeons as she may deem worthy of the honour, the highly prized distinction of the peerage, and they beg to assure you that such a mark of your consideration and of Her Majesty's condescension and favour would be welcomed most gratefully by your memorialists and the whole body of the profession. And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch of the British Medical Association. W. H. O. SANKEY, President. Shrewsbury, February 22nd, 1887. Ed. CURETON, Honorary Secretary.

Mr. HUMPHREYS (Shrewsbury) seconded the proposal. He thought it was a reflection on the medical profession that all other callings were eligible for admission to the House of Peers. The memorial was unanimously adopted.

The New Coroners Act and the Profession.—The fact that in the new Coroners Act it is proposed to exclude the medical profession from being eligible to fill the office of coroner having been brought forward by Mr. Lewis, of Oswestry, the following resolution was proposed and adopted:

That, in the opinion of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch of the British Medical Association, the clause in the new Coroners Act, which excludes all but barristers and lawyers from the office of coroner, is particularly unjust to the medical profession, many of whom have so long and ably filled that office, and that this new Act should include, with barristers and lawyers, medical men as equally eligible to fill this office.

Prevention of Suicide.—Dr. SANKEY read a paper on the prevention of suicide; also one upon the importance of studying the prodromata of diseases.

Hamamelis.—A short discussion took place upon the therapeutic value of hamamelis, one of the remedies recently under consideration by the Collective Investigation Committee.

The Late Dr. Edwyn Andrew.—It was unanimously resolved to request the Honorary Secretary to write a letter of condolence to the relatives of the late Dr. Andrew, expressing the great loss the Branch has sustained by his death.

CREMATION.—The sixteenth cremation was satisfactorily performed at the crematory belonging to the Cremation Society of England, St. John's, Woking, on Saturday, February 26th. It was that of the body of a gentleman, aged 62. The ashes weighed 5½ lbs.

EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.—At a recent meeting of the Académie de Médecine, M. Sagneau, the well known statistician, stated that, among the educated classes, one-fourth more are unfit for military service than among the masses. In Prussia, the proportion is much greater.

Honour. He was also an Honorary Fellow of the British Gynaecological Society. He was appointed *interne* of the Paris hospitals in 1850; and won the gold medal in 1854. He taught gynaecology for many years with great success at the Pitié and Hôtel-Dieu. His excellent work, *Leçons Cliniques sur les Maladies des Femmes*, was published in 1879. He also wrote works *Sur la Menstruation et ses Troubles*, 1885, and *Maladies des Ovaïres*, 1886. Numerous essays and memoirs of his are scattered through various journals. To his high scientific attainments he united a genial disposition, which made him loved as well as respected. The British Gynaecological Society, at its meeting on February 23rd, passed a resolution of sympathy with his widow and family.

BRIGADE-SURGEON J. H. HUNT, L.R.C.S.I.

WE regret to announce the death of Brigade-Surgeon J. H. Hunt, Medical Staff, which occurred at North Camp, Aldershot, on February 23rd. The deceased gentleman received his professional education at the Meath Hospital, Dublin. When a student he gained the Royal Humane Society's silver medal for jumping from Carlisle Bridge into the Liffey, and rescuing a boy from drowning. He entered the Army Medical Department in 1858, and was stationed at Halifax, N.S. During the Trent affair he accompanied the force in the winter march from New Brunswick to Quebec, and soon afterwards was gazetted assistant-surgeon to the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade. After serving a number of years with his regiment in Canada, he proceeded to India. His next service was in South Africa, in 1879-80, when he took part in the Zulu Campaign, and was present at the battle of Ulundi. He was mentioned in despatches, and received the medal and clasp. His service since then has been divided between England and the Madras Presidency. The extremes of heat and cold, together with the hardships of the war in Africa, told upon a constitution at one time strong, and the late cold weather endured in an Aldershot wooden hut, brought on capillary bronchitis, which terminated fatally.

Brigade-Surgeon Hunt was a good type of the army surgeon, being a man of excellent physique, good features, and genial manner. The son of an officer, he possessed the military instinct in a high degree, and was a strict disciplinarian. No medical officer in the service was better known or more liked, and wherever the English army is stationed his loss will be regretted. He was buried at Aldershot with military honours. Surgeon-General Hendley, C.B., and every officer and man of the medical staff not on duty, attended, as did Major-General Buchanan, and numerous staff and other officers and men of the division. Brigade-Surgeon Hunt leaves a widow and one child.

INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

INDIA.

THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN'S FUND.—The second report of the Committee of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund gives the following information respecting the progress of this work: "The central fund on January 18th, 1886, brought forward a balance of 146,188 rupees. Since that date, 76,109 rupees have been received, raising the capital sum to 222,297 rupees. Of this money, 14,575 rupees have been spent on the objects of the association, 1½ lakhs have been invested in Five per cent. Calcutta Municipal Debentures, and half a lakh in Four-and-a-half per cent. Government securities. An additional sum of £641 was paid into Coutts's Bank, London, and of this £212 had been expended. The annual income of the central fund as estimated is 19,450 rupees, which is partly made up of 9,750 rupees interest on investments, of 2,700 rupees from annual subscribers, and of a sum contributed by the branches, which this year amounted to 2,700 rupees. In addition to this, the central fund received 2,400 rupees a year in trust; £600 of the money collected in England was kept there, and used as a fund from which to supply the passage-money of ladies coming out to India in connection with the association. The present income is very small, and very far below the exigencies of the situation.

MEDICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN IN INDIA.—The first annual report of the Bombay Branch of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund for supplying female medical aid and instruction to the women in India states that Rs.65,915,107 had been collected. A training school for nursing and midwifery will, it is hoped, be established in connection with the Cama Hospital, and the erection of living quarters and a lecture-room for this purpose is in contemplation. The number of female medical students attending the Grant Medical College since the opening of this class has been in successive years as follows: in 1884, 13; in 1885, 17; and 1886, 20.

BRIGADE-SURGEONS INDIAN ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.—The *Times of India* writes: We are given to understand that the claims of the brigade-surgeons of the Medical Staff in India, to which we devoted some remarks in a leading article some months ago, are likely to be fully ventilated in the House during the discussion on the Army Estimates, as Colonel Hughes-Hallett, M.P., and others are likely to interest themselves on behalf of the medical officers. The anomalous position and pay of officers of this rank in India require attention. A misunderstanding seems to prevail in regard to the relative rank of brigade-surgeons and surgeons-major over twenty years' service who rank as lieutenant-colonels. They do not take position and precedence as junior of that rank. Medical officers of these ranks take precedence of lieutenant-colonels according to date of completion of twenty years' service; and the Presidency and other Army Lists define only too distinctly the dates from which the relative rank is given. Instances not infrequently occur, which point to an imperfect comprehension of this subject by those who should know better.

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY MANAGEMENT.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

At the last fortnightly meeting of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, a discussion took place upon a communication from the Local Government Board as to the non-admission of epileptic imbeciles to the Caterham Asylum, in consequence of the wards being full, and requesting the managers to consider whether, by addition to the nursing staff or by some other means, it might be possible to render a refusal a very rare occurrence. The comparative return of the number of fever patients in the several hospitals showed that at the Eastern Hospital 47 patients had been admitted during the fortnight; 1 had died, 50 were discharged, and 247 remained under treatment; 221 were suffering from scarlet, and 26 from enteric fever. At the North-Western and South-Western Hospitals there are at present no patients at all, the total accommodation respectively being 166 and 322 beds. At the Western Hospital, 31 patients had been admitted; 2 had died; 124 remained under treatment, 123 of whom were suffering from scarlet fever. At the South-Eastern Hospital, 46 patients had been admitted; 6 had died, 185 remaining under treatment, of whom 185 were scarlet fever patients, 16 were suffering from typhus—this being the only hospital at which there are typhus patients—and 33 from enteric fever. There are 82 beds available, and 103 in reserve. The totals for the fortnight show that 124 patients had been admitted, as compared with 90 in the preceding two weeks; 9 had died, compared with 12; 556 remained under treatment, against 568 in the preceding fortnight. Of these, 479 were suffering from scarlet fever; 16 from typhus, against 6; and 59 from enteric fever, compared with 72. The total number of beds available at all the hospitals under the control of the managers is 248, while there are 662 beds in reserve, the total accommodation being 1,465 beds. There is, happily, at present an almost complete immunity from small-pox in the metropolis.

The Ambulance Committee reported upon the reference from the Board as to "retaining some accommodation at each of the hospitals for small-pox cases," that the committee had instructed the superintendents of the Eastern and Western ambulance stations to undertake the removal of such small-pox cases as might arise in the neighbourhoods of the hospitals adjoining those stations, at times when the central office is closed.

SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL.

