

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 26th, 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.

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 Homeopathy in Relation to Regular Medicine. 3. Cases of interest in the Infirmary.—G. ARTHUR CARDEW, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 3 P.M. The following papers will be read: Mr. Snell: On Prevention of Blindness by the Ophthalmia of the New-born. Mr. T. R. Jessop: On Transfusion as a means of averting death from Hemorrhage. Dr. Adolf Bronner: Ozæna: its Nature and Treatment. Cases: Mr. A. W. Mayo Robson: Three successful Cases of Transfusion. Dr. J. Gordon Black: The Treatment of Chronic Ulcers of the Leg. Mr. H. Bendelack Hewetson: (1) Suggestions as to the Relationship existing between Chronic Constipation, Chlorosis, and occasional Optic Neuritis; (2) Salicylic China Grass, with remarks.—ARTHUR JACKSON, Secretary, Sheffield.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, February 24th. Dr. McLeod will take the chair 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. Dr. Muir, Selkirk, will read notes of a case of Hypertrophy of the Mamme. Dr. Altham, Penrith, will read (1) A Case of Hemorrhage from the Rectum treated by removing the redundant Skin around the Anus; and (2) A Case of Strangulated Hernia with Cysts in the Omentum extracted. Dr. Hamilton, Hawick, will read a paper on Pneumoparesis. Mr. T. P. Devlin, Carlisle, will read Notes of a Case of Intracranial Hemorrhage in a Young Subject. Supper in the hotel at 9 P.M.—H. A. LEDIARD, Honorary Secretary, 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle.

CORRECTION.—In the report of the meeting of the North London District of the Metropolitan Counties Branch it was erroneously stated that Dr. Stretch Dowse demonstrated the practice of massage on a male patient with the assistance of a masseuse. The word ought to have been *masseur*, and the correction is important, as it is inadvisable to employ a female for performing massage on a male.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this District was held in the Greenwich Hospital School (by permission of Captain Collins, R.N., the Superintendent) on February 4th. The chair was taken by Dr. FREDERICK TAYLOR, Vice-President of the District. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Cases Exhibited.—Dr. TREVELYAN, House-Physician to the Seamen's Hospital, showed for Dr. CURNOW the following cases:—1. Early Locomotor Ataxy, with Atrophy of Optic Discs; 2. Paralysis of the Muscles of the Front of the Right Leg of Doubtful Origin; 3. Left Hemiplegia from Syphilitic Thrombosis; 4. Phthisis with a Large Dry Cavity at the Right Apex; 5. Tubercular Ulceration of Epiglottis; 6. Syphilitic Disease of the Larynx.—Dr. FREDERICK TAYLOR and Dr. PITT discussed the cases, and Dr. TREVELYAN replied.

Vice-President's Address.—Dr. FREDERICK TAYLOR, as the first Vice-President of the District, then read an introductory address. He thanked the members of the District for the honour they had done him, and reviewed the history of the District from the first meeting in 1878 under the presidency of Mr. John Wood, specially mentioning the loss sustained of late years by the death of Dr. Carrington. He referred to an idea which had become current in one part of the District, that in having a meeting at Greenwich the Association was trying to compete with the local West Kent Medico-Chirurgical Society, and pointed out that meetings could only occasionally be held in Greenwich in consequence of the size of the South London District, and also that the present President of the local Society was a member of the Committee of the District, which facts were a sufficient guarantee against any clashing of meetings or subjects of discussion. He further drew attention to the fact that only about half of those members of the Association who reside in the South London District were members of the Branch, and hoped to see a large increase in numbers. He reviewed the progress of medicine and surgery during the past twenty or thirty years, and ended by congratulating the District on having again started on an active career after a period of quiescence.—Mr. SANGSTER moved, and Mr. JOHNSON SMITH seconded, a vote of thanks (which was carried unanimously) to Dr. Taylor for his valuable address.

Radical Cure of Hernia.—Mr. JOHNSON SMITH then read a paper on the radical cure of hernia, after which there was a short discussion. A vote of thanks was passed.

Vote of Thanks.—The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks, moved by Dr. FEGAN and seconded by Dr. PITT, to Captain Collins for the use of the room.

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

THE sixty-ninth general meeting of the New South Wales Branch of the British Medical Association was held in the Royal Society's Room Sydney, on Friday, December 2nd—present: the Hon. Dr. Creed, M.L.C. (President) in the chair; Drs. Clutbe, Sydney-Jones, McCormick, Brady, Chambers, Hankins, Scot-Skirving, Fiaschi, Contie, McCulloch, Worrall, and Crago were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Fracture of the Acetabulum.—Dr. CLUTBE read some notes on a case of fracture of the acetabulum.—A discussion ensued in which Drs. SYDNEY-JONES, BRADY and MCCORMICK took part.—Dr. CLUTBE replied.

