

cholera does not visit all the places within an epidemic area; (4) that meteorological changes produce sudden alterations in the activity and intensity of an outbreak; (5) that the rate and direction are not influenced by facilities of communication; (6) that cases are more frequent and more severe at the commencement than in the continuance of an outbreak; (7) that hygienic measures afford the greatest but not an all powerful safeguard against cholera, and that it is important to check diarrhoea in time of epidemic; (8) that cordons and quarantine have utterly failed to prevent the spread of cholera, but on the contrary have done harm; (9) that epidemic districts present peculiar dangers to new comers, from which residents have a better chance of escape; (10) that in case of attack of bodies of men, removal is the best course; (11) that attendants on the sick do not suffer more than others; (12) that certain agents, impure water, articles of diet, etc., may cause diarrhoea and then cholera; (13) that fatigue, anxiety, etc., are powerful predisposing causes; (14) that observations tend to negative the idea of a specific poison; (15) that one attack confers no immunity. The orator concluded with an eloquent appeal to authorities to secure the removal of conditions likely to favour the occurrence and spread of the disease, observing that epidemics were not a necessary though a constant conditions of men's existence, and were amenable to the laws of hygiene and common sense.

After the annual oration, the usual *conversazione* took place, the music being furnished by the band of the Coldstream Guards, under Mr. C. Thomas. The pictures were lent by Messrs. Boussod, Valadon, and Co., and by Messrs. J. and W. Vokins. There was also on exhibition a number of photographs by the new colour process, by Mr. Mayall; Robertson's writing telegraph, etc. A very large number of Fellows and their friends were present, and were received by the President, Sir William Mac Cormac.

## THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL AND PENSIONS OF ASYLUM OFFICERS.

ASYLUM officials are invited to attend a special meeting of the Medico-psychological Association, to be held at Bethlem Hospital, on May 16th, at 6 P.M., to discuss the pension clauses of the Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill, and the clauses of the Local Government Bill affecting Asylums.

Among the many indications of the keen interest felt by those most affected in the operation of the Local Government Bill, should it become law, is the action recently taken by the Committee of Visitors of the Derby County Asylum. The following is a resolution passed at their meeting on May 5th, Sir Henry F. Every, Bart., in the chair.

That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that all existing officers should have an assured right to a pension on a scale not lower than that provided by the rules relating to Her Majesty's Civil Service.

A similar resolution was passed by the Committee of Visitors of the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, on April 26th last, and another to the same effect was adopted by the Committee of the South Yorkshire Asylum, Wadsley, on April 30th.

The following petition was unanimously signed by the staff of officers, attendants, and resident servants of the Derby County Asylum, and forwarded to the President of the Local Government Board, on May 2nd.

To the Right Honourable Charles Thompson Ritchie, M.P., President of the Local Government Board.

The petition of the undersigned officers, attendants, and servants in the Derby County Asylum, humbly sheweth—

That our position at present as regards prospect of pension is unsatisfactory, owing to its uncertainty, and to the extreme inequalities which prevail; whilst in the new County Government Bill no clause appears which is likely to remedy this state of things; that our duties are irksome, depressing, and trying to temper and to health; that they involve more or less continuous responsibility, anxiety, and bodily risk; that the hours of duty in an asylum are long, and the pay in most cases is by no means proportionate; that a prospect of pension is one of the greatest inducements to long and faithful service.

We therefore pray that, in our interest and for the advantage of the public, you will insert in the County Government Bill a clause which will ensure to us a fixed scale of pension similar to that which is granted to civil servants under 22 Vict., cap. 26, with the same qualifications and additions as therein specified.

We further pray that you will insert in the County Government Bill a clause which will enable officers, attendants, and servants, when they are transferred, as often happens, from an asylum in one county or borough to an asylum in another county or borough, and when their approved service has been of not less than three years' duration (as proposed in the Police Constables Superannuation Bills of 1885 and 1887) to reckon such transferred service as continuous service which shall be counted (for the purpose of computing their pension, superannuation allowance, or gratuity) for length of service as if all such asylums had constituted only one asylum (see Section 60 of the Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill, 1888, which only applies to asylums in the same county).