A STRIKING example of the effects of the non-payment of rent in Ireland is furnished in a statement lately published by the Governors of this hospital. Its revenue is chiefly derived from the rents of land in the County Waterford, and the serious and alarming falling off in the payment of these rents is shown by the following return of receipts from the estate in the last three years:—

1884	...	...	£1,270
1885	...	...	£1,050
1886	...	...	£385

The Governors have no available funds to meet the immediate expenses of the hospital, as they have been obliged during the last six years to sell out stock to the amount of £3,558 18s. 11d. to meet the pressing demands of the poor district in which the hospital is situated. An urgent appeal is now therefore made for donations and subscriptions to enable the Governors to continue the work of the hospital on its present scale. A bazaar in aid of its funds is to be held at the College of Physicians in April next. The late Mrs. Hughes has left

a legacy of £1,000 to the hospital, which, however, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased lady, is to be expended towards the construction of the projected and much-needed fever wing.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL, BROMPTON.

The annual report of the Cancer Hospital, Brompton, states that, during the year 1886, 1,029 new patients were received, 652 being in- and 976 out-patients. Lectures are given during the first three months of the year by the medical staff, which are open to all medical practitioners and students.

MEDICAL NEWS.

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, February 24th, 1887.

Carver, Arthur Richard, Wenallt, Carmarthenshire.
Olding, Arnold Ebenezer, 5, Lancaster Villas, Brighton.
Theobalds, Owen LeMare, East Love, Cornwall.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE DISTRICT INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 8th to W. Bottomley, Esq., 120, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BOSCOMBE PROVIDENT INFIRMARY, Bonnemouth.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 9th to J. Atkinson Hosker, Esq.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Fulham Road, S.W.—Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 12th to the Secretary.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Pathologist. Applications by March 21st to the Secretary, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

DERBYSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, increasing to £150, with apartments, etc. Applications by March 26th to the Secretary.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Board and lodging. Applications by March 28th to the Secretary.

GLAMORGANSHIRE AND MONMOUTHSHIRE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, Cardiff. Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications by March 15th to the Secretary.

HOLBORN UNION, Mitcham Workhouse.—Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by March 14th to the Clerk to the Guardians, Clerk's Office, Workhouse, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

HASTINGS, ST. LEONARD'S AND EAST SUSSEX HOSPITAL, Hastings.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 25th to the Secretary.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, W.—Physician. Applications by March 12th to the Secretary.

MALE LOCK HOSPITAL, 91, Dean Street, Soho, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 15th to the Secretary, Lock Hospital, Harrow Road, W.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Assistant. Board, lodging and washing. Applications by March 16th to the Secretary.

NARBERTH UNION.—Medical Officer for District No. 4. Salary £45, with extra fees. Applications by March 19th to J. Thomas, Esq.

NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Kentish Town Road, N.W.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by March 10th to the Secretary.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, W.C.—Laryngologist. Applications by March 5th to B. Burford Rawlings, Esq.

OWENS COLLEGE, MANCHESTER.—Senior Demonstrator in Physiology. Stipend, £150 per annum. Applications by March 21st to the Registrar.

PADDINGTON WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 5th to H. F. Aveling, Esq.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE HOSPITAL, Gloucester Terrace, Queen's Gate, S.W.—Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications by March 8th to the Secretary.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by March 15th to the Honorary Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Examiners in Medicine. Applications by March 29th to the Registrar.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.—Examiners in Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, and Materia Medica. Applications by March 15th to Dr. Anderson Kirkwood, 145, West George Street, Glasgow.

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT BOARD OF WORKS, Putney Parish.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by March 21st to the Clerk to the Board, Battersea Rise, S.W.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

CHARNLEY, William, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Shropshire and Wales Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, vice Edwyn Andrew, M.D., deceased.

HASWELL, J. F., M.B. and C.M. Edin., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Liverpool Northern Hospital, vice C. Charlton, M.B. and C.M. Edin., resigned.

PENNY, F., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House Surgeon to the Doncaster General Infirmary and Dispensary, vice J. S. Gelston, L.K.Q.C.P.I., resigned.

POLLARD, Reginald, M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Physician to the Western Hospital for Consumption, Torquay, vice H. S. Hounsell, M.D., M.R.C.P., deceased.

STORRAR, W. M., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Eastham District of the Wirral Union, vice J. W. Burbridge, resigned.

TYRRELL, E. M., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle, vice T. D. Evenlee, M.B., resigned.

