

THE LONDON UNIVERSITY AND METROPOLITAN MEDICAL STUDENTS.

THE following letter was read at the last meeting of the Senate of the University of London:

The Middlesex Hospital, W., April 14th, 1888.

We, the medical officers and lecturers of the Middlesex Hospital, beg leave to represent to the Senate of the University of London that, in our belief, it not infrequently happens that students and medical practitioners otherwise well qualified are prevented from taking degrees in medicine at the University because they have not passed the matriculation examination before commencing their medical studies. Afterwards, when they would be glad to have an opportunity of presenting themselves for examination, they are debarred because they would be required again to go through the whole of their medical curriculum.

We believe it would facilitate the obtaining of degrees in medicine by many capable students and practitioners if the Senate would, under certain circumstances, so far relax the existing regulations as to accept attendance at lectures and hospital practice before passing the matriculation examination, and to admit such candidates to the examinations without requiring them again to go through their curriculum.

Signed on behalf of the medical officers and lecturers,

J. W. HULKE, Chairman.

W. CAYLEY, Treasurer.

A. PEARCE GOULD, Dean.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 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.

Meetings of the Council will be held on 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, June 27th, September 26th, and December 28th, 1888.

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 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 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.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held at Cockermouth on Friday, May 4th. The chair will be taken by Dr. McLeod, at 3.15 p.m. The following papers will be read: Dr. Campbell (Garlands): On Three Cases of Recovery after a Lengthened Duration of Insanity, with remarks. Dr. Highet (Workington): Notes on a Case of Puerperal Eclampsia. Dr. Black (Keswick): Notes on a Case of Suppurative Peritonitis. Dr. Highet will open a discussion on the subject of Fees Paid to Witnesses. The Secretary will be glad to receive intimation of papers for reading or specimens for showing prior to the 25th.—H. A. LEDIARD, 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTH BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held at Pontypridd on April 13th. Present: J. ADAMS RAWLINGS, M.R.C.P.Ed., President, in the chair, and about thirty-five members.

New Members.—D. R. Bowen (Morriston), J. Barrie, M.B. (Car-

diff), Ivor H. Davies (Porth), A. N. Loveridge (Newport), D. Lloyd (Newcastle Emlyn), T. H. Morris (Aberdare), were elected members of the Association and Branch; and W. W. David (Tonypandy) and Dr. Walford (Cardiff) members of the Branch.

President-Elect.—Dr. C. T. Vachell, of Cardiff, was unanimously elected.

Papers.—Mr. J. ARNALT JONES (Aberavon) read notes of a curious case of Œdema of the Hand, for which he had performed amputation above the wrist, and showed the specimen.—J. TATHAM THOMPSON, M.B. (Cardiff), read a paper on Detachment of the Retina, and showed specimens and drawings.—Mr. E. STANLEY WOOD (Pontypool) read notes of a case of Griggs's amputation at the knee-joint, and showed a plaster cast of the resulting stump.—Mr. H. N. DAVIES (Cymer) showed a boy in whom Pirogoff's amputation in the right foot and Chopart's in the left foot had been done eight years before. The resulting stumps were very good, and he could get about without trouble.

Congenital Absence of Both Patellæ.—Mr. T. W. PARRY (Fern-dale) showed a patient having congenital absence of both patellæ, with a deformity at each elbow, consisting of a surplus amount of bone. The patient had ten children, all healthy, except that, in the fourth child, exactly similar deformities were reproduced.

Biliary Calculi.—Dr. TAYLOR (Cardiff) showed a number of biliary calculi. The patient was a woman, aged 38. During a course of four months she had paroxysms of severe pain, with attacks of jaundice, and passed about twenty angular-shaped stones. The pain was much relieved by hypodermic injections of morphine on each occasion.—Mr. H. N. DAVIES mentioned a case where 200 were passed; and Mr. EVAN JONES one in which a much larger number came away.—Mr. WOOD referred to the value of chloride of ammonium in possibly preventing their formation, and referred to an illustrative case.

Suggestion as to Meetings.—Mr. A. P. FIDDIAN, M.B. (Cardiff), read a paper, urging the more frequent holding of district meetings for working purposes only, and a committee was nominated to consider the matter.

Petitions.—Petitions were adopted: (1) Against the Horse Tax; (2) In favour of the Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors Registration Bill; (3) In favour of a Welsh Centre in connection with the proposed Nursing Institute; (4) On Fees paid to Medical Witnesses.

Dinner.—The members and friends afterwards partook of an excellent dinner at the New Inn Hotel.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

THE monthly meeting of this Branch was held at the Adelaide Hospital, on February 23rd. Present: The President (Dr. Davies Thomas), Drs. Lendon, Mitchell, Poulton, Symonds, Todd; Messrs. Aitken, A. A. Hamilton, Hayward, and the Honorary Secretary Mr. Cleland).

