

down; removal of all the small buildings at present in the lanes and yards; ground floor of north side of Palatine Square to be disused for habitation; removal of all very old timber; ventilation of barrack rooms by "Tobin's tubes." Drainage from hospital to be so arranged that sewerage containing discharges from patients with infectious diseases should not be admitted to any of the general sewers of the barrack, and should be disinfected before admission into any sewer. A few other recommendations are made.

Concluding opinion.—That if the foregoing recommendations are adopted the health of the troops in the Royal Barracks will be much improved, and the predisposing causes of enteric fever in the barracks mitigated as far as possible.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1888.

Meetings of the Council will be held on April 18th, July 18th, and October 17th, 1888. 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 28th, June 27th, September 26th, and December 28th, 1888.

### 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.

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.

THE Report upon the CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, which was presented to the Section of Medicine in the Annual Meeting of 1887, and a further portion of the Report upon OLD AGE have been completed, and will shortly be published in the JOURNAL.

Reports upon the two remaining inquiries, namely, that into DIPHTHERIA, and that into the GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN DISEASES, are in preparation, and will be published as soon as ready.

The following inquiry only of the first series remains open, namely, that on THE ETIOLOGY OF PHTHISIS.

A fresh inquiry into the ORIGIN AND MODE OF PROPAGATION OF EPIDEMICS OF DIPHTHERIA has just been issued.

Memoranda upon these subjects, and forms for recording observations, may be had on application to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, 429, Strand, W.C.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Walthamstow, on Thursday, February 16th, at 8.45 P.M. (sharp). The chair will be taken by A. Durham, Esq., President of the Branch. A paper on Pernicious Anaemia, and the Diseases Liable to be Confounded with It, will be read by Dr. Bristow, F.R.S. Visitors will be welcomed.—J. W. HUNT, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held in the Queen's House, Greenwich Hospital School, on Tuesday, February 14th, 1888, at 8 P.M. The chair will be taken by Dr. Frederick Taylor (Vice-President of the District). Business:—1. To read the minutes of the last meeting. 2. Introductory Address by Dr. Frederick Taylor, as the first Vice-President of the District. 3. Mr. W. Johnson Smith (Resident Surgeon to the Seaman's Hospital) will read a paper on the Radical Cure of Hernia. 4. Cases of interest from the Seaman's Hospital will be shown by Dr. Curnow. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, exhibiting specimens, etc., at future meetings, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary. All medical practitioners will be welcomed. There will be a meeting of the Committee at the same place at 7.30 P.M.—R. PERCY SMITH, Honorary Secretary, Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—A meeting of the members of this Branch will be held at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 3 P.M. Members intending to read papers are requested to communicate at once with ARTHUR JACKSON, Secretary, Sheffield.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held at 198, Union Street, Aberdeen, on Wednesday, February 16th, at 8 P.M., the President, Dr. Smith, of Kinnairdy, in the chair. Business: 1. Minutes, nomination of new members, etc. 2. Ballot for the admission of Dr. J. Marshall Lamb, Borneo. 3. Motion of Dr. Wight to memorialise the Town Council of Aberdeen that the appointment of medical officer of health at present vacant be filled up by a qualified medical practitioner, who shall be excluded from private practice, and whose whole time shall be devoted to the duties of the office, in terms of the memorandum of the duties of the medical officer of health of the city of Aberdeen, of date March 15th, 1886. 4. Case of Pyloric Obstruction, with great Hypertrophy of the Stomach, by Dr. Blaikie Smith. 5. Exhibition of Specimens: (1) Ram's-horn Toe-nail, by Dr. Garden; (2) Specimen of Compound Dislocation of Ankle-joint, by Dr. Garden. 6. Communication by Dr. Barclay, Banff.—ROBERT JOHN GARDEN and J. MACKENZIE BOOTH, Honorary Secretaries.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The second general meeting of the present session will be held at the Railway Hotel, Stafford, on Thursday, February 23rd. Mr. W. D. Spanton, the President, will take the chair at 3.30 P.M.—VINCENT JACKSON, General Secretary.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, 1888, at 7.30 P.M., at the Infirmary, Gloucester, under the presidency of Dr. Currie. Agenda: 1. A petition will be laid on the table for signature by members in support of the Architects and Engineers Bill, a Bill to be presented in Parliament next session by Colonel Duncan, R.A., C.B., M.P. 2. A discussion will be opened by Dr. Currie on the Present Position of Homoeopathy in Relation to Regular Medicine. 3. Cases of interest in the Infirmary.—G. ARTHUR CARDEW, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, February 24th, at 6 P.M. Dr. Byrom Bramwell, of Edinburgh, will read a paper and introduce a discussion on the Process of Compensation and Its Bearing on Prognosis and Treatment. The Secretary will be glad to receive notices of papers for reading, and patients or morbid specimens for exhibition. Supper in the hotel at 9 P.M.—H. A. LEDLARD, Honorary Secretary, 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle.

### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH; NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this district was held on Thursday evening, February 2nd, 1888, at the Training Hospital, Tottenham, Dr. E. HOOPER MAY in the chair. Several interesting cases from the wards were exhibited.

New Instruments.—Messrs. KROHNE and SESEMANN showed many new instruments, the most important being a modification of Thomas's splint for spinal disease, and the electric light applied to the laryngoscope.

Massage.—Dr. STRETCH DOWSE then read a paper on Massage, demonstrating its practice on a male patient lying on a bed by an assistant "masseuse." The paper and illustrations gave great satisfaction to the many gentlemen present (thirty in number), and was witnessed also by all the sisters of the hospital.

Votes of Thanks.—Votes of thanks were duly recorded to the President, Dr. Dowse, and the other gentlemen.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### VIENNA.

#### [FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Magneto-therapy.—Calomel Injections in Syphilis.—Influence of Erysipelas on Syphilis.