WEST, Samuel, M.D. Oxon., appointed Assistant Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, vice J. Wickham Legg, F.R.C.P., resigned.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—**ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY,** at 8 P.M. Business: Casual communications by Messrs. A. Winterbottom, F. Henri Weiss, J. Ackery, A. S. Underwood, C. Vincent Cottrell, and W. Harrison (Brighton). Paper by Dr. Dudley Buxton: On the Physiological Action of Nitrous Oxide Gas.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. General Meeting for election of officers and Council. Paper by Mr. Marmaduke Sheild: On a case of Perforation of Femoral Artery and Vein by Ulceration from Sloughing Bubo: Profuse Hæmorrhage, Ligature of both Vessels.

TUESDAY.—**ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY,** 8.30 P.M. Dr. Debout d'Estrees: On Gouty Parotitis and Gouty Orchitis (communicated by Dr. Garrod, F.R.S.). Dr. W. Ewart and Mr. R. F. Benham: A case of Empyema, with Pulmonary Gangrene following Enteric Fever, treated by Perflation.

WEDNESDAY.—**BRITISH GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY,** 8.30 P.M. Specimens will be shown by Mr. Lawson Tait, Dr. Edis, and Dr. Fancourt Barnes. Dr. Purcell: A report of three cases of Vaginal Hysterectomy.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY. 1. Dr. Horrocks: Notes on some cases of Uterine Tumour, accompanied by Pyrexia. 2. Dr. Turner: Actinomycosis.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M. Dr. Stephen Mackenzie, for Dr. Wykeham Myers: Further Observations on Filaria Sanguinis Hominis in South Formosa; and demonstration of the living filariæ in the blood of a patient suffering from that disease.

ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, 8 P.M. Mr. G. Massu: On the Differentiation of Tissues in Fungi. Dr. H. J. Johnston-Lavis and Dr. G. C. J. Vosmaer: On Section-cutting of Sponges and other similar structures with soft and hard tissues.

THURSDAY.—**OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM,** 8.30 P.M. Living and card specimens at 8 P.M. Dr. C. E. Beevor: Ophthalmoplegia Externa without any other symptoms. Dr. Sidney Phillips: Case of Peculiar Associated Movement of Upper Lid. Mr. Brudenell Carter: 1. Case of large spontaneous Vitreous Hæmorrhage in a young man; 2. Painting by an artist after Cataract Extraction. Mr. J. G. Mackinlay: Paralysis of both External Recti. Mr. Karop: Fibroid Degeneration of Ciliary Muscle. Mr. Marcus Gunn: Pupillary Movement in association with Lateral Deviation of Eyeballs.—Papers: Dr. Brailey and Mr. Hartley: Tubercular Disease of Chorioid. Mr. Simeon Snell: Treatment in Sclerotic Wounds. Dr. Gowers: On Conjugate Ocular Palsy with Nystagmus. Mr. W. H. Jenson: Sudden and lasting Lateral Nystagmus. Mr. Nettleship: On three cases showing Light Blindness, with peculiar Retinal Changes.

FRIDAY.—**CLINICAL SOCIETY,** 8.30 P.M. Dr. de Havilland Hall: On Pneumothorax occurring in persons apparently healthy. Mr. Eve: On a case of Intra-peritoneal Excision of the Rectum, with recovery. Mr. Keetley: A case of Scoliosis. Mr. Davies-Colley: A case of Contraction of the Metatarso-phalangeal Joint of the Great Toe (Hallux flexus).

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.

BIRTHS.

COTTELL.—On February 25th, at Brambledown, Crouch Hill, the wife of Surgeon A. Cottell, Medical Staff, of a daughter.

BRANTHWAITE.—On February 26th, at Willesden, the wife of R. Welsh Branthwaite L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., of Rickmansworth, Herts, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CORRY—MEAKIN.—February 22nd, at Holy Trinity, Auerley, London, William Corry, M.D., J.P. of Drumquin, co. Tyrone, to Lily, eldest daughter of the late William Meaking, of Walthamstow, Essex.

WELSH—GRIFFITH.—February 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, Joseph Welsh, F.F.P.S., third son of the late William Henry Welsh, M.D., of Eccles, Manchester, and Clones, co. Monaghan, Ireland, to Isabella Mary Jane Katharine, only daughter of the late Rev. William Williams Griffith, Rector of Heyope, Radnorshire.

SHADWELL—BOURNE.—February 26th, at St. Stephen's Church, Shepherd's Bush, by the Rev. G. Collett, M.A., assisted by the Rev. A. Matthey, D.D., Harry Winstanley Shadwell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., of Acton, to Mabel Constance Harriette, youngest daughter of the late Captain G. Sealey Bourne, R.N.