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

THE annual meeting of Convocation took place at the University Buildings on Tuesday, May 8th. Dr. FREDERICK JOHN WOOD was re-elected chairman. The Clerk of Convocation, Mr. H. E. ALLEN, LL.B., B.A., was reappointed.

Dr. T. B. NAPIER and Mr. W. J. SPRATLING presented the report of the Annual Committee, and moved its reception, which was agreed to.

Dr. T. B. NAPIER next moved:

"That the Annual Committee, jointly with the Special Committee already appointed on December 8th, 1885, for the consideration of the scheme for the constitution of the University, be empowered to take steps with reference to the representation, by suitable witnesses, of the views of Convocation to the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the condition of the higher education in London, and for that purpose to adopt such measures and make such communications to the Senate as shall seem desirable."

In moving this resolution, the proposer gave a lucid historical account of the present movement for the furtherance of university education in London, and criticised adversely the part which University and King's Colleges had taken in the matter. Mr. SPRATLING seconded the resolution. Sir JULIAN GOLDSMID considered the movement furthered by University College in favour of the formation of the proposed Albert University was decidedly retrograde. He had used some influence to prevent it, and, being unable to attain his end, had, with several other persons, resigned his position in the College. It was not desirable to have two universities in London. He thought that Convocation ought to be well represented before the Royal Commission, and he cordially supported the resolution. Mr. T. E. SCRUTTON urged that University and King's Colleges had not started their movement in favour of the Albert University until they found that the Senate of the University of London was opposed to their interests. Mr. T. TYLER and Mr. B. H. COOPER addressed the house, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. ANSTIE, Q.C., presented the report of the Special Committee for the Consideration of the Regulations for the Examinations for the Degrees in Laws, and moved its reception. This proposal was seconded by Dr. J. B. BENSON, and, after a long debate, was carried unanimously.

## 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.

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, 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 observa-

tions, 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 third general meeting of the present session will be held in the Bell Library and Medical Institute, Cleveland Road, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 31st. The chair will be taken by the President, Mr. W. D. Spanton, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The following papers will be read:—Dr. C. A. McMunn: Excretion of Reduction Products of Hæmatin in Disease. Dr. Alfred H. Carter: Practical Considerations on the Nature and Treatment of Chronic Cardiac Disease. Mr. B. Hurry Fenwick, London: The Electric Illumination of the Bladder and Urethra, and its Value in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Obscure Vesico-Urethral Diseases. Dr. McMunn will show a simple method of adapting a photographic camera to the microscope.—**T. VINCENT JACKSON, Wolverhampton.**

**EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Infirmary, Hull, on Wednesday, May 30th, at 1.30 p.m. Gentlemen who intend to make any communication, or to propose any resolution, are requested to inform the Secretary not later than May 20th.—**E. P. HARDEY, Honorary Secretary, 80, Spring Bank, Hull.**

**MIDLAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Thursday, June 14th, at 2 p.m. Members desirous of reading papers, exhibiting cases, etc., are requested to communicate with the Secretary before May 24th. Candidates for election by the Branch Council must send in their forms of application by the same date.—**W. A. CARLINE, M.B., Honorary Secretary, Lincoln.**

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTERN DISTRICT.**—The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16th, at St. George's Union Infirmary, Fulham Road, Brompton, S.W. The chair will be taken at 8.15 p.m. by H. Charlton Bastian, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., the Vice-President of the District. Business:—Minutes of preceding meeting. A short paper will be read by H. T. Butlin, Esq., F.R.C.S., on the Treatment of some Chronic Ulcers of the Tongue. A Demonstration will be given by Noble Smith, Esq., F.R.C.S., on the Treatment of various Curvatures of the Spine. A few Cases of Clinical interest will be introduced by H. W. Webster, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the St. George's Infirmary.—**C. ARTHUR PATTEN, Honorary Secretary, Marpool House, Ealing.**

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.**—The annual meeting of the above District will be held at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on Thursday, May 24th, at 3 p.m. Dr. Parsons, of Dover, in the chair. The dinner will take place at 5 p.m. at the Royal Fountain Hotel. Agenda:—Usual business of annual meeting. Mr. Raven: Tendon Reactions in Health and Disease. Mr. Brian Rigden: Notes on a recent Epidemic of Measles. N.B.—Anyone wishing to send papers, etc., should communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary, W. J. TYSON, 10, Langhorne Gardens, Folkestone.

**ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.**—The May meeting of this Branch will be held in 191, Union Street, Aberdeen, on Wednesday, May 16th, at 8 p.m., the President, Dr. Smith, of Kinnairdy, in the chair. Business:—Minutes, nomination of new members, etc. Ballot for the admission of Dr. Ligertwood, Methlick. Professor Ogston: Intubation of the Larynx. Dr. Mackenzie Booth: Otological Memoranda; (1) Hyperacousia after Trauma of Membrana Tympani; (2) Recovery of Hearing after prolonged Eustachian Obstruction and Tympanic Catarrh. Exhibition of Specimens.—Dr. Gordon: Abscess of Liver. Dr. Mackenzie Davidson: Jessop's Refraction Ophthalmoscope. Professor Ogston: Composite Photograph.—**ROBERT JOHN GORDON and J. MACKENZIE BOOTH, Honorary Secretaries.**

### OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Radcliffe Infirmary, at three o'clock, on Friday, April 27th; the President, Mr. CHEATLE, was in the chair, and about thirty members attended.

**New Members.**—Mr. D. Iles, of Fairford; Dr. Mair, Mr. Watson, Mr. Hickman, and Mr. Palmer, of Newbury; Mr. G. Mallam, of Oxford; and Dr. Ball, of Wantage, were elected members of the Branch.

**Alteration in By-Laws.**—Some alterations in the by-laws, proposed by Dr. DARRISHIRE, were carried.

**Member Proposed.**—Mr. Oates, of Hampton, was proposed as a member of the Branch.

**Cases and Papers.**—Mr. BLOXSON showed a very successful case of Macewen's Operation.—Dr. BATT showed a most interesting and marked case of Pseudo-Hypertrophic Paralysis in a Boy.—Dr. COLLIER showed a specimen of Thoracic Aneurysm; there were no physical signs during life.—Mr. W. LEWIS MORGAN showed a good specimen of Tubercular Disease of Testis.—Mr. WINKFIELD showed a specimen of Round-celled Sarcoma of the Testis.—Dr. BROOKS read a paper on the Uses of Antipyrin.—Mr. DOYNE showed an Optometer.

### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

THE annual meeting was held at Bethlem Royal Hospital on May 8th, at 5.30 p.m. There were present about thirty members and visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

**Election of Officers.**—In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council of the Branch, the present officers of the District were re-elected for the ensuing year, namely:—**Vice-President:** Dr. Frederick Taylor. **Representative on Council:** Dr. Savage. **Committee:** Mr. Howell, Mr. Brindley James, Dr. Oswald, Dr. Pitt, Mr. Johnson Smith, Mr. Sangster, Dr. Verdon. **Honorary Secretary:** Dr. Percy Smith.

Dr. Savage then conducted the members and visitors through the wards of the hospital, and gave a clinical demonstration on several cases of insanity.

**Vote of Thanks.**—A vote of thanks to Dr. Savage for his interesting demonstration was subsequently carried unanimously.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### BERLIN.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

*The Health of the Emperor.—The Bergmann Incident.—The German Press on Sir Morell Mackenzie.—The True History of the Present Crisis.*

DURING the past week there has been a slight improvement in the Emperor's condition, which of course has been made the most of in the official bulletins. The most favourable feature in the case is, that His Majesty has no difficulty whatever in swallowing, and is therefore able to take plenty of nourishment. His appetite is, however, capricious, and it is in this respect that Sir Morell Mackenzie's continued presence beside him is so especially valuable, for His Majesty will obey the advice of his English physician when he will not listen to any one else, and will eat in deference to Sir Morell's wishes, even when he has no appetite.