PROFESSOR BENEDIKT, in a lecture which he recently delivered at the Vienna Polyclinic, made some interesting remarks as to the value of magneto-therapy. The opportunity was offered by a girl, aged 18, who had suffered for several months from very frequent convulsions, which, owing to their being complicated with laughing and weeping, showed that the case was one of hysteria. The expression of the patient's face was very timid, and her complexion continually changed, presenting at one time an excessive pallor, and at others a glowing redness. The dorsal vertebrae, the left intercostal spaces, both ovaries, but particularly the left one, were very tender on pressure, and pressure on the ovary during internal examination brought on a fit of weeping. Professor Benedikt pointed out that such irritable forms of hysteria were particularly suitable for magneto-therapy, whereas most of the other methods, such as electricity, hydrotherapy, etc., might aggravate the disease, and the suppression of such attacks by means of narcotics frequently rendered the malady incurable. He applied the metallic magnet over the sensitive dorsal vertebrae without having the patient undressed, as the magnet could act at a distance, and the dress presented no obstacle to its action.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary Examinations, were, at a meeting of the Council on January 10th, admitted Members of the College, namely:—

- \*L. W. Andrews, L.R.C.P.L., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; A. B. Avarne, L.S.A., 46, King Henry's Road, N.W.; A. Badcock, L.K.Q.C.P.I., 1, Hillary Street, Leeds; J. Bamfylde, L.S.A., 43, Endwell Road, Brockley, S.E.; J. T. Bayes, L.S.A., Queen Street, Peterborough; \*R. O. Bowman, L.R.C.P.L., Spring Bank, Woodley, Cheshire; \*G. A. T. Bray, L.R.C.P.L., 41, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury; \*F. H. Bromhead, L.R.C.P.L., "West Leigh," Loughborough, Leicestershire; \*W. G. S. Brown, L.R.C.P.L., 45, Tollington Park, N. A. J. Bulger, L.S.A., Wellington Road, Dudley; \*F. Calder, L.R.C.P.L., Highland Villa, Bristol; \*W. J. B. Carter, L.R.C.P.L., 8, Thistle Grove, Lane, South Kensington; \*E. Cautley, L.R.C.P.L., Bramley, Leeds; \*C. M. Clark, L.R.C.P.L., Dorking, Surrey; G. S. Clarke, L.R.C.P.L., 53, Grosvenor Rd., S.W.; H. F. Cleveland, L.R.C.P.L., 26, Kidbrooke Grove, Blackheath; \*H. S. Collier, L.R.C.P.L., Infirmary, Leicester; \*W. M. Cotton, L.R.C.P.L., 37, Marquise Road, Camden Square, N.W.; C. A. S. B. Cox, L.R.C.P.L., Fordwick House, Fordwick, Canterbury; J. D. Cree, L.R.C.P.L., 2, Pemberton Villas, Upper Holloway; W. H. Cundell, L.S.A., 1, The Avenue, Kew; \*F. X. Da Costa, L.R.C.P.L., 7, Delvigne Road, Fulham; \*B. P. Daniell, L.R.C.P.L., 5, College Street, Islington; \*B. W. Darroll, L.R.C.P.L., Clun, Shropshire; \*W. H. H. C. Davey, L.R.C.P.L., Norwood House, Elder Road, West Norwood; A. O. Davies, L.R.C.P.Ed., Compton House, Barmouth, North Wales; \*H. F. Davis, L.R.C.P.L., 95, Clarence Road, New Cut, Bristol; C. J. Deyns, L.S.A., 20, Palace Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.; C. A. Ducker, L.R.C.P.L., Great Yarmouth; \*T. A. Durrant, L.R.C.P.L., "Avondale," Crescent Road, Kingston Hill; C. H. Eccles, L.R.C.P.L., Brigg, Lincolnshire; \*C. S. Edward, L.R.C.P.L., Lindfield, Sussex; \*H. W. Elphick, L.R.C.P.L., 3, Mecklenburgh Street, W.C.; A. M. Ewing, M.D. Toronto, 50, Avenue Road, Toronto; G. A. Ferraby, L.R.C.P.L., 381, Summer Lane, Birmingham; \*J. R. Forster, L.R.C.P.L., Blue House Farm, Malden, Surrey; \*T. W. Francis, L.R.C.P.L., 145, Isledon Road, Finsbury Park, N.; J. Good, L.S.A., Aston Court, Tenbury, Worcestershire; W. Ap S. J. Graham, L.R.C.P.L., Wenlock House, Burton Road, Kilburn; \*W. T. Grenfell, L.R.C.P.L., 26, St. Stephen's Square, Bayswater; \*F. W. Guisechin, L.R.C.P.L., 13, Messina Avenue, West Hampstead; \*W. E. Hardy, L.R.C.P.L., Wellington, Salop; N. C. Haring, L.S.A., 