The minutes of the meeting held on January 26th were read and confirmed.

New Members.—A. E. Wigg, M.D., M.R.C.S., was elected a member of the British Medical Association, and of its South Australian Branch.

Pterygium.—Dr. SYMONS read some notes on pterygium as occurring in South Australia.

Laparotomy.—Dr. GÖRGER's paper on laparotomy, and notes of cases was taken as read, owing to the writer's unavoidable absence. Any discussion thereon, or of the subject, was postponed until the March meeting.

Treatment of Polyuria.—Mr. CLELAND read a paper on his experience of the action of a preparation of hamamelis virginica in a case of polyuria, and the subsequent employment of codeia, in which the latter failed to produce any effect in diminishing the quantity of urine.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

At a numerously attended meeting of the Council, held in the Council Room at the offices of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. on Wednesday, April, 18th, 1888, Dr. BRINGWATER, President of the Council, in the Chair, it was

Resolved: That the financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1887, as certified by the auditors, be approved and published in the JOURNAL, in accordance with By-law 26.

The remainder of the proceedings of the Council will appear in next week's JOURNAL.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fifty-sixth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Glasgow, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1888.

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

President-Elect: Professor W. T. Gairdner, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

President of the Council: Thomas Bridgwater, M.B., J.P., Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Treasurer: Constantine Holman, M.D., J.P., Reigate.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by Thomas Clifford Allbutt, M.D., Consulting Physician, Leeds General Infirmary.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by Sir George H. B. Macleod, M.D., Surgeon in Ordinary to Her Majesty in Scotland.

A Special Address on his "Recent Investigations in Surgery" will be given by William Macewen, M.D., Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

An Address in Physiology will be delivered by John Gray McKendrick, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Professor of Institutes of Medicine, University of Glasgow.

A. MEDICINE.—*President,* T. McCall Anderson, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* W. L. Bowles, M.D.; George F. Duffey, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* J. McGregor Robertson, M.D., 400, Great Western Road, Glasgow; Robert M. Simon, M.D., 27, Newhall Street, Birmingham.

B. SURGERY.—*President,* George Buchanan, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* James Dunlop, M.D.; Charles Robert Bell Keetley, F.R.C.S. *Honorary Secretaries,* David Neilson Knox, M.B., 8, India Street, Glasgow; Walter Pye, F.R.C.S., 4, Sackville Street, Piccadilly, London, W.

C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.—*President,* Thomas More Madden, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* William Leishman, M.D.; J. Halliday Croom, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* William Walter, M.D., 20, St. John Street, Manchester; W. L. Reid, M.D., 7, Royal Crescent, Glasgow.

D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.—*President,* Henry 'Duncan Littlejohn, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* James Christie, M.D.; D. Page, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* Ebenezer Duncan, M.D., 4, Royal Crescent, Crosshill, Glasgow; John C. McVail, M.D., Holmhead, Kilmarnock.

E. PSYCHOLOGY.—*President,* James C. Howden, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* James Rutherford, M.D.; Julius Mickle, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* A. R. Urquhart, M.D., Murray House, Perth; Alex. Newington, M.D., Ticehurst, Sussex.

F. ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.—*President,* John Cleland, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents,* R. J. Anderson, M.D.; Henry Edward Clark, F.F.P.S.G. *Honorary Secretaries,* John Barlow, M.D., 27, Elmbank Crescent, Glasgow; Charles Barrett Lockwood, F.R.C.S., 19, Upper Berkeley Street, Portman Square, W.

G. PATHOLOGY.—*President,* Sir William Aitken, M.D., F.R.S., K.C.B. *Vice-Presidents,* Alexander Davidson, M.D.; Joseph Coats, M.D.; Charles Roy, M.D., F.R.S. *Honorary Secretaries,* G. Sims Woodhead, M.D., 6, Marchhall Crescent, Edinburgh; J. Lindsay Steven, M.D., 34, Berkeley Terrace, Glasgow.

H. OPHTHALMOLOGY.—*President,* Thomas Reid, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* J. R. Wolfe, M.D.; C. E. Glascott, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* Henry Bendelack Hewetson, M.R.C.S., 11, Hanover Square, Leeds; A. Freeland Fergus, M.B., 41, Elmbank Street, Glasgow.

I. OTOTOLOGY.—*President,* Thomas Barr, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* John Astley Bloxam, F.R.C.S.; J. J. K. Duncan, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* Johnstone Macfie, M.D., 23, Ashton Terrace, Glasgow; James Black, F.R.C.S., 16, Wimpole Street, London.