By-Laws.—The by-laws were then considered and discussed, and after some slight alterations were made they were passed.

Digestive Ferments.—Dr. MCCORMICK, of Macquarie Street, read a paper on digestive ferments. Some very interesting demonstrations were made, illustrating the action of certain ferments.

ROYAL VISIT TO VENTNOR HOSPITAL.—The Queen, who was accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, paid an informal visit to the Royal National Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest on February 11th. This is the first time Her Majesty, who is the Patroness of the institution, has visited the hospital, though she has on many occasions shown her sympathy with it and contributed liberally to its funds. The whole of the 120 patients, with the exception of a few who were too ill to leave their rooms, assembled in the new dining-hall to greet the arrival of the Royal visitors. A bouquet of flowers was presented by Master Coghill to Her Majesty, who then visited several of the blocks, and expressed the deep interest she felt in all she had seen.

hospital for this purpose. The other is the demolition of a large portion of the barracks on the ground that some of the old buildings are too much crowded together. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to provide other accommodation in Dublin at this time of the year for the troops, who would thereby be turned out of the Royal Barracks, and the new barracks now being commenced cannot be ready for some time. We are, however, trying to make such arrangements as will enable the most unhealthy part of the Royal Barracks to be vacated as soon as possible. As regards Dover, I caused an inspection to be made by an inspector of the Local Government Board. A considerable expenditure has been incurred in carrying out his recommendations, and the sanitary condition of these barracks is believed to be satisfactory.

Monday, February 13th.

Insanitary Dwellings.—In reply to Mr. THORBURN, Mr. RITCHIE said that, in view of the work which the Government had in hand, they could not undertake to deal with the question of the compulsory periodical inspection of dwellings.

Tuesday, February 14th.

The Treatment of Accidents at Sheerness.—In reply to Mr. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Lord G. HAMILTON said: It has been the practice to send accident cases occurring in Sheerness Dockyard to the Royal Naval Hospital at Chatham, for treatment, when the nature of the injury admitted of their removal. Injuries of a nature to render removal undesirable would be treated locally at the dispensary of the Royal Naval Barracks at the dockyard. Under these circumstances it appears to be unnecessary to ask the military authorities to receive accident cases. Since January, 1887, there have only been three cases necessitating removal.

Local Government, Scotland.—Mr. W. H. SMITH, in reply to Mr. BARCLAY, said: It is not anticipated that there will be time this session for Parliament to consider the Local Government Bill for Scotland. Leave will be asked to bring in a Bill dealing with the question of local government boundaries in Scotland so as to facilitate the passing of the Local Government Bill in the ensuing session.

The Sweating System.—In answer to Mr. PICKERSGILL, Mr. W. H. SMITH said: The Secretary of State some time ago instructed the Chief Inspector of Factories to institute special inquiries into the sweating system at the East End of London, with the help of inspectors drawn for the purpose from other districts. The report of the Chief Inspector is daily expected, and it is hoped that it will materially assist the Government in deciding whether anything can be done by legislation to remedy the evils complained of.

Scotch Sanitary Legislation.—Upon a division being taken, leave was given to introduce a Bill by the Lord Advocate for regulating the police and sanitary administration of towns and populous places, and for facilitating the union of police and municipal administration in burghs in Scotland.

Wednesday, February 15th.

New Bills.—On the motion of Mr. ELTON for leave to introduce a Bill for the better regulation of temporary dwellings, Dr. TANNER objected. A Bill to facilitate the better housing of the working classes in London was introduced by Mr. REID, and was read a first time.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Among the Bills and motions of which notices have already been given are the following:

- Mr. QUILTER: Bill for the better securing the purity of beer.
- Mr. GILHOOLY: Bill for the better housing of the working classes in Ireland.
- Mr. ISAACSON: Bill to amend the law relating to the election of coroners.
- Mr. DIXON-HARTLAND: Bill for the better regulation of theatres and music halls in the metropolis.
- Mr. G. O. MORGAN: Bill further to amend the law relating to burials.
- Mr. S. HILL: Bill for the sanitary inspection of dwellings.
- Sir E. GREY: On Tuesday, March 6th, to move a resolution in favour of the repeal of the carriage tax.
- Mr. PICTON: Bill relating to the practice of vaccination.
- Mr. MILVAIN: Bill to amend the law in relation to punishment by whipping, and for the better protection of women and children.