334, Upper Brook Street, Manchester; E. M. Hearnenden, L.S.A., Down House, Sutton, Surrey; \*G. Heaton, L.R.C.P.L., Church Hill, Handsworth, Birmingham; H. H. Heffernan, L.R.C.P.L., Alma, Victoria Road, North Southgate; \*C. T. Holland, L.R.C.P.L., Stanhope House, Merton Road, N.W.; A. K. Holt, L.R.C.P.L., Tuttard, Perry Vale, Forest Hill, S.E.; \*F. M. House, L.R.C.P.L., 3, Cowley Street, Westminster; F. Jeeves, L.R.C.P.L., 59, Esplanade, Scarborough; \*F. S. Jermaine-Luham, L.R.C.P.L., 70, Castle Street, Farnham; C. S. Johnston, L.S.A., 9, Easy Row, Birmingham; J. Jones, L.R.C.P.L., Northcote, Lernard Road, Penge; E. B. Kershaw, L.R.C.P.L., Pitton House, Shepton Mallet, Somerset; \*H. Lavay, L.R.C.P.L., 52, Alderney Street, S.W.; \*R. J. Langley, L.R.C.P.L., Park Cottage, Tilehurst, Reading; P. Lisboa, L.M. and S. Bombay, 21, Woburn Place; T. Liassaman, L.R.C.P.L., 30, Millman Street, Bedford Row; C. E. Lister, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Shipton Hall, Halifax, Yorks.; \*A. Lucas, L.R.C.P.L., 71, Leconfield Road, Highbury, N.; J. Maherly, L.R.C.P.L., 19, Devonshire Buildings, Bath; J. B. McIlroy, L.R.C.P.L., Derwent Villa, Eglinson Road, Shooter's Hill, S.E.; J. Magurane, L.K.Q.C.P.I., Creehan, Cavan, Ireland; \*C. T. B. Maisey, L.R.C.P.L., Charlbury, Oxon.; \*H. B. Marriott, L.R.C.P.L., Malton, Ipswich; \*A. D. Miller, L.R.C.P.L., 336, Dudley Road, Birmingham; \*R. D. Mothersole, L.R.C.P.L., The Infirmary, East Dulwich Grove, S.E.; \*G. T. Mould, L.R.C.P.L., 4, Tavistock Crescent, Westbourne Park; F. M. Oglevie, L.R.C.P.L., 12, Park Lane, W.; W. T. Ord, L.R.C.P.L., Cardross, Bournemouth; J. W. Peaker, M.B. Toronto, Brampton, Ontario, Canada; J. N. Phillips, L.R.C.P.L., Goginan, Aberystwith; H. P. Prankerd, M.B.Ed., 40, Queen's Road, Bayswater; \*E. B. Randall, L.R.C.P.L., Bassett, Southampton; J. Rees, L.R.C.P.L., Penyfloss, Rhyllewles, R.S.O., S. Wales; \*J. L. Rees, L.R.C.P.L., 45, St. Peter's Street, Mile End, E.; J. K. Reeves, L.R.C.P.L., Heathfield, The Avenue, Berkhamsted, Kent; A. C. Roberts, L.R.C.P.L., Badlesden, Eastbourne; A. H. Robinson, L.S.A., Low Moor, near Bradford; \*T. Robinson, L.R.C.P.L., Station Street, Burton-on-Trent; J. C. Rossall, L.R.C.P.L., 30, Aberdeen Place, Maida Vale; \*C. R. Salisbury, L.R.C.P.L., Care of Mr. Crossley, Scatcliffe House, New Walk, Leicester; \*J. G. V. Sapp, L.R.C.P.L., Palmerston Road, Southgate; \*A. Scott, L.R.C.P.L., North End House, North End Road, West Kensington; H. J. H. Scott, L.R.C.P.L., 2, Heathcote Street, Mecklenburgh Square; \*H. Shipton, L.R.C.P.L., Buxton, Derbyshire; \*C. W. Smeeton, L.R.C.P.L., 15, Reginald Terrace, Leeds; T. M. Smith, A.M. and O., 8, Brunswick Walk, Cambridge; F. W. B. South, L.S.A., Downham Market, Norfolk; H. A. Spencer, L.R.C.P.L., 5, Lansdown Place, Clifton, Bristol; \*C. P. Spink, L.R.C.P.L., 1, Cavendish Terrace, Leeds; \*E. H. Starling, L.R.C.P.L., 146, Alexander Road, N.W.; \*P. W. Streatfield, L.R.C.P.L., College Road, Maidstone; \*H. Symonds, L.R.C.P.L., 15, John Street, Hampstead; F. Teichelmann, L.K.Q.C.P.I., 285, Great Vincent Street, Birmingham; \*R. Thompson, L.R.C.P.L., 10, Dartmouth Terrace, Lewisham; N. Tyacke, L.R.C.P.L., Kersnick, Penry, Cornwall; A. F. Tyrrell, L.R.C.P.L., 16, Colinet Road, Putney; F. J. Wadham, L.R.C.P.L., Walton Lodge, New Hampton, Middlesex; J. H. Walker, L.R.C.P.L., 22, Albert Street, Regent's Park; \*J. Wayte, L.R.C.P.L., 13, Sloane Terrace, S.W.; A. J. Weatherly, L.R.C.P.L., Seven Springs, Oxford; \*C. J. Weekes, L.R.C.P.L., 51, Harrington Street, Hampstead Road, N.W.; A. S. Wilson, M.B.Cantab., 7, Warrier Square, St. Leonard's-on-Sea; H. E. Winter, L.R.C.P.L., 6, Elliott Place, Blackheath; \*H. W. Wise, L.R.C.P.L., 15, Lymdock Place, Edinburgh; J. F. Woodlyatt, L.R.C.P.L., 10, Market Place, Macclesfield; W. L. Wyatt, L.R.C.P.L., Corse Vicarage, Gloucester; T. B. Young, L.R.C.P.Ed., The Laurels, Halesowen.