J. DISEASES OF CHILDREN.—*President,* Walter Butler Cheadle, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* James Finlayson, M.D.; Henry Ashby, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* George S. Middleton, M.D., 23, Sandyford Place, Glasgow; W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., F.R.C.S., 14, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.

K. PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS.—*President,* James Morton, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* John Dougall, M.D.; Theodore Cash, M.D., F.R.S. *Honorary Secretaries,* Alexander Napier, M.D., 3, Royal Terrace, Crosshill, Glasgow; Sidney Harris Cox Martin, M.D., 60, Gower Street, London, W.C.

L. LARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY.—*President,* Felix Semon, M.D. *Vice-Presidents,* George Hunter Mackenzie, M.D.; Peter

McBride, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries,* D. Newman, M.D., 18, Woodside Place, Glasgow; A. E. Garrod, M.D., 9, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square.

Honorary Local Secretaries, John G. McKendrick, M.D., F.R.S., 45, Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow; James Christie, M.D., Hillhead, Glasgow; John Glaister, M.D., 4, Grafton Place, Glasgow.

PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 1888.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1887-1888 Council.

11.30 A.M.—First General Meeting. Report of Council. Reports of Committees. Service in the Cathedral.

8.30 P.M.—Adjourned General Meeting from 11.30 A.M. President's Address.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 1888.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1889-89 Council.

10.30 A.M. to 2 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

3 P.M.—Second General Meeting. Address in Medicine by Thomas Clifford Allbutt, M.D., F.R.S.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 1888.

9.30 A.M.—Address on his Recent Surgical Investigations by William Macewen, M.D.

11 A.M.—Meeting of Council.

10.30 A.M. to 2 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

3 P.M.—Third General Meeting. Address in Surgery by Sir George H. B. Macleod, M.D.

7 P.M.—Public Dinner.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 1888.

10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

3 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting. Address in Physiology by John G. McKendrick, M.D., F.R.S.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 1888.

Excursions.

April 18th, 1888.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Test for Hydrochloric Acid in the Gastric Secretion.—Erythrophloëin.—Electricity of the Human Body.—Telepathic Remedies.—Oxide of Zinc in Infantile Diarrhœa.—Contagious Pneumonia in Pigs.—Antipyrin in Labour.—Relation of Erysipelas to Puerperal Fever.—Diphtheria in Man and Animals.—Treatment of Gunshot Wounds of the Abdomen.—An Ambulance Service for Paris.

At a meeting of the Academy on January 17th, Professor G. Sée communicated the results which he had obtained by the use of Gunsburg's test for hydrochloric acid in the gastric secretion of dyspeptic patients by means of a solution of phloroglycine vanilline. In order to obtain the secretion M. Sée gives the patient hard boiled white of egg and a glass of water. An hour later he extracts a portion of what the stomach contains, and examines it with the reagent just mentioned. In certain cases he perceives a red colouring, which proves the presence of an inorganic acid, which M. Sée says is chlorhydric acid. M. Faucher, who has repeated M. Sée's experiments, finds that the test is an extremely delicate one; in the presence of sulphuric acid, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, etc., it produced a red colouring, while inorganic acids chemically pure, such as lactic acid, tartaric acid, etc., produced no effect. M. Faucher then took eggs of various degrees of freshness, and after having them boiled hard he took an equal weight of their whites, and triturated them with a given weight of distilled water. He then tried the reagent (phloroglycine vanilla) upon the liquids separately. The new-laid egg showed no definite reaction; the egg five days old became rose-coloured; three eggs of doubtful freshness gave an intense dark red colour; in short, the intensity of the reaction was in proportion to the age of the egg, which is explained by the increasing quantity of sulphuric acid. It has also been proved that a drop of sulphuretted hydrogen, prepared by the help of well purified gas, phosphate of soda, and tribasic phosphate of lime also produced a red colouring. These experiments have been frequently repeated, and always with the same results. M. Faucher therefore concludes that it is impossible to prove the presence of hydrochloric acid in the products of digestion by the use of phloroglycine vanilla.

Dr. Trousseau has made some experiments with erythrophloëin, with the following results. After from five to ten minutes there was complete anesthesia of the cornea, not extending to the conjunctiva or to the eyelids, but limited to the transparent membrane; its duration varied from half an hour to an hour.

born in Edinburgh, and educated in the High School and University of that city. After passing through the arts and medical classes with distinction, he obtained his degree with honours, and entered the medical service of the army, serving in the Rifle Brigade in the Crimea. On the removal of the Army Medical School from Chatham to Netley, Dr. de Chaumont was appointed Assistant Professor of Military Hygiene, under the late Dr. Parkes. In this position he not only assisted his principal in the laborious duty of teaching in the laboratory of the School, but did an immense amount of extra work for Government in the way of analysis, reporting on hospitals and barracks, contributing to the departmental Blue Book, and papers to scientific journals on health questions. He was also appointed to give instruction to young officers of the Royal Engineers at the School of Military Engineering at Chatham on military hygiene, so far as concerned the health arrangements and construction of military buildings, and such like matters—instruction which was highly valued, not only by the young officers, but by their seniors also.