A FIRE broke out last week at the buildings of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris just at the hour when students adjourn to the library. It was due to overheated *caloriferes*, and spread to the grand amphitheatre. Fortunately plenty of assistance was at hand, and a disaster was averted before much damage had been done.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Intermediate Examination in Medicine. January, 1888. Pass list. Entire Examination.

First Division.—H. S. Ballance, King's College; A. B. Berry, Owens College; A. W. Boning, University College; C. E. Box, St. Thomas's Hospital; P. R. Dodwell, University College; J. McD. Gill, Guy's Hospital; F. W. Hall, Guy's Hospital; E. V. Hugo, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. B. Lord, B.Sc., Owens College; A. W. Lyons, King's College; H. J. M. Playfair, King's College; H. B. Sandifer, King's College; J. H. Sykes, Owens College.

Second Division.—A. M. Cass, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary; B. E. Dawson, London Hospital and University College; H. Distin, King's College; F. W. Dove, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. R. C. Earle, University College; C. J. Girling, Guy's Hospital; G. S. Johnston, Queen's College, Birmingham; H. B. Kitchen, University College; T. F. Ricketts, B.Sc., Guy's Hospital; L. Roberts, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Excluding Physiology.

First Division.—W. A. Clark, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Second Division.—E. L. N. Pridmore, University College; J. A. Waring, University College.

Physiology only.

First Division.—A. W. W. Lea, Owens College; S. W. Morgan, Bristol Medical School; J. A. Pickels, Owens College.

Second Division.—B. G. Hall, Bristol Medical School; H. Langdale, Owens College; F. R. P. Taylor, Westminster Hospital.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—The following were on February 9th admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Medicine.

E. Cautley, King's; T. Redmayne, Trinity; E. T. Wynne, St. Catharine's; C. J. Whitby, Emmanuel; R. Major-Brown, Downing.

The following gentleman was at the same time admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Surgery.

E. Cautley, King's.

MR. FRANCIS DARWIN, M.A., M.B., has been nominated by the Council of the Senate a member of the Special Board for Medicine, in the room of the late Mr. Coutts Trotter.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—At the Spring Commencements of Hilary Term, held according to custom on Shrove Tuesday, February 14th, 1888, the following degrees in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery were conferred by the University Caput, in the presence of the Senate assembled in the Examination Hall of Trinity College.

Bachelor of Obstetrics.—S. W. Allworthy, E. B. Ffennell, H. N. H. Joynt, A. G. Price, J. D. Wright.

Bachelor of Surgery.—S. W. Allworthy, E. B. Ffennell, J. E. Hadden, W. M. Jennings, H. N. H. Joynt, J. F. Knott, A. G. Price, J. D. Wright.

Bachelor of Medicine.—H. N. H. Joynt, A. G. Price, J. D. Wright.

Doctor of Medicine.—R. J. Baker (in *Coloniis*), H. T. Bewley (stip. cond.), C. Mallius (in *Coloniis*), J. P. Henry, E. Hogben (stip. cond.).

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

HEALTH OF ENGLAND AND WALES DURING 1887.

FROM the last quarterly return of the Registrar-General we are enabled to summarise the vital and mortal statistics relating to England and Wales for the year 1887. The birth-rate was equal to 31.4 and the death-rate to 18.8 per 1,000 of the population, estimated at twenty-eight and a quarter millions of persons. The birth-rate was lower than in any year since 1838, and the death-rate was actually the lowest on record. It is worthy of note that in each year since 1880 the death-rate has been lower than in any year on record prior to that date. This marked and continued reduction in the national death-rate implies that more than 400,000 persons in England and Wales have survived whose deaths would have been recorded had the rate of mortality remained the same as that which prevailed during the ten preceding years, 1871-80. The natural increase of population during 1887, or the excess of births over deaths, was 355,440, which showed a further decline from the numbers in recent years. According to returns issued by the Board of Trade, it appears that 286,969 emigrants of British origin left the various ports of the United Kingdom during the year under notice; of these, 172,334 were English, 35,039 Scotch, and 79,596 Irish. The amount of emigration from each division of the United Kingdom showed a further increase upon that recorded in the two preceding years.

The 530,577 deaths from all causes in England and Wales during

the cases. I pointed out to him the necessity of the sanitary authority endeavouring to prevent the spread of the disease by disinfection and other measures, and the impossibility of doing this in the absence of information as to where the cause existed. His replies are again worthy of being recorded. He did not see why he should do my work, as it was my duty to inspect the district in such a way that I should discover all cases of infectious disease for myself. I should add that the gentleman was careful to sign himself 'EX.M.O.H.'