\* Candidates under the regulations of the Examining Board in England.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Preliminary Scientific (M.B.) Examination, January, 1888. Pass list. Entire Examination.

First Division.—J. H. Griffiths, University College, Aberystwith, and St. Bartholomew's Hospital; W. N. Soden, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. W. Wesley, University College.

Second Division.—Fanny Armitage, Yorkshire College; J. Hall, B.A., private study and University Correspondence Cl.; W. J. Johnson, Guy's Hospital; A. H. Jones, Epsom and University Colleges; C. H. Mott, University College and University Correspondence Cl.

Two Subjects of the Examination.¶

V. J. Batteson (c., b.), University College and private study; C. Butcher (c., p.), Guy's Hospital; B. Collyer (c., p.), St. Bartholomew's Hospital; P. S. Eves (c., p.), University College and School; H. W. Jacob (c., p.), Trinity College, Dublin; H. M. Moore (p., n.), private study; H. S. Revell (c., p.), University College and School; L. Rogers (c., p.), St. Mary's Hospital; W. Turner (c., p.), King's College and School; J. E. B. Wells (c., n.), St. Mary's Hospital and private tuition.

One Subject of the Examination.¶

G. J. Arnold (c.), St. Thomas's Hospital; L. W. Bathurst (p.), St. Bartholomew's Hospital and private tuition; Alice McW. Budgett (c.), University College; F. J. Carter (p.), St. Bartholomew's Hospital; T. Cartwardine (p.), University College and Middlesex Hospital; J. H. Crawshaw (p.), Archbishop Holgate's School, York, and private tuition; W. E. de Korté (b.), University College; H. J. Jager (c.), King's College; H. W. Lane (c.), University College; H. E. Pace (p.), University College and London Hospital; C. S. Pantin (p.), Blackheath Proprietary School and University College; A. W. Peake (b.), University College, Bristol; A. F. Piercy (p.), Queenswood School, Birkbeck Institute, and private study; F. R. Rowland (n.), University College; W. Stokes (p.), Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and King's College; H. S. Taylor (c.), University College; J. P. Tildesley (p.), Mason College, Birmingham; K. B. Vickers (c.), Westminster School and St. Thomas's Hospital.

¶ The subjects taken up by these Candidates are indicated by initials after the name—c.=Chemistry; p.=Physics; n.=Biology.

† These Candidates have now completed the Examination.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

ATHLONE UNION.—Medical Officer, Moate Dispensary. Salary, £140 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. Luke Egan, Honorary Secretary. Election on February 21st.

BALLYSHANNON UNION.—Medical Officer, Kinlough Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. M. Clancy, Honorary Secretary, Stracomer. Election on February 13th.

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by February 21st to the Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by February 25th to the House Governor.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Dental Surgeon. Applications by February 18th to the Secretary.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Brompton.—Pathologist. Honorarium of £80 for twelve months. Applications by February 21st to the Secretary.

EARLSWOOD ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS, Redhill.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £500 per annum, with apartments, etc. Application by February 21st to the Board of Management, 36, King William Street, E.C.

EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL, Ipswich.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by February 21st to the Secretary.

FOREST HILL PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.—Medical Officer. Applications by February 15th to F. J. Marriott, Esq., 2, Perry Villas, Perry Vale, Forest Hill, S.E.

LIVERPOOL NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by February 22nd to the Chairman of the Committee.

MENSTON ASYLUM, near Leeds.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £400 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by February 15th to W. L. Williams, Esq., West Riding solicitor, Wakefield.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingland Road, E.—Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications by February 20th to the Secretary.

NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.—Surgical Registrar and Anæsthetist. Honorarium, £20. Applications by February 21st to the Secretary, Great Portland Street, W.

NEAGH UNION.—Medical Officer, Silvermines Dispensary. Salary, £100 per annum and fees. Application to Mr. Joseph Ryan, Honorary Secretary. Election on February 17th.

OLDCASTLE UNION.—Medical Officer. Oldcastle Dispensary District. Salary, £135 per annum and the usual fees. Applications to William Harman, J.P., Honorary Secretary, Crossdrum. Election on February 13th.

OUGHETERD UNION.—Medical Officer, Ougheterd Dispensary. Salary, £112 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. Robert Mons, Honorary Secretary, Drummakill Lodge. Election on March 7th.

ROXBURGH DISTRICT ASYLUM, Melrose.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £30 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to Dr. Johnston.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road.—Assistant Physician. Application by February 11th to the Secretary.

ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, Guildford.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by February 15th to the Assistant Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by February 16th to the House-Surgeon.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BENEFIT SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by February 13th to Mr. J. Wallis, 25, Newcomen Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by March 1st to the Secretary.  
**YORK DISPENSARY.**—Three Resident Medical Officers. Salary, £130 per annum, with furnished apartments, etc. Applications by February 29th to S. W. North, Esq., 84, Micklegate, York.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**BLOMFIELD, A. G.**, M.D. Aberd., A.K.C. Lond., Physician to the Exeter Dispensary, elected Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital.  
**CARTER, Rowland**, Wimbury, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Surgeon Weymouth Royal Hospital and Dispensary, *vice* F. C. G. Griffin, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S., resigned.  
**CLARK, G.**, M.D., appointed Superintendent of the Rosewell Asylum, Midlothian, *vice* R. W. Cameron, M.D., resigned.  
**HANLY, Edward**, M.D., appointed Visiting Physician to the British Hospital, Buenos Ayres.  
**HAWKES, L.A.**, M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor.  
**HINDE, F. R.**, Berthon, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Lond., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Macclesfield General Infirmary, *vice* J. M. Gell, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S., resigned.  
**LEWIS, C. M.**, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the Western Branch of the Brighton, Hove, and Preston Dispensary, *vice* L. Phillips, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.  
**LIVINGSTON, J.**, Lockhart, M.D., M.S., M.A.O. Roy. Univ. Irel., appointed House-Surgeon to the Bristol Hospital for Sick Children and Women, *vice* H. F. Scuple, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.  
**MAGHAN, James**, M.D. Brux., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Lecturer on Histology to National Dental College, *vice* Thomas Gaddes, L.D.S. Eng. and Edin., resigned.  
**MILLS-ROBERTS, R. H.**, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Birmingham General Hospital, *vice* J. Errington Ker, M.R.C.S., resigned.  
**PEAKE, W.**, Pemberton, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the St. Marylebone Infirmary, *vice* Raymond Courteen, M.B., resigned.  
**SPROUL, R. H.**, M.D., M.Ch., L.M., appointed Medical Officer to the Killyleagh Dispensary of the Downpatrick Union, *vice* R. G. Shiel, M.D., resigned.  
**WATSON, W. J.**, M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Northern Branch of the Brighton, Hove, and Preston Dispensary, *vice* E. S. Hasell, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

**WOODHALL SPA, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—Among recent considerable additions and improvements made for the accommodation and convenience of visitors to the Woodhall Spa, there has, we learn, just been completed, from the designs of Major Davis, F.S.A., of Bath, who, two years ago, made a tour of the chief European Spas at the request of the Corporation of Bath, a splendid series of baths and pump-room fitted up with every modern appliance and convenience, including shower, vapour, douche, inhalation, and local baths. In the pump-room accommodation is provided for a first-class orchestral band. Plans of a new hospital have been prepared, and in addition to the valuable site given by the present proprietors, subscriptions to the extent of £1,000 have been raised towards this object. Several new villas have been erected, and others are in course of building. The hotel to which a new wing has been added has been entirely remodelled and furnished to meet all the requirements of patients and guests, and the gardens, which have been newly laid out, are surrounded by a charming park of seventy acres. Messrs. Robey and Co., of Lincoln, are, we learn, putting down new machinery for the elevation of the water, which, when completed, will deliver about 20,000 gallons a day; and new tanks have also been constructed to hold some 60,000 gallons of water. It is anticipated that this spa, which was largely attended by rheumatic and other patients during the past year, will, in consequence of the greater conveniences provided, be more generally resorted to.