On the lamented death of Professor Parkes, Dr. de Chaumont was, with the hearty concurrence of the other professors and the whole service, appointed his successor. It is with regret we have to add that the late Professor felt aggrieved with the terms of his appointment. He felt that the Government had driven a hard bargain with him, ignoring his previous military service, exacting much and giving little. Into this unpleasant subject it is vain now to enter. Suffice it to say that what Dr. de Chaumont deemed unjust treatment was keenly felt by him to the last, and must be regarded as one more example of the little appreciation by the Government of the day—and of all days—in this country, of scientific merit, particularly in the ranks of the medical departments of the public service.

From this time until his health completely broke down, the subject of this notice led a laborious life. In addition to the heavy and responsible duties of his chair, conscientiously discharged, he did an immense amount of work, taking an active part in congresses at home and abroad; inspecting and reporting on hospitals, barracks, and public buildings; giving addresses on health questions to various societies; and, above all, editing the great work of Parkes on *Practical Hygiene*, two editions of which he published, bringing the work up to the latest developments of the science with conspicuous ability, and in such a reverent spirit to the work of his great master as to be highly appreciated by Dr. Parkes's old pupils and friends and the profession generally.

Dr. de Chaumont was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. It is not possible for us to give in this brief obituary notice a list of his numerous contributions to science; that will be done fully in the *Transactions* of that Society in the usual course. Meanwhile it must suffice to say that the late Professor was *facile princeps* in his own department, and was acknowledged to be so throughout Europe, and in the United States of America more particularly. His scientific knowledge, far from being confined to his own branch, was large and accurate; he delighted in mathematical science, in which he excelled, and in which, if his other pressing duties and pursuits had permitted, he was capable of greatly distinguishing himself. He was an accomplished linguist, familiar with all the modern languages, and a master of philology, a study very congenial to him. He delighted in music, had a knowledge of its principles that would have been creditable to a professed musician, and far beyond that of amateurs; if time had allowed, he would have excelled as an executant; as it was, some years ago he could "attack" the compositions of the great masters of the piano in a manner not often attempted by amateurs. Like most men of intellectual power, he had a Macaulay-like tenacity of memory; whatever he read he remembered, and stored in his mind with such order and method that it was available with unflinching readiness at a moment's notice. With all his acquirements he was the most modest of men; all his knowledge was at the service of his friends; he possessed a generous and equal temper, had not a trace of literary jealousy in his nature, and was a loyal colleague.

Into the melancholy details of the ailments that cut short this useful life we do not propose to enter; cardiac failure, the outcome of diabetes and occasional albuminuria, attended of late with profound mental depression, closed the scene. It was too evident to his friends that his life's work was done, and they feel that under the sad circumstances he was fortunate in his death. *Mors ultima linea rerum est.*

He was buried in the cemetery of St. Mary's Extra, near

his own residence, Woolston, Southampton. Although rain fell in torrents throughout the day, with a bitter north-east wind, it was attended by the whole of the staff at Netley Hospital, the professors and the surgeons on probation in the Army Medical School, many members of the Southampton Literary and Philosophical Society, of which he was President, the Council of the Hartley Institution, of which he had, until a few days before his death, been a member, and representatives from other public institutions in Southampton, and by a large number of the gentry and medical practitioners in the neighbourhood.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE following degrees were conferred at the Congregation on Thursday:—M.B. Degree: Chichester Gould May, B.A., Trinity; E. Hunt Cook, M.A., St. John's; Thomas Brushfield, B.A., Caius. B.C. Degree: E. Hunt Cooke, M.A., St. John's.