VACCINATION AND SMALL-POX AT SHEFFIELD.

WITH reference to the inquiry of our correspondent respecting the statistics quoted by Mr. Ritchie, in his recent speech at Sheffield, showing the beneficial effects of vaccination amongst the children under 10 years of age, living in Sheffield during the current epidemic of small-pox, we are not aware that the correctness of Mr. Ritchie's figures has been impugned. In the local publication of some earlier statistics respecting the epidemic, some accidental error occurred in the printing, but this was immediately corrected. We have every reason to believe that the figures quoted by the President of the Local Government Board are quite correct. We would remind our correspondent that Mr. Ritchie did not say that his information as to the number of vaccinated and unvaccinated in Sheffield was obtained by a house-to-house visitation.

The calculation was probably made from the published returns of the Registrar General and of the vaccination officers, and can therefore be readily verified. So also can the facts as to the vaccination of the children under 10 years of age, who were attacked with small-pox and died. It may interest our correspondent and others to know that in a recent report Mr. Willey, the medical officer of the Sheffield Borough Hospital, states that during the month of January 160 cases of small-pox were admitted to the hospital (37 of them being unvaccinated), which, added to the 136 already in the hospital from the previous month, made a total of 296 under treatment within the month. Amongst these there were 32 deaths, 21 being amongst the unvaccinated, and 11 amongst adults who had not been vaccinated since infancy. The average age of these latter cases was 30 years. Experiences of a similar sort are reported by the health officers of the Chesterfield Rural and Stapleton Urban District, where small-pox has lately been somewhat severely prevalent. In fact, such experiences are repeated during every epidemic.

MEDICAL NEWS.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—The undermentioned Licentiate in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to Membership pursuant to the provisions of the Supplemental Charter of Queen Victoria, dated December 12th, 1878, has been duly admitted a Member of the College.

M. A. Boyd, Lic. Med. 1869, Physician to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin.

At the examination for the Diploma in State Medicine, held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1888, the following candidate was successful.

W. Hartigan, M.K.Q.C.P., 1880, Hermitage, Hong Kong.

At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1888, the undermentioned registered medical practitioners were successful.

For the Licence to Practise Medicine and Midwifery.—J. J. H. Jackman, L.R.C.S.I., 1883, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.

For the Licence to Practise Midwifery only.—R. Bryans, M.B., R.U.I., 1887, Monaghan.

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.

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 £30 for twelve-months. Applications by February 21st to the Secretary.

CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by March 6th to the Secretary.

CIRENCESTER UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £115 per annum, and extras. Applications by February 20th to W. L. Cooke, Esq., Solicitor, Cirencester.

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.

FRENCH HOSPITAL, Leicester Square.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Secretary.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM, Bracebridge, near Lincoln.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications by February 25th to J. W. Marsh, Esq., Superintendent.

LIVERPOOL NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by February 22nd to the Chairman of the Committee.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT, Bowdon, Cheshire.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by February 23rd, to the Secretary, Manchester.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland 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.

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

OUGHTEARD UNION.—Medical Officer to the Workhouse, Infirmary, and Fever Hospital. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to Mr. J. Gillmore, Clerk of Union. Election on March 7th.

ROXBURGH DISTRICT ASYLUM, Melrose.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to Dr. Johnstone.

ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. JAMES'S DISPENSARY.—Physician. Applications to S. L. Bunnett, 60, King Street, Regent Street, W.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by February 18th to the House-Surgeon.

TARBAT (ROSS-SHIRE).—Medical Officer. Salary, £115 per annum. Applications by February 29th to Finlay Munro, Esq., Rockfield-by-Fearn, N.B.

THURLES UNION, Templemore Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum, and fees. Applications to Mr. John O'Meara, Honorary Secretary, Colleshill. Election on February 22nd.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.—Four Examiners in Medicine. Annual fee, £10 and £30 respectively. Applications by March 5th to the Secretary of the University Court, G. D. McLellan, Esq., 145, West George Street, Glasgow.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications by February 25th to William Bache, Esq., Churchill House, West Bromwich.

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 28th to S. W. North, Esq., 84, Micklegate, York.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ABBOTT, C. E., L.K.Q.C.P.I., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Braintree Urban Sanitary District, Essex.

BARKLEY, C. H., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.M.Edin., appointed Anæsthetist to the National Dental Hospital, vice H. F. Winslow, M.D., resigned.

BAIRRETT, C. W., Sessions, M.B., C.M., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Hunts County Hospital, Huntingdon.