**THE INTER-HOSPITAL (RUGBY) FOOTBALL CUP TIES.**—The following are the results of the first round:—The matches are played on the Richmond Athletic Association Ground. St. Mary's a bye, Westminster scratched; Middlesex a bye, King's scratched. St. George's beat Charing Cross on January 23rd, a somewhat easy victory, 2 goals, 2 tries, and 5 minors (75 points) to 1 try and 1 minor (11 points). St. Thomas' beat Guy's on January 27th. Contrary to expectation, Guy's was defeated, the Lambeth forwards so penning their rivals as to prevent their three-quarters getting off. After a most stubbornly contested game the score was 1 goal to 2 minors (27 points) to one try (10 points). London v. St. Bartholomew's resulted in a draw, both sides scoring two points. London, though unable to score, had slightly the best of the game. University a bye. The draw for the second round is as follows:—Monday, February 13th, University v. St. Thomas'; Tuesday, February 14th, St. Bartholomew's v. St. George's; Thursday, February 16th, London v. St. Mary's, Middlesex a bye.

**THE HEXTHORPE ACCIDENT.**—At the meeting of directors of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, held at Manchester on the 25th January, Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., in the chair, the following resolutions were passed: “That the best thanks of the Board be given to the governors and committee of the Doncaster Infirmary for the valuable aid they had rendered to the parties injured in the Hexthorpe accident, and for the care and attention bestowed upon them during the time they were in-patients in the infirmary. Further, that a sum of 250 guineas be handed to the funds of the hospital towards meeting the additional expenses incurred in consequence of the accident.” “That a sum of fifty guineas be voted to Mr. Penny, the house surgeon of the Doncaster Infirmary, in recognition of the additional labour imposed upon him in connection with the accident at Hexthorpe, with the best thanks of the Board.”

**SMALL-POX AT NOTTINGHAM.**—At a meeting of the Nottingham Town Council on Monday, a report was submitted to the Health Committee of the Corporation recommending the erection of a permanent small-pox hospital at Bagthorpe at a cost of £26,000. The matter was deferred for two months. It has, we believe, already been under consideration for four years. There are still eighteen patients in the temporary hospital. Another death from small-pox is reported. Nearly three weeks ago a man was removed from a house to the temporary hospital. All the inmates of the house consented to be vaccinated, except a young woman, who resolutely refused to adopt this precaution. She alone caught the disease, was conveyed to the hospital, but never rallied, and died on February 6th.

**LURGAN UNION.**—A special meeting of the Lurgan Guardians was convened recently in order to consider the liability of the Board to pay the salary of a substitute for one of the dispensary officers of the union. It appears that on September 15th last, the Lurgan Dispensary Committee allowed Dr. Agnew, medical officer of No. 1 District, three weeks' leave of absence on the occasion of his marriage, and the Committee appointed Dr. Magennis, J.P., as *locum tenens* at a salary of £2 2s. per week. The Board of Guardians, while confirming the grant of leave of absence to Dr. Agnew, declined to pay his substitute, on the ground that, all things considered, Dr. Agnew was liable. A resolution reaffirming their decision refusing to pay the amount was unanimously agreed to.

**PASTEURISM IN POLAND.**—Dr. Monin furnishes the following statistics concerning the number of preventive inoculations for rabies practised in Warsaw by Dr. Bujwid, and the results obtained. From the beginning of 1887 to July 1st, 220 persons were inoculated; in 85 per cent. of the cases the bites were inflicted by animals proved to be suffering from rabies. In 15 per cent. of the cases this fact was not certified; thirty-five persons who were bitten were not inoculated, owing to the insignificant nature of the bites. Two of the patients inoculated died; the mortality was therefore 1.06 per cent. This proportion is much the same as that shown by the results of similar experiments at the Institut Pasteur.

**CREMATION IN FRANCE.**—At a meeting of the French Cremation Society held in Paris on January 29th, the President announced that he had received from the Ministry the assurance that an edict rendering cremation legal would very soon be promulgated. A requisition to the general commanding the army in Tonquin that French soldiers dying there might be burnt and their ashes sent to France for burial had been answered by the usual official formula, “It is not the custom.”

**THE LEEDS TRAINED NURSES' INSTITUTION.**—The institution seems to be doing a good and useful work. The staff consists of eighty engaged in private nursing; seven engaged in district nursing; and sixteen probationers in training at the hospitals, giving a total of one hundred and three. The number of cases attended during the year was eight hundred and seven; and one hundred and seventeen cases had to be declined, owing to inability to supply a nurse at the time she was needed. The Honorary Secretary is Mrs. Edward Walker.

**ADULTERATION OF PEPPER.**—A number of Liverpool grocers have recently been convicted for selling adulterated pepper. The fines and costs, however, we are informed, are in each case paid by the grinders, who are the real offenders, and whose names are, by this means, not disclosed. If the same attention were given to the detection of fraud among manufacturers as is now given to its detection among the retail dealers, such instances of evasion of the law would be less frequent.