A grace proposing to put Bachelors of Medicine into the *status pupillaris* was rejected.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

- ANCOATS HOSPITAL, Manchester.—Junior Visiting Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £150, and £30 extra for cab hire. Applications by May 10th to A. Forrest, Esq., Secretary.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Residence, board, etc. Applications by April 28th, to the House Governor.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by April 30th to the House Governor.
- BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum. Applications by May 2nd to F. J. Tillstone, Esq., Town Clerk.
- BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Physician (to out patients). Applications by May 5th to the Secretary.
- BURY DISPENSARY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by May 5th to the Honorary Secretary.
- CALLAN UNION.—Medical Officer, Ballingarry Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. William Bryan, Honorary Secretary. Election on May 3rd.
- CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence, increasing to £120. Applications by May 11th to the Honorary Secretary.
- DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications by April 30th to the Secretary.
- DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Surgeon-Dentist. Applications by April 30th to the Secretary.
- HERTFORD BRITISH HOSPITAL, Paris.—House-Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary, Rue de Villiers, Levallois, Paris.
- HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by April 30th to B. Burford Rawlings, Esq., Secretary-Director.
- HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by April 30th to the Chairman, House Committee.
- LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board and residence. Applications by May 2nd to the Honorary Secretary.
- LONDON SKIN HOSPITAL, 47, Cranbourn Street, W.C.—Assistant Medical Officer. Applications by May 1st to the Secretary.
- LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.—Registrar and Chloroformist. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by May 5th to the Secretary.
- LONDON THROAT HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.—Surgeon. Applications by May 1st to W. R. H. Stewart, Esq., Honorary Secretary of Medical Committee.
- MONKWEARMOUTH DISPENSARY AND ACCIDENT HOME.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by May 5th to T. R. Blumer, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Avenue House, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.
- NEWPORT AND COUNTY INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum with board and residence. Applications to J. K. Stone, Esq., The Infirmary, Newport, Mon.
- NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Kentish Town Road.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Applications by May 7th to the Secretary.

PARISH OF LOCHS, Stornoway.—Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum, with free house. Applications by May 16th to Mr. H. M. L. Ross, Inspector of Poor, Lochs and Barvas.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road.—Assistant Physician. Applications by May 16th to the Secretary.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by May 16th to the Secretary.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISKASES OF THE CHEST, City Road.—Junior House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by May 19th to the Secretary.

ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY, Southampton.—Assistant to House-Surgeon. Board and residence. Applications by May 5th to Dr. Thomas, Angelsea Place, Southampton.

SEAMAN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Visiting Physician. Applications by May 5th to P. Michelli, Secretary, Seaman's Hospital, Greenwich, S.E.

WARWICK COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Hatton, near Warwick.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Superintendent.

WESTPORT UNION.—Medical Officer, Achill and Ballycroy Dispensary. Salary, £117 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. John Corrigan, Honorary Secretary. Election on May 8th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BARON, Barclay J., M.B. Edin., appointed Lecturer on Pathology and Morbid Anatomy in the Bristol Medical School.

BRETT, W. T., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the East London Hospital for Children, *vice* N. Lewis, M.R.C.S., resigned.

BROWN, F. L. Harman, M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Bristol Asylum, Stapleton.

HINXELL, J. S., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, *vice* E. T. Collins, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.

KAUFFMANN, Otto, M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton.

LEE, M. J., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer to the Cloonbur No. 2 Dispensary, Oughterard Union, *vice* John Gorham, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., resigned.

MORTON, T., M.B., B.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Durham Union Work-house, *vice* Edward Jepson, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

PEDLEY, George Aston, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., L.S.A., appointed Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination for Mandalay, Upper Burma.

RAINES, Alwyn, M.B., C.M., appointed Medical Officer to the York Rural Sanitary Authority.

SOMERS, Noble L. U., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., appointed Medical Officer to the Lettermore Dispensary, Galway.

STEDMAN, F. Osmund, M.B., B.S. Lond., appointed Surgical Registrar to Charing Cross Hospital, *vice* W. J. Roedel, resigned.

WALKER, C. H., M.R.C.S., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields.

WEIR, G. W., M.D., C.M., appointed Medical Officer to the Liddell Provident Dispensary, Jarrow-on-Tyne, *vice* J. Johnstone Weir, M.B., C.M., resigned.

WREFOED, J., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Norfolk County Asylum, Thorpe, *vice* F. L. Harman Brown, M.B., C.M. Edin., resigned.

WYNTER, W. E., F.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN.—At the quarterly court of Directors of the Society, three new members were elected, and the deaths of three announced. The deaths of three widows in receipt of grants were reported. A fresh application for relief was read from a widow for herself and five children, and a grant was made her. Applications for a renewal of their grants were made by sixty-one widows, seven orphans, and three orphans on the Copeland Fund, and a sum of £1,389 10s. was recommended for distribution at the next court. The expenses of the quarter were £57 14s. A legacy from the executors of Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas of £900 was announced. The following gentlemen were recommended for election as directors at the annual general meeting, in the place of those who retire: Dr. Matthews Duncan, Dr. Buzzard, Dr. Glover, Dr. Hett, Mr. Brailey, and Mr. Spencer Watson. The annual general meeting was fixed to be held on May 18th, at 5 P.M. The centenary dinner will be on October 29th.