BOWIE, Alexander, M.D., M.Ch.St.And., appointed Assistant Physician to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

DOCKRELL, Morgan, M.D., M.A., B.Ch.Dub., appointed Assistant Physician to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

FLOOD, E. F., L.A.H.Dub., appointed Medical Officer for the South Division of the Dundalk District of the Dundalk Union.

FROST, Francis T., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Huddersfield Infirmary, vice W. L. W. Marshall, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

GIBBS, A. N., Godby, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Bristol Eye Hospital.

GILLARD, R., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Ugborough and Brent Districts of the Totnes Union.

HALES, Clements D. G., C.M., M.D., etc. Edin., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Bristol Eye Hospital.

HITCHINS, T. J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Physician to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

JONES, E. Lloyd, M.B., C.M., B.A., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Road.

PRIESTLEY, R. C., M.A., M.B.Camb., M.R.C.S., appointed Registrar and Pathologist to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.

SELLARS, J. C., L.K.Q.C.P.I., appointed Medical Officer for the North Division of the Dundalk District of the Dundalk Union.

SYMINGTON, Johnson, M.D., F.R.S.E., appointed Examiner in Anatomy to the University of Edinburgh, vice Professor D. J. Cunningham, M.D., F.R.S.E., whose term of office has expired.

TREVELYAN, E. F., M.D.Lond., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Physician to the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, vice E. H. Booth, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB, AND IMBECILE.—On Tuesday, February 7th, Dr. Francis Warner gave evidence as to weak-minded children in public elementary schools, and on Wednesday, February 8th, Dr. George Shuttleworth, medical superintendent, and Mr. J. Wiggins, secretary, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, were examined as to the provisions in England, educational and otherwise, for the imbecile class.

SANITARY ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual meeting of the members of this Association was held on February 13th. Professor Roger Smith, F.R.I.B.A., presided. Mr. Joseph Hadley read the annual report, which stated that with newly built property there had been a continued improvement, necessitating fewer alterations to secure the sanitary certificates. Annual inspections for the renewal of sanitary certificates continued to be made. Mr. Mark H. Judge, A.R.I.B.A., proposed, "That the Right Hon. Lord Chelmsford, G.C.B., be requested to take charge of the Sanitary Registration Bill in Parliament this session, and to introduce the Bill into the House of Lords at as early a date as possible." Sir Peter Lumsden, G.C.B., seconded this resolution, which was supported by Mr. H. Rutherford, barrister-at-law, Dr. Willoughby, and others, and was carried unanimously. The retiring members of the Council were re-elected: Sir Joseph Fayrer was re-elected President of the Association, and Professor T. Roger Smith was re-elected Vice-President.

INTER-HOSPITAL (RUGBY) FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP.—*Second Round.*—On February 13th St. Thomas's beat University. The strong forward team of St. Thomas's quite overpowered University, whose three-quarters were unable to show their powers. R. L. Thomas, of the losing team, unfortunately broke his collar-bone before half-time—4 goals, 6 tries, and 1 minor (161 points), to *nil*. On February 14th, St. Bartholomew's v. St. George's resulted in a win for the former by 1 try 1 minor (11 points), to 1 minor (1 point). This game was played with a layer of snow over the ground; the game was almost entirely confined to the forwards, and sternly contested. On February 16th London v. St. Mary's: Middlesex, a bye.

THE FRENCH HOSPITAL.—At the annual banquet of the French Hospital at London, which took place on Saturday evening last at Willis's Rooms, His Excellency the French Ambassador in the chair, supported by the Lord Mayor, the report for 1887 was read by the Honorary Secretary, M. Rüffer, showing that the total receipts for that year amounted to £3,551 15s. 5d., being less than the preceding year by £126 10s. 7d. The expenditure amounted to £2,266 18s. 6d. for maintenance and £274 18s. 1d. for management. Upwards of 11,000 out- and 422 in-patients were relieved during that time. These figures reflect every credit on the management of the hospital for economy in administration.

THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—The last fortnightly returns from the fever and small-pox hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board showed 260 patients admitted, as against 297 in the previous fortnight. In the same time 39 had died, as against 42 in the previous period; and 370 had been discharged, as against 505 in the previous fortnight. There were, on the morning of February 10th, under treatment 1,685 patients in the various hospitals.

THE Cambridge Sanitary Authority have decided to adopt the "broad irrigation" system for the disposal of sewage, provided that land can be purchased at a reasonable price. They also decided that no scheme for the conveyance of the sewage to the pumping-station be adopted unless it be connected with a scheme for the reconstruction of all existing sewers and drains which are found to be sewers of deposit or otherwise defective.