THE Committee of Management of the City of London Hospital, in presenting the 137th annual report, expressed their gratification in the satisfactory character of the year's working, both as regards the sanitary condition of the hospital and its financial position. During the year, 356 women have been delivered in the hospital, as against 283 in 1886; 358 children were born, namely, 177 boys and 181 girls; 7 children were stillborn, and one woman has died, the death of the mother (from extraneous causes) being the only one since May, 1886, out of 506 deliveries, the mortality being under 2 per 1,000.

**EDINBURGH DENTAL HOSPITAL.**—The necessity for the erection of a specially designed and enlarged hospital on a suitable site for the reception of the staff and patients of the present Edinburgh Dental Hospital becomes more apparent every year. During 1887 there was an increase of 785 patients registered as compared with 1886. The staff of the hospital devotes a considerable amount of time to the stopping and preservation, as well as the extraction, of teeth.

**MR. THOMAS MONK.** surgeon, of Preston, has died at the venerable age of 90 years. The deceased gentleman was for many years a member of the Town Council, was made alderman in 1845, and served the office of mayor during the year 1851-52. Up to about a year ago Mr. Monk continued in active practice.

**A TRAMP'S PARADISE.**—Orders have been issued by the Chief Constable of Derbyshire for the revaccination of the members of the police force as a precaution against the small-pox epidemic prevailing in the adjoining county. No vagrants or merely suspicious characters are to be apprehended until this order has been carried out.

**TRALEE UNION.**—The guardians recently passed a resolution increasing the salary of Dr. Hayes from £100 to £120 per annum. As, however, Dr. Hayes had only lately been appointed a medical officer of the union, the Local Government Board have refused to sanction the proposed increase.

**GLASGOW SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.**—This is one of the youngest of the medical charities of Glasgow, being established for the treatment of diseases of women. During the past year the total number of patients was 293, and the number of operations 93. No deaths occurred.

ACCORDING to M. Leroy-Bearlieu, the medical profession in France pay to the Treasury an annual sum of 12,384,930 francs for their "patentes," a tax levied on the exercise of every trade, profession, and occupation in that country.

**GLASGOW DENTAL HOSPITAL.**—The annual report of this hospital shows an increase of 1,416 cases treated, the total being 8,242, which included 62 special operations performed under anaesthetics.

A NEW medical journal, called *Electrothérapie*, has recently appeared in France under the editorship of Dr. Léon Danion, who has given much attention to electricity as applied to medicine.

FROM Dr. Diplock's annual report it is seen that considerably over one-fourth of the inquests held in West Middlesex last year were upon children under the age of 12 months.

A "FIRST AID" class of the St. John Ambulance Association has been formed by the Duchess of Albany at Esher, Her Royal Highness herself attending the lectures.

## OBITUARY.

### WM. BOYD MUSHET, M.B.LOND., M.R.C.P.

Dr. MUSHET, whose death occurred at Aldershot towards the end of last year, was a man of varied accomplishments, and highly esteemed by a large circle of personal friends. His educational career was a promising one. He took the degree of M.B.Lond. in 1855, and became Member of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1863. He was University Medallist in Medicine, and took Honours in Surgery, Midwifery, and Materia Medica. He was late Honorary Consulting Physician to the Mariners' Home, Egremont; Physician to the London Hospital, Norwood; and Resident Physician to the St. Marylebone Infirmary. He was also a member of the Harveian Society. He was the author of many works on a variety of subjects. In 1864 he published *Man and Apes*. He was also the author of a *Practical Treatise on Apoplexy*, *The Pathology of Angina Pectoris* (contributed to the JOURNAL in 1859); *Cholera, its Pathology, Contagiousness, and Treatment*. He

was also the author of a satire entitled *Hyde Park*, and a contributor to the medical journals and *Morning Star*.

### MICHAEL LEAHY, M.D.ED.

Dr. LEAHY, the oldest practitioner in Bridgend, died on January 29th, aged 76, from a cold contracted when out attending his patients. Dr. Leahy studied at Dublin and Paris, as well as at the University of Edinburgh, where he was a distinguished student in the class of the late Sir James Simpson, and afterwards his class assistant. He obtained the qualification of L.R.C.S.Edin. in 1839, and that of M.D.Edin. in the following year. He was a good French scholar, and well versed in French medical literature. He acted as chief surgeon to the workmen in the Tondu iron-works for upwards of forty years, and he and his valued friend, Dr. Frichard, who attended him during his illness, have been the two leading practitioners at Bridgend for nearly half a century. His unselfish devotion to duty, his invariable kindness and charitable dealing, and honourable and straightforward action under all circumstances, won for him deservedly the respect of all and the affection of a wide circle to whom he was more intimately known.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

### MONDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 4 P.M.—Professor John Bland Sutton: Lecture on Evolution in Pathology. I. Coalescence.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—Dr. Donald Hood: The Treatment of Rheumatic Fever, with especial reference to the Use of the Salicylates.

—Dr. Kent Spender: Some hitherto Undescribed Symptoms in the Early History of Osteo-Arthritis.

### WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 4 P.M.—Professor John Bland Sutton: Lecture on Evolution in Pathology. II. Coalescence (continued).

ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, 7 P.M.—Hon. Ralph Abercromby, F.R.M.S.: Electrical and Meteorological Observations on the Peak of Teneriffe. W. B. Tripp, M.I.C.E., F.R.M.S.: Rainfall of South Africa, 1842-1886. Nils Ekholm: Some Methods of Cloud Measurements.

### THURSDAY.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY.—Dr. Stephen Mackenzie: Some Cases of Hysteria. Dr. Lees: Case of Hysteria. Mr. Silcock and Dr. Maguire: Death, with Symptoms of Hysteria.

PARKES MUSEUM OF HYGIENE, 5 P.M.—Dr. J. F. Payne: Plagues, Ancient and Modern.

### FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 4 P.M.—Professor John Bland Sutton: Lecture on Evolution in Pathology. III. Anatomical Peculiarities and Their Modifying Effects upon Disease.

SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, 7.30 P.M.—H. E. Armstrong, M.R.C.S.: Port Sanitary Administration on the Tyne; a Seven Years' Retrospect. Campbell Munro, M.B.: Sanitary Administration in the United States.