THE QUINN BEQUEST.—Mr. Henry Quinn bequeathed £50,000 to the charities of London and the neighbourhood, out of which Mr. W. M. Hepper, the executor, has given £5,000 to the Building Fund of the Great Northern Central Hospital (with the condition that a ward in the new building shall be named "The Henry Quinn Ward"); £1,200 to King's College Hospital; £1,200 to the Charing Cross Hospital; £1,000 to University College Hospital; £1,000 to the Richmond Hospital; £500 to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest; £500 to the National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor; £400 to the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea; £300 to the Metropolitan Convalescent Institution; £300 to the London Temperance Hospital; £200 to the Royal Hospital for Children and Women; and £200 to the Surgical Aid Society; all less duty.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL: PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS (1887-88).—1st Winter: J. H. Fisher, the William Tite Scholarship, £30; A. Banks, £20; C. S. Wallace, £5; C. S. Jaffé, £5 (College prizes). 2nd Winter: C. P. Lovell, the Peacock Scholarship (40 guineas); W. F. Umney, College prize (£20); H. Burden, College prize (£10). 3rd Winter: A. F. Stabb, second tenure of Musgrove Scholarship (40 guineas) and College prize (£20); S. G. Toller, College prize (£15); W. G. G. Stokes, College prize (£10). The "Mead" Medal for Practical Medicine: H. G. Turney; Messrs. W. H. L. Copeland, T. P. Cowen, and P. C. Thomas were specially mentioned, and obtained marks qualifying for the medal. The "Cheselden" Medal for Surgery and Surgical Anatomy: F. C. Abbott; Messrs. A. N. Boycott and H. H. Hulbert obtained marks qualifying for the medal.

A PROMISING STUDENT.—Complaint is often enough heard that the portals of the medical profession are not guarded with sufficient jealousy against the intrusion of persons of defective education, and examiners, no doubt, often have the delicate adjustments of their higher cerebral centres rudely shaken by the phonetic spelling and atactic composition of the embryo Jenners and Pagets who come before them. With all our deficiencies, however, it is doubtful whether even the most hopeless "chronic" could match the following (authentic) specimen of a clinical report which we take from an American contemporary:—"History of Present Illness.—Stranded himself and spit of a brite red collar. Present Condition.—'Have you any feaver or nite swets?' 'No.' Very little expanshun of scapular in rite. Fisical Exam-nashun.—Exagerated breading, herd friction sounds. Herd snores valves (this statement much puzzled the examiners; ultimately they concluded the candidate referred to 'sonorous râles'). Prognosis.—Can't be cured, but can be sent to mexico."

PRESTON MEDICO-ETHICAL SOCIETY.—At a meeting of this Society, held on April 5th, a resolution was proposed by Dr. Chas. Rigby, seconded by Dr. Dunn, and carried, expressing the view of the meeting that the necessity imposed upon medical men to keep horses for professional purposes, altogether apart from pleasure, should cause them to be exempt from the proposed horse tax. Letters having been read from the local agent of the National Medical Aid Society, it was resolved: "That the members of the Society be recommended to adhere to the resolution of October, 1884, counselling them not to become medical officers to any private society started to provide medical attendance to families at a fixed rate." The following officers were elected: Dr. Lonie, President; Dr. James A. Rigby, Vice-President; Drs. Garner, Smith, Green, Rayner, Charles Rigby, and Anderson, Committee; Mr. Walmesly, Treasurer; Dr. Sellers, Clinical Secretary; Drs. King and Kerr, Auditors; and Drs. Holden and Byrne, General Secretaries.

THE Sydney Morning Herald, of February 24th, states that Mr. W. H. Paling, of George Street, has most munificently offered to Lord Carrington his estate at Camden, consisting of 450 acres, with the entire plant and stock, with the sum of £10,000, for the purpose of establishing and endowing a hospital for convalescents. The hospital is intended as a memorial of the centenary of the colony, and is to bear the name of the present governor. Lord Carrington has been requested to take the necessary steps to carry out Mr. Paling's wish. The property, which is within a short distance of Camden, is said to be admirably suited for the purpose intended. A provisional committee is to be formed, when the scheme is to be brought before the public with a view of obtaining additional subscriptions to supplement this magnificent gift.

DEATH OF A FRENCH MEDICAL JOURNALIST.—Dr. Brochin, editor of the *Gazette des Hôpitaux*, died recently at an advanced age. For nearly half a century he had held a leading place among medical journalists in France, and he may be said to have ended his life in harness. He was a man of great literary and professional ability, and of singular integrity of character.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.—Clinical evening. The President (Sir William Mac Cormac): Case of Osteo-plastic Resection of the Foot (Method of Mikulicz). Mr. Edmund Owen: Case of Reducible Lumbar Hernia cured by Operation. Dr. Hadden: Case of Eclampsia Nutans. Dr. Herringham: Case of Obstructive Jaundice, with Enlarged Gall-bladder. Cases also by Dr. Heron and others.