THE PARKES MUSEUM.—The Merchant Taylors Company have recently voted ten guineas to this museum, to aid in its work of practical teaching and demonstrating sanitary science.

MR. WILLIAM E. CASS, M.R.C.S.Eng., late medical officer to the Goole Union, has obtained a superannuation allowance of £160 per annum.

PUBLIC VACCINATION.—Mr. Crocker, Bingley, has received for the fourth time the Government grant for efficient vaccination.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 4 P.M.—Professor William Watson Cheyne, F.R.C.S.: Lecture on Suppuration and Septic Diseases.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.—Mr. Hutchinson: The Abortive Treatment of Syphilis.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, 5 P.M.—Inspector-General Lawson: The Milroy Lectures.—Lecture I. Epidemic Influences.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.—Specimens.—Mr. Sutton and Mr. Shattock: Report on a case of Parasitic Foetus. Mr. D'Arcy Power: Congenital Fatty Tumour connected with Bone. Mr. T. F. Chavasse: Parotid Tumour. Dr. Crooke: Pulmonary Endarteritis. Mr. Stonham: Complex or Vertical Hemorrhoiditis. Mr. Moran: Papilloma of Fallopian Tubes. Sir Wm. MacCormac: Epithelioma of Kidney, associated with Calculus. Mr. Pitts: Villous Carcinoma of Breast. Dr. Woodbridge: New Constituent of the Blood. Card Specimens.—Mr. Stonham: Tumours of Bone. Mr. Chavasse: Peculiar Vesical Calculus. Mr. Bruce Clarke: Stone in Retrostatic Pouch. Mr. Walsham: Volvulus of Cæcum and Lower Portion of Ileum. Mr. Shattock: Dermoid Cyst from the Third Branchial Cleft. Dr. Lediard: Enchondroma of Fingers.

WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 4 P.M.—Professor William Watson Cheyne, F.R.C.S.: Lecture on Suppuration and Septic Diseases.

BRITISH GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 8.30 P.M.—The adjourned discussion on Ectopic Gestation will be opened by Dr. Barnes. A large collection of specimens illustrating Ruptured Tubal and other forms of Ectopic Gestation will be exhibited by Mr. Lawson Tait. Council, 8 P.M.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, 8 P.M.—Mr. R. Clement Lucas: President's Address. Dr. F. J. Smith: The Influence of the Discovery of Micro-organisms on Treatment.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, 5 P.M.—Inspector-General Lawson: The Milroy Lectures.—Lecture II. Epidemic Influences.

BURIAL REFORM ASSOCIATION, 3.15 P.M. (Portman Rooms, Baker Street).—Conference on Burial, Funeral, and Mourning Reform; Sir E. Sieveking, Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., Hon. Dudley Fortescue, Dr. Danford Thomas, and others.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, 4 P.M.—Professor William Watson Cheyne, F.R.C.S.: Lecture on Suppuration and Septic Diseases.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, 4 P.M.—A quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Bethlem Hospital, St. George's Road, London. A meeting of the Council will be held at 3 P.M.; Dr. Hughlings Jackson will read a paper on Post-Epileptic States. A special meeting will be held at 5.30 P.M. "to consider the recent appointment at the Hayward's Heath Asylum." The members will dine together in the evening at 7 P.M., at the Holborn Restaurant. Members intending to dine are requested to communicate with Dr. Paul, The Terrace, Camberwell.

QUEKETT MICROSCOPICAL CLUB (University College, Gower Street), 8 P.M.—Annual General Meeting. President's Address.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Mr. Holmes: (1) Case of Laceration of Axillary Artery in attempted Reduction of Dislocation of Shoulder; Death from Exhaustion, with symptoms of Septicæmia. (2) Sequel to a case reported in vols. ix and x, under title of Ligature of Left Carotid. Mr. J. R. Lunn: Case in which the Superficial Femoral Artery was Ligatured for a Popliteal Aneurysm without Rupture of the Walls of the Vessel. Mr. B. Pitts: Case of Amputation of the Hip-Joint for Osteo-sarcoma of Femur; Secondary Hemorrhage; Ligature of Common Femoral; Recovery. Living Specimens.—1. Case of Cured Subclavian Aneurysm; Dr. Barlow and Mr. Rüffer. 2. Case of Traumatic Meningocele; Mr. Silcock. 3. A patient upon whom Loret's Operation on the Stomach was performed two months ago.

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.