## 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.

FENWICK.—At 5, Old Burlington Street, W., on the 2nd February, the wife of E. Hurry Fenwick, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

JAMES—CORMACK.—Tuesday, the 7th February, at the Cathedral, Bombay. William, third son of Edward James, J.P., Greenbank House, Plymouth, to Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Sir John Rose Cormack, M.D.Edin. and Paris.

OASTON—RIDINGS.—On 7th December, 1887, at Bishop's Court, Auckland, New Zealand, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Auckland, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Dudley, Frank Oaston, M.D., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, Otago University, Dunedin, to Kate Mary, eldest daughter of the late George Ridings, Esq.

WADE—WILSON.—February 1st, at St. Peter's, Southampton, by the Rev. A. G. Wade, Vicar of Trinity Church, Ryde, father of the bridegroom, and the Rev. C. E. Steward, Vicar of the parish, Arthur Breeden Wade, M.B., of Southampton, to Annie, eldest daughter of the late Col. Wilson, B.N.I., of the Polygon, Southampton.

### DEATH.

ADEY.—On the 2nd February, at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Charles Augustus Adey, M.D., F.R.C.P., Consulting Physician to the Hastings, St. Leonard's, and East Sussex Hospital, aged 68 years.

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

## HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.
GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. 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, 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, Th., 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. T. F. T. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p. Tu., 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., 1.45; o.p. M. Th., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30; Operations, Tu., 1.30; Ophthalmic Operations, F., 9.
ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetrics, M. Tu. Th., F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45, S. 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.
WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, Th., 12; Dental, Tu. F., 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*.

## QUERIES.

ETC. would like to know if any book dealing with diseases peculiar to North China is published in this country, and its title.

## THREAD WORMS IN AN ADULT.

E. K. would be glad to know of a safe and efficacious remedy for an obstinate case of thread worms in an adult. Injections of sodium chloride, lime water quassia, and iron have been tried, and given little or no relief.

## CONSTIPATION DURING PREGNANCY.

RICHARD asks for a remedy for constipation in pregnancy. Pil. rheol. co., pil. aloes et myrrhe, and Friedrichshall water have been tried without a satisfactory result, and castor-oil is not tolerated. At present enemas have to be resorted to.

## GLYCERINE AS AN INJECTION.

W. H. B. asks how glycerine (one drachm) is best given as an injection.

## ANSWERS.

“DOUBTFUL” will, perhaps, do better to take the opinion of the Registrar of the College of Physicians.

W. M.—We are informed that appointment to the situation of medical officer to an urban post office rests entirely with the Postmaster-General.

## OLEATE OF ZINC AND IODOFORM IN GYNAECOLOGY.

DR. W. D. HASLAM (19, Mecklenburgh Square) writes: I should be glad if you will allow me to point out that the “oleate of zinc” referred to in the JOURNAL of January 7th under the above heading is the pulvis zinci oleatis, and is prepared as follows: Castile soap, 1 lb.; boiling water, 6 pints; apply heat till dissolved; sulphate of zinc, 7 ounces; boiling water, 18 ounces. Dissolve and add to above solution, stir well, separate the water from the oleate floating on the top, and wash the latter with hot water till free from sulphate; then cool, dry, and reduce to a fine powder. It resembles French chalk. See Martindale's extra *Pharmacopœia*.

This preparation differs widely from the oleatum zinci, which is a mixture of oxide of zinc and oleic acid; it does not combine smoothly with iodoform, and for this reason cannot be used with advantage either as a dusting powder or for instillation, on account of its grittiness. Whereas the pulvis zinci oleatis needs only to be shaken up with pulvis iodoformi to combine and form a soft light powder, which can be used for either purpose. It is, as I have already explained, a soothng application to ulcerated surfaces, especially those of a malignant or specific character, and will be proved to speedily lessen pain and discharge, promote granulation, and correct fetor. This distinction should be made in prescribing, or chemists are apt to use the oleatum zinci, which is an official preparation, and, therefore, better known; it is on this account that I venture to offer these remarks.

## WHAT IS VERONICA?

MESSRS. THOMAS CHRISTY and CO. (Line Street, London, E.C.) write: An English physician residing in Venezuela maintains that Sir Erasmus Wilson recommended in the treatment of leprosy the root of *veronica quinquefolia*; but as we cannot find any such name in any of the various books in our possession, and as this medical man says that the drug may be obtained from any druggist in London, we write to ask you if there is not some mistake in the name. Can you refer us to any public report by Sir Erasmus Wilson in which he recommended the *veronica quinquefolia*?

\*\* Veronica is an old popular remedy for many disorders, skin complaints included. We are not in a position to refer to any notice of it in the treatment of leprosy by Sir Erasmus Wilson, but we have no reason to believe that it would be of any use in that disease.

## CAUSE OF LEAD POISONING.

ANOTHER M. O. H. writes: In reply to “M. O. H.’s” query, I beg to point out that, though home-made wines and cider are the most frequent sources of lead poisoning in rural districts, a metal teapot or a tin vessel which has been soldered are frequent causes. I have lately seen some bad cases from drinking water which had stood for twelve hours in a cheap corrugated iron bucket, I have seen horses affected in this way, constipation and the blue line on the gums being well marked.

## SPRAY DIFFUSER.

DR. B. F. V. BURTON (Stonehouse, Gloucestershire) writes, in reply to “W. R. M.” that he was greatly pleased with a disinfecting apparatus that he saw at the Health Exhibition in London, and sold by Savory and Moore, of 143, New Bond Street. Aromatic carbolic acid contained in a receiver inverted dropped on to a stage heated by a spirit lamp. Price 7s. 6d. Of course the instrument could be made on a larger scale, to be constantly going in a hospital ward if necessary.

MESSRS. MAYER, MELTZER and CO., 35, Bond Street, Leeds, write to recommend “the new antiseptic dry spray” invented by Mr. A. W. Mayo Robson, and manufactured by them.