TUESDAY.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.—Ordinary Specimens: Mr. Doran: Primary Cancer of Fallopian Tube. Mr. Bruce Clarke: Sloughing of Bladder following Cystitis. Mr. Silcock: Cystic Disease in Testis. Mr. J. Hutchinson, jun.: Dupuytren's Fracture. Dr. M. Murray: Congenital Disease of Heart in Adult. Dr. N. Moore: Examples of several forms of New Growth. Dr. Coats: 1. Multiple Cancer of Brain, Lungs, Bones, etc. 2. Primary Cancer of Brain. Dr. Crooke: Primary Cancer of Liver. Dr. Turner: Extreme Contraction of Orifices of Coronary Arteries. Dr. Pearce: Advanced Surgical Kidneys. Mr. Bland Sutton: Mammary in Dermoid Cysts. Card Specimens: Dr. Crooke: Perihepatitis with Cirrhosis of Liver. Dr. H. Habershon: Malformation of Heart and Kidney. Mr. Dunn: Cerebral Tumour. Mr. Shattock: 1. Cyst in Corpus Luteum. 2. Two Specimens of Hammer Toe. Mr. Lunn: Pemphigus of Larynx. Mr. Mansell Moullin: 1. Osteoma of Skin. 2. Bladder with Vesical and Prostatic Calculi. Mr. J. H. Morgan: Ulceration of Bladder.

WEDNESDAY.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown. Dr. Cullingworth: Cyst connected with the Uterus, and simulating Enlargement of that Organ. Mr. Bland Sutton: The Glands of the Fallopian Tubes and their Function. Dr. Scougal: A Case of Hemiplegia after Parturition.

COLLEGE OF STATE MEDICINE, Burlington House, 4 P.M.—Mr. R. Brudenell Carter: The Aims and Objects of State Medicine.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, Bethlehem Hospital, 4 P.M.—Dr. Maudsley: "Some Remarks on Crime and Criminals." A meeting of the Council will be held at 3 P.M.

THURSDAY.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 8.30 P.M.—Living and Card Specimens at 8 P.M.—Mr. W. J. Collins: 1. Rare Affections of the Eyelids—Photographs and Drawings. 2. Case of Paralysis of Fifth Nerve with Cataract. Mr. J. B. Lawford: Pathological Specimens. Mr. S. H. A. Stephenson: Case of Optic Neuritis after Measles. Papers: Mr. Charles Higgins: On a Case of Melanotic Sarcoma of Eyeball. Mr. M. McHardy: 1. Primary Tuberculosis of Choroid treated by Enucleation; Recovery. 2. On a Simple Expedient for Enhancing the Cosmetic Effect of Artificial Eyes. Dr. Hill Griffith: Eye Symptoms in Hysteria and Allied Conditions.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.—Mr. Watson Cheyne: The Treatment of Spinal Abscess. Mr. C. J. Symonds: On some Obscure Cases of Painful Feet.

PARKES MUSEUM OF HYGIENE, 5 P.M.—Professor T. Hayter Lewis: On Ancient and Mediæval Towns.

FRIDAY.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 8 P.M.—Pathological Specimens: Mr. Percy Dunn: 1. Rectum, adjacent parts and portion of Sigmoid Flexure, the seat of large Scirrhus growth. 2. Caseous Deposit in Lung of Child 18 months old. 3. Large Hernial Sac and Testis, placed abnormally in the Groin and removed during Life. Clinical Cases: Mr. Bruce Clarke: A Case of Multiple Exostoses in three members of the same family. Mr. Van Buren: A Case of Nevroid Growth in the Lower Jaw of a Child. Mr. Swinford Edwards: A Case illustrating one cause of Failure in the Operation for Fistula in Ano. Mr. Percy Dunn: A Case of Complete Irideremia. Mr. W. Lang: A Series of Cases of Disease of the Conjunctiva and Cornea. Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., will communicate matter of clinical interest. Papers: Mr. Swinford Edwards: On the Treatment of Piles by Injection. The President (Mr. Keetley): On a Case of Wound (Intra-peritoneal) of the Urinary Bladder treated by Suture.

SATURDAY.

NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, Physiological Laboratory, University College, 4.30 P.M.—Professor Schäfer: On the Visual Area of the Cerebral Cortex. Mr. E. P. France: A modified Weigert Staining Process. Degenerations following Lesions of the Marginal Gyrus. Dr. Beccor: Sections of Brain stained by Pal's modification of Weigert's method.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcement.