BRUNTON.—On February 12th, at 10, Stratford Place, W., the wife of T. Lauder Brunton, M.D., F.R.S., of a daughter.

CHILD.—On January 22nd, at 2, College Park Villas, Harrow Road, W., the wife of Warwick L. Child, M.D., M.R.C.S.Eng., of a daughter.

DAVIS.—On February 14th, at 14, St. James's Square, Bath, the wife of Robert Davis, M.R.C.S.Eng., of a daughter.

LLOYD-ROBERTS.—On February 13th, the wife of J. Lloyd-Roberts, M.B., of Denbigh, North Wales, of a daughter.

PARSLOE.—On February 10th, at The Larches, Black Torrington, Devon, the wife of H. Heath Parsloe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ROBERTS—PRICE.—On February 7th, at the Parish Church, Holywell, by the Rev. R. O. Williams, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Llewelyn Jones, M.A., curate, Richard Pritchard Roberts, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., of Bethesda, to Maggie, eldest daughter of the late John Price, of Holywell.

TURNER—SILCOCK.—On February 7th, at Chittisham, George Turner, of Holsedon, to Eleanor Charlotte (Lillie), second daughter of Edward Clowes Silcock, Wood House, Ely.

DEATHS.

HARRISON.—On February 9th, at The Grange, York Road, Birkdale, Southport, Josephine C., the dearly loved wife of G. Cooper Harrison, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.B., and daughter of the late J. J. Godfrey, M.R.C.S., of Liverpool.

SMITH.—On February 9th, at Southport, from the effects of an accident, Edward Mortimore Smith, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., aged 29 years, R.I.F.

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

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS. —Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.
GUY'S. —Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.
KING'S COLLEGE. —Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th., 3; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
LONDON. —Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu. S.
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, Tu., 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. 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., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

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.

A COUNTRY MEMBER asks where to purchase a cheap couch or chair-couch suitable for ordinary gynecological necessities such as one has to attend to in one's own surgery.

EUCALYPTUS LOTION.

M.B. wishes to know what formula is generally used in the preparation of eucalyptus lotion for surgical dressings.

* Oil of eucalyptus is only used, so far as we are aware, in various forms as a dressing; it is not employed in the form of a lotion.

DOES CIDER TEND TO PRODUCE GOUT AND GRAVEL?

O. V. writes: Is cider drinking beneficial or otherwise in cases of a gouty description? More particularly, does it tend to produce or to prevent the formation of stone in the bladder? or does it have no effect either way?

CLIMATE FOR HAY FEVER.

M.D., who has not been able to find the desired information in books, wishes to hear of the best localities inland, both in this country and abroad, for invalids who wish to avoid the cold east winds of spring, and the hot weather—and especially attacks of hay fever—in June and July.

NIGHT BLINDNESS.

CHARLES À COURT writes: The *Cologne Gazette*, in describing some night manoeuvres which recently took place in Russia, stated that much confusion arose owing to the large number of men in the ranks afflicted with "hühnerblindheit"—that is, literally, "hen-blindness"—and it further ascribed the frequency of this affection, which prevented men from seeing anything on a moderately dark night, to the inferior diet of the Russian peasant class. Can you oblige me with any explanation of this curious statement?

* Swazy and other authorities believe that defective nutrition plays an important part in rendering patients liable to nyctalopia, or night-blindness. Nyctalopia is a constant symptom in syphilitic retinitis, even when hereditary, and in retinitis pigmentosa. It may accompany scurvy.

ANSWERS.

DURIBANS might consult Dr. De Watteville's *Practical Introduction to Medical Electricity*, second edition.

M.R.C.S. should communicate with the Clerk to the Society of Apothecaries, Apothecaries' Hall, Blackfriars, E.C.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

SURGEON-MAJOR S. SMITH, W.C.E., M.V.I., F.A.S., M.S.A., etc., informs us that he was unanimously elected a Vice-President of the Association of Members of the Royal College of Surgeons at its last meeting.

AN APPEAL.

JAMES McDONALD, L.F.P.S. Glasg., 1875, late medical officer for Barvas, Stornoway, N.B., died suddenly of an attack of apoplexy in July, 1884, leaving a widow and four young children wholly unprovided for. Mrs. McDonald's health had broken down some time before her husband's death, owing to a slight hemiplegic attack, after which she never quite regained the use of her right hand. But, through the help of her sister, she has been able to do a little towards her own and her family's support by keeping lodgers in a rented house in Stornoway. However, there is reason to believe that of late she has been in very straitened circumstances; and, as if to crown her misfortunes, her only son, the eldest of the family, a fine promising boy of 10 years, was cut down about two months ago by an attack of measles.