## THE TITLE OF “DR.”

ANXIOUS ONE.—We are informed that the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh have always discouraged all their Fellows, Members, and Licentiates from using the title “Dr.” in any way, except in the case of graduates, as they hold that title to belong only to those holding the degree of M.D. from some university.

## TREATMENT OF TINNITUS.

MR. RICHARD ELLIS, F.R.C.S. Ed. (Senior Surgeon Newcastle-on-Tyne Throat and Ear Hospital), writes: In reply to Mr. F. W. Clark's inquiry, I would suggest a kind of cimicifuga. I have found it valuable in many cases of tinnitus of obscure origin. So far as I am aware, it was first recommended in this affection by Mr. Alex. S. Patton, House-Surgeon to St. Mark's Hospital, Dublin. In private practice I generally prescribe tr. cimicifuga mxxx, ter in die ex aqua; but at this hospital we use the liq. actea racemosae (Hewitt's), in equivalent doses. Mr. Patton said, “he did not know how it acted,” nor do I; but it frequently relieves or cures many of these troublesome cases.

## THE CHEAPEST COLLEGE WITH THE SHORTEST COURSE.

MR. DAVID WILLIAMS.—We are unable to say which medical college in America "is the cheapest and has the shortest course," nor do we think the information would be of the smallest value, except as a warning to avoid such an institution.

## NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

## RECIPROCITY.

MR. THOMAS A. WHITE (L'Abri, Territet, Vaud) writes: I beg to inform you that in continuance of my letter to you, December 29th, 1887, I have received a letter from the Prefet of Vevey, informing me that at a meeting of the Conseil d'Etat held on January 21st, they had ordered that the fine of 200 francs inflicted upon me for practising medicine here without Federal diploma should be reduced to that of ten francs; and I have been further advised to discontinue my practice until such time as they again communicate with me.

## ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

DR. C. M. CAMPBELL (Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square) writes: The article which appeared in the JOURNAL of January 28th has well criticised the existing impudent burlesque of managing a public charity; but it seems to me that the writer has weakened the force of his remarks by the openly expressed prejudice which he exhibits against all special hospitals. I need not discuss the much vexed question of special *versus* general hospitals, further than to say that the apathy of the latter in days gone by supplied the *raison d'être* of the former. If the public did not desire special hospitals, they would soon cease to exist; and unless you advocate a return to the darkest days of trades unionism, I fail to see what grounds exist for attacking special hospitals *per se*. That the men connected with such are not all actuated by base and selfish motives is sufficiently evident by the course recently taken by my colleagues and myself in fearlessly exposing what we could not reconcile to our professional consciences. It was open to us, and would have been so much easier for us, to have winked at everything, and held our tongues. My colleague, Dr. Robinson, has alluded to the unknown but large number of men who had held office in St. John's Hospital and left it. One should imagine that any skin hospital would have been proud to own such names on its staff as Sir Erasmus Wilson and Dr. Tilbury Fox, who once belonged to St. John's. What were the reasons for their leaving it? Perhaps the veteran honorary solicitor can enlighten us. Perhaps he will also explain the following curious misstatement, which I find both in *Whitaker's Almanack* for 1888, and in the *Hospital Almanack*, 1888, and which is certainly calculated to give an exaggerated idea of the extent of the establishment upon which the management expends some £3,000 per annum. In both publications I find the following particulars: "Matron, Miss Ingleby. Nurses, 2. Beds, 25," which reads very nicely. As a matter of fact Miss Ingleby, who was the only trained nurse in the hospital, left last November, her place being filled by the cook, an excellent person, but not a trained nurse. If other two nurses existed, I can only say that I never saw them, up to the date of my last visit on December 16th. If twenty-five beds exist in the hospital in Leicester Square, the Chelsea branch having been closed many months ago, I can also affirm that I have never seen that number.

Now the main point is this: Who supplied this information? There is good ground for supposing that it was supplied officially, and subsequent to my suspension on December 15th, as my name is omitted from the list of the medical staff in the *Hospital Almanack*, 1888. It would thus appear to have been supplied nearly a month after Miss Ingleby had left. Unless the management can explain this, you can draw your own conclusions. I regret to say that it is but a fair example of the procedure into which we desire to have a full investigation, and which we will yet have, *malgré* the success of the monstrous tactics employed at the last special meeting to hush down the debate. That Lord Aberdare should have followed the example of the Duke of Northumberland, and resigned the vice-presidency, in consequence of the refusal of the Board and its supporters to have an independent inquiry, is no more than might have been expected. Does the Board really suppose that it can defy criticism in this fashion, and retain the sympathy and support of men of honour and position? If so, it will very shortly be undeceived.

## NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC.

MR. B. BURFORD RAWLINGS, Secretary-Director, writes: Will you allow me to say that a recent article in a daily evening paper, to which my attention has been drawn, purporting to describe the work of this hospital, has not been inspired by the authorities here, and that I am ignorant of its source?

I should be ungrateful not to acknowledge the kindly spirit which animates the notice, but there are reasons why my board must disclaim responsibility for it, whether as a whole or in respect of certain statements contained in it, which are entirely, though of course unintentionally, inaccurate.

ERRATUM.—In Dr. Hunter Mackenzie's communication in the JOURNAL of February 4th, p. 245, for "of lactic acid and of thymol," substitute "of lactic acid and of menthol."

## THE TREATMENT OF INTRACTABLE ROSACEOUS NOSE.

A COUNTRY PRACTITIONER, who has long suffered from rosaceous nose, writes to recommend scarification, at first twice a week, then once, and latterly once a fortnight. His nose was freely scarified by Mr. Malcolm Morris, and with the most marvellous effect, the heat, pain, and unnatural shape at once subsiding, and the redness rapidly abating, until, at the end of three months—a month since any scarification was performed—the nose is happily restored to its natural shape and colour. Scarification, as performed by Mr. Morris, is not, he says, at all a painful process.

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