The Bergmann catastrophe still continues to be hotly discussed, both in professional circles and in the general press. Public opinion seems, on the whole, to be against our "leading surgeon," as Bergmann is usually called here, not so much because he retreated from a position which circumstances had probably made untenable, but because he was unwise enough to make the situation which he himself had created the basis of a further attack on Sir Morell Mackenzie. At the last meeting of the Berlin Medical Society, the following letter was read:<sup>1</sup>

"In der Nummer 1426 des BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL vom 28 April, 1888, wird mit folgenden Worten auf Seite 933: 'As Dr. von Bergmann has not contradicted this statement, it may be accepted as true,' die Behauptung vertreten, dass, weil ich zu persönlichen und sachlichen Angriffen schweige, ich die Richtigkeit derselben zugebe. Wenn das BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL nicht ein Blatt wäre, dessen wissenschaftlichen Werth ich ausserordentlich hochschätze, könnte ich zu diesem Schlusse auch schweigen. So aber muss ich mich gegen denselben verwehren. Ich schweige, nicht weil ich Unrecht habe, sondern weil ich, wie jeder ehrenwerthe britische und deutsche Arzt, Vorgänge am Krankenbette meiner Patienten nicht öffentlich bespreche."

"ERNST VON BERGMANN."

It had, I believe, been intended by some of Professor von Bergmann's friends to make that meeting the occasion of proposing a vote of confidence in him, but when his letter was read it was received with dead silence. After the meeting the letter was freely discussed, and no one seemed to have a word to say in Bergmann's favour. If he had merely said he had a defence but that was not the time to publish it, such a course would have met with general approval, but his indirect attack on his English colleague was thought to be in very bad taste. The general opinion seemed to be that Bergmann ought not to have attacked Mackenzie before the Medical Society, because that was not a place for the ventilation of personal grievances, but solely for the discussion of scientific topics, and also because Mackenzie could not defend himself before the Society. Much the same view of the matter is taken in the general press. The *Vossische Zeitung* of May 4th says: "The meeting heard Professor von Bergmann in silence and with astonishment. His explanation did not make a favourable impression.....Bergmann made use of the Society to attack a distinguished man who enjoys the absolute confidence

<sup>1</sup> A translation of this will be found in Sir Morell Mackenzie's letter at page 1032.

proportional fatality in Bristol, Preston, Bradford, and Nottingham; scarlet fever in Salford and Blackburn; whooping-cough in Norwich, Manchester, London, Blackburn, and Salford; and "fever" in Manchester and Salford. Of the 31 deaths from diphtheria recorded during the week under notice in the twenty-eight towns, 15 occurred in London and 3 in Manchester. The 12 fatal cases of small-pox included 8 in Sheffield, 2 in Bristol, 1 in Oldham, and 1 in Hull. The number of small-pox patients in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals on Saturday, May 5th, was 16, of which 2 had been admitted during the week. These hospitals also contained 920 scarlet fever patients on the same date, against 961 and 967 at the end of the two preceding weeks; 70 cases were admitted during the week, against 91 and 79 in the two previous weeks. The death-rate from diseases of the respiratory organs in London was equal to 3.5 per 1,000, and was considerably below the average.

**HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.**—During the week ending Saturday, May 5th, 888 births and 493 deaths were registered in the eight principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality, which had been 21.2 and 21.0 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, further declined to 19.5 during the week under notice, but exceeded by 0.8 per 1,000 the mean rate during the same period in the twenty-eight large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the lowest rates were recorded in Perth and Dundee, and the highest in Edinburgh and Glasgow. The 493 deaths in these towns during the week under notice included 35 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, equal to an annual rate of 1.4 per 1,000, which was 0.4 below the mean zymotic death-rate during the same period in the large English towns. The highest zymotic rates were recorded in Aberdeen and Glasgow. Eight fatal cases of diphtheria, 7 of whooping-cough, and 5 of measles occurred in Glasgow; but no zymotic disease was fatally prevalent in any of the other towns. The mortality from diseases of the respiratory organs in these Scotch towns during the week under notice was equal to 4.4 per 1,000, against 3.5 in London.

#### THE POWERS OF THE REGISTRAR OF DEATHS.

X. Y. Z. asks: Has a registrar of births and deaths power to give a certificate of death in cases not seen by a medical man if there are no suspicious circumstances? My reason for asking is the following case, which has occurred this week.