BIRTHS.

DEMPSTER.—April 19th, at Southend, Essex, the wife of Robert G. Dempster, surgeon, of a daughter, prematurely.

LOVE.—At Guernsey, on the 22nd April, the wife of R. L. Love, M.D., Surgeon Army Medical Staff, of a son, premature, stillborn.

MARRIAGES.

HOOPER—HEYMANN.—On March 1st, at Melbourne, Victoria, J. W. Dunbar Hooper, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed., to Mathilde, daughter of the late Antoine Heymann, of Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

MCGEAGH—HOWARTH.—April 19th, at Trinity Church, Horwich, Bolton-le-Moors, by the Rev. H. S. Pigot, M.A., Vicar, James Paul McGeagh, M.D., M.Ch., of Stonycroft, Liverpool, to Mary, eldest daughter of William Howarth, Wallsuches, Horwich.

DEATHS.

DEMPSTER.—April 21st, at Southend, Essex, Dorothy, the infant daughter of Robert and Kate B. Siddeley Dempster.

LUCE.—On the 13th instant, at 16, Deane Road, Fairfield, Liverpool, after a very short illness, James Johnstone Luce, M.D., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Deeply regretted.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

MEMBER would feel much obliged if any gentleman would kindly give him a few particulars about a drug called "havana" or "avena" used in epilepsy.

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS.

HERMES asks for advice in the treatment of the following case: Mrs. S. is nearly three months pregnant; six months before her impregnation Mrs. S. contracted true syphilis—i.e., indurated chancre, followed by copious eruption—and has been treated throughout by mercury. The impregnation took place in the belief that the husband was well; he has now, however, marked "reminders" present. Will the child of necessity be syphilitised? Ought the mother to take mercury? Is it justifiable to procure abortion or induce premature labour?

PERSISTENT YAWNING.

UBIQUE asks for advice as to the cause, prognosis, and treatment of a lady, middle-aged, in fair general health, who suffers from constant and intolerable fits of "yawning;" they do not appear to be due to fatigue or any special debility; beyond slight dyspepsia and constipation, the bodily health is good. The yawning begins in the morning after a good night, and continues at intervals all day. Tonics, alteratives, attention to digestion, etc., have been tried without removing this somewhat unpleasant affection.

ANSWERS.

A. D. asks to be recommended the best recent books on gonorrhœa, acute and chronic, also those on syphilis.

. *Syphilis and Local Contagious Disorders*, by Hill and Cooper; or *Veneral Diseases*, by Bumstead and Taylor. The most recent work on syphilis only is that by Mr. Hutchinson in Cassell's series.

"THE INIQUITOUS TAX ON INDUSTRY."

T. G. S. writes: I started in practice nearly two years ago, and during that time have purchased instruments and surgical apparatus, whenever required, to the extent of £40. The surveyor of Income tax from the district claims that this sum of money is "capital," and must not be included among expenses. My predecessor always reckoned such payments as expenses, and so do the other practitioners in the neighbourhood. The tax surveyor is probably making a dead set at me as a newcomer.

. In answer to the above, the Income Tax Repayment Agency, 25, Colville Terrace, Powis Square, London, W., write: "One of the great mistakes in the present system of assessing professional incomes is that there is no uniformity; all depends on the dicta of the surveyor of taxes. We know of cases where no demur is made about allowing the cost of instruments and books; in others the purchase is looked upon as an expenditure of capital. When this is done, the person assessed should put down every year a part of the purchase money as depreciation; for instruments and books decrease very rapidly in value. The tax overpaid would thus be gradually paid back. We would have all medical men recollect that now is the time for claiming repayment of tax on over-assessed incomes."

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

PLACENTA PREVIA.

W. F. writes: The successful treatment of a case of the above (left to Nature) recorded by Dr. G. E. Fuller, induces me to send you an experience I have lately had of a much less pleasant nature.

I saw, on Friday, April 6th, at 4 P.M., M. L., aged 40, in her twelfth confinement. During the previous six weeks she had had two attacks of severe hæmorrhage, treated by a midwife. She had been flooding from 2 A.M. on the day I saw her, and had had five or six fainting fits previous to my visit. She was perfectly blanched and pulseless. The vagina was full of clots, and the bedclothing soaked with blood. Having given brandy and beef-tea, and procured the countenance of a friend, I brought down a foot very easily, entirely checking the hæmorrhage; delivery I completed after waiting an hour on account of the slight dilatation of the os. In spite of every precaution, for I had her syringed out the same night and regularly afterwards, she died on the fifth day from acute pyæmia.

My first and last experiences of this disease have been unfortunate. The former, in a woman of about the same age, I did not see for several hours