Mr. McDonald was highly respected as a conscientious and painstaking practitioner, who never spared himself in the interests of his numerous but poor patients; and it is to be hoped that the members of the medical profession, and others as well, will respond liberally to this appeal on behalf of his helpless widow and three orphan girls. Subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged either by C. M. McRae, M.D., Stornoway, N. B. or by R. Ross, L.R.C.P. and S. Ed., Barvas, Stornoway, N. B.

THE TITLE OF DR.

L.R.C.P. Ed. writes: In answer to "Anxious One," in the JOURNAL of February 11th, you say: "The Edinburgh College of Physicians have discouraged all the Fellows, Members, and Licentiates from using the title of Dr." I should like to say that this answer, though correct as far as relates to the last ten years or so, is not correct as regards licentiates admitted prior to 1870.

EARLY MENSTRUATION.

DR. W. F. SHEARD, Medical Officer to the Putney District, writes: The following case of youthful precocity is now under my care. M. S. was born in August, 1878. The catamenia appeared last August (1887), and she has continued regular every month since. She is a dark, swarthy child, of small size for her age, but with a large head, and she has had fairly good health, with the exception of a severe attack of acute rheumatism. Her father is a cabman, who suffers much from rheumatoid arthritis, and her mother is a strong healthy woman.

SACCHARIN.

DR. C. J. R. MACLEAN (Yeadon) writes: I see a correspondent last week writes, stating saccharin to have produced some nausea and persistently-remaining sweet taste, and suggesting that the cause might be that some of the saccharin is excreted with the saliva. I have at present a patient who has taken saccharin tabloids instead of sugar for his breakfast and tea, and also to sweeten aerated waters, for a space of three months with scarcely an intermission, and without experiencing any nausea or after-effect whatever. I would here state, however, that some of the cheaper specimens of saccharin which I have tried

do leave a taste for some time, but that those supplied by Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. are very pure, and cause no unpleasant or ill effect after a three months' trial.

MESSRS. BURROUGHS, WELLCOME AND CO. write: In the letter of Dr. Hedley on Saccharin, in the JOURNAL of February 11th, he says that his patient complained of "an abnormally sweet taste always in the mouth," after about twelve or fifteen doses had been given. In this case a somewhat large dose may have been administered. Individuals differ so much in regard to the taste for sweet things that a slight excess will often disgust some. Considering the enormous sweetening power of saccharin—imparting as it does its flavour to many thousand times its quantity of water—Dr. Hedley's letter suggests that in many cases the minimum amount that will answer the purpose should be carefully ascertained in the beginning.

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* For the Replicas.

† For the College of Physicians Replica.

§ For the University College Replica.

T. BARLOW, M.D., and W. R. GOWERS, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

SALIX NIGRA.

DR. J. HUTCHINSON (Glasgow) writes: Since the introduction of the fluid extract of salix nigra into medicine, its use as a sedative has been attended with a considerable amount of success. I think it only right, however, to issue a word of warning to those who are prescribing the drug to make sure that the preparation they are using is made from pure salix nigra bark. I am told that a parcel of spurious bark has been sold in London lately, and it is the fear that a fluid extract made from this parcel may find its way into the hands of the profession, and so injure the rising reputation of the drug, that induces me to send this warning. True salix nigra bark is in pieces varying in size, rough, and of a greyish brown colour externally, with areas of light greyish colour. Internally it is smooth, pale silber-brown in colour. It easily splits longitudinally, has a fibrous fracture, and a bitter and slightly astringent taste. The false bark is totally unlike it, being without outer bark, and of the same colour in both surfaces, is without bitterness and very astringent, strongly resembling elm bark.

THE TREATMENT OF OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

DR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH writes: Permit me to add my testimony to that of Dr. Mules as to the value of mercurial germicides, compared with the wearisome and painful astringent treatment by nitrate of silver. I use the biniodide of mercury in solution of sodium iodide, and prescribe thus: R Sol. hydrarg. bichlor. (1-500) 3j; sol. sodii iodidi (1-4) m xv; glycerin. ad 3iss. Misce. This I apply with a camel's hair pencil, once a day to the everted lids.

The nurse I supply with a bottle of the same lotion, of half that strength, for dropping into the eyes three times a day, and with a box of vaseline to smear the eyelashes, in order to prevent sticking of the lids. In four days all discharge ceases, and there remains only the granular condition of the lids. This I treat with the ordinary (1 to 1000) solution of the bichloride, mixed with the sulphate of zinc, of the strength of two grains to the ounce. The same in gonorrhœa.

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