A man called at the surgery to ask me to go at once to see his child. I was unable to do so, but offered to go as soon as I could. This offer the man would not accept (his house is four miles from the surgery), and said if I could not go back with him I was not to go at all. I did not do so. Next day the child died. Speaking casually to the registrar, he informed me he had registered the death as due to inflammation of the bowels. The case had not been seen by any medical man, and it is customary here for the registrar to give certificates in cases similar to the above. Would you kindly tell me whether he has any legal power to do so?

\*.\* If the person giving information of a death to the registrar states that the deceased had no medical attendant of any kind during the last illness, and if, upon inquiry, the registrar finds that the case is not one which he should report to the coroner (such as a death caused directly or indirectly by violence, or attended by suspicious circumstances, or when the cause of death is stated to be "unknown," or "sudden"), he must record the best information respecting the cause of death which he is able to obtain from the informant, and may issue his "certificate of the registry of death" in the usual manner.

#### POOR LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTION OF DISEASES BILL.

At a meeting of the Council of the Poor Law Medical Officers' Association, held at their rooms, 3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, May 1st, it was considered that the time had now arrived when poor law medical officers could co-operate most effectually in the proposed arrangement sought to be made by the medical officers of health. It was proposed to suggest to the central authority that poor law medical officers should be styled "district health officers," and that their duties should include the acting as deputies to those appointed as health officers of counties or large districts.

The subject of the Public Health Prevention of Diseases Bill came also under consideration, and Clause 3, Subsection 5, which makes a distinction in the amount of fees payable under different circumstances, was thought to be very objectionable and derogatory to those holding public appointments, and the Council requested Mr. Barnes to communicate its views upon this subject to Dr. Farquharson, M.P.

In reference to the Lord Chancellor's Coroners Bill, the Council resolved that it is not just towards the medical profession, and will, in many cases, be a hardship on the poor law medical service, if the appointment of coroners, as proposed by the Bill, becomes vested in the Lord Chancellor; and the Council urgently requests all members of the medical profession to oppose in every possible way that clause of the Bill which confers this power on the Lord Chancellor.

## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

### CAMBRIDGE.

**ASSISTANT TO THE PROFESSOR OF SURGERY.**—It is proposed to appoint an Assistant to the Professor of Surgery, whose duty it shall be to aid in the surgical teaching, and to add to and maintain the surgical collections in the museum. The thanks of the University are offered to Professor Humphry for his generous proposal to provide, out of his own pocket, a suitable stipend for the assistant. Mr. Joseph Griffiths, M.B., is at present doing the work of the new office.

**HONORARY DEGREE.**—It is also proposed to confer the degree of M.A., *honoris causa*, on Dr. Siegfried Ruhemann, who, for the last two or three years has acted as assistant to Professor Dewar, and has very successfully conducted the teaching of organic chemistry in the University laboratory.

**CAMBRIDGE AND LONDON.**—The interest taken by London hospital schools in students from the Universities is evidenced by the announcement just made that Charing Cross will offer a scholarship of £50 for competition among Cambridge men who have passed the second M.B., and Oxford men who have passed the first M.B. examination.

### OXFORD.

**EXAMINATIONS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY.**—1. The Regius Professor of Medicine gives notice that the examination in the several parts of the first examination for the degree of Bachelor in Medicine, will commence on or about Monday, June 25th. The final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, will commence on or about May 28th, and that for the degree of Master in Surgery on June 7th. The precise days will shortly be notified. Intending candidates are requested to forward their names to the Regius Professor of Medicine, medical department of the museum. 2. The Secretary of the Boards of Faculties gives notice that he will be in attendance at his office in the Clarendon Building, on Friday, May 11th, and Saturday, May 12th, from 9 to 10 A.M., for the purpose of receiving names of candidates for the second examination for the degree of M.B.; and on Friday, June 8th, and Saturday, June 9th, from 9 to 10 A.M., for the purpose of receiving names of candidates for the first examination for the degree of M.B. Names may be sent to him by letter at any time not later than the above-mentioned days.

## MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

### HOUSE OF LORDS.—Tuesday, May 8th.

**The Lunacy Laws.**—The Earl of MILLTOWN asked whether it was the intention of the Government to forward and pass into law this session the important Bill for the amendment of the Lunacy Laws, which, having already passed that House on three previous occasions, was sent down to another place on March 22nd this year.—The Earl of SELBORNE also expressed the hope that the Bill might not be longer delayed in the other House.—The LORD CHANCELLOR said it was difficult to answer the question, because he could not answer for the progress of business in the other House. He agreed that this was a topic quite removed from party politics, and although there was not perfect unanimity, yet he thought they might hope soon to settle it one way or the other.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Tuesday, May 8th.

**Foreign Medical Practitioners.**—Mr. C. WRIGHT asked the Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education whether the Medical Acts Amendment Bill which passed in 1886, and provided for registering duly-qualified foreign medical practitioners, was now in operation, and whether the requisite forms would be supplied to those practitioners to fill up for registration; and whether he could name the countries that were eligible to claim registration for their medical practitioners.—Sir W. HART DYKE said the second part of the Act had only been applied to New Zealand and Ceylon. In regard to registration of foreign medical practitioners, Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the Act prescribed the exact course to be adopted.

**Hospital Accommodation on Transatlantic Steamers.**—Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, in reply to a question by Dr. TANNER as to whether the hospital accommodation on board Transatlantic steamers was not frequently utilised for the accommodation of passengers, officers, or crew, said he was assured by the companies that such was not the case. No such hospital berths could be allocated to other than sick persons, unless on the express sanction of the medical officer of the ship.—Dr. TANNER asked whether

it was not a well-known fact, from all the reports furnished by the emigration officers at Liverpool and Queenstown, that such hospital accommodation was frequently utilised by both passengers and crew.—Sir M. HICKS-BEACH said he was not aware of it.

#### BURGH POLICE AND HEALTH (SCOTLAND) BILL.

On the motion of the LORD ADVOCATE, it was agreed that the Select Committee on the Burgh Police and Health (Scotland) Bill do consist of twenty-five members: Mr. Anstruther, Mr. Asher, Mr. Baird, Sir G. Balfour, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Bolton, Mr. Preston Bruce, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Macdonald Cameron, Sir A. Campbell, Mr. R. F. Campbell, Dr. Clark, Mr. Cochrane-Baillie, Mr. D. Crawford, Lord Elcho, Mr. Esslemont, Mr. Hozier, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Menzies, Mr. F. S. Powell, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Mark Stewart, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Williamson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be the quorum.

#### THE HORSE TAX.

ADDITIONAL petitions against this tax have been presented by Mr. Hanbury-Tracy, from the medical practitioners of Welshpool and district; by Sir W. Foster, from Northern Counties (Scotland) Branch of the British Medical Association; by Lord Beehive, from a Westmoreland Dalesman doctor; by Mr. S. Leighton, from medical men of Oswestry; by Mr. T. W. Legh, from medical officers in Wigan district; by Viscount Ebrington, from surgeons of Hatherleigh and Black Torrington; by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, from the medical men of Maryport; by the Marquis of Hartington, from Drs. T. Evans and J. Jones, of New Quay; and by Mr. A. E. Gathorne-Hardy, from medical men in Hayward's Heath and district.

## OBITUARY.

MARK LONG, M.D., of Ludlow, Shropshire.

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. Mark Long, which occurred on April 28th, in one of the paying wards of Guy's Hospital, at the comparatively early age of 44. The subject of this notice was the eldest son of the late Mr. John Long, engineer of the Limerick Harbour Board. Dr. Long was educated at the Queen's College, Cork, and the Ledwich School of Medicine, Dublin, taking the M.D. of the Queen's University in 1865, and the L.R.C.S.I. the same year. He soon after proceeded to England, and was for ten years in practice in Hackney, in partnership with Drs. Daly and Gibbings. Owing to the delicate health of some members of his family he subsequently removed to Ludlow, where he soon acquired a large and good class practice. The deceased gentleman had a happy way of winning in a remarkable degree the confidence of his patients, and had a genial and pleasant manner. In the zenith of his success, in the autumn of last year, he developed obscure symptoms of disease of the bladder and kidneys, for which he came to London and consulted Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson. The symptoms becoming more acute, he was visited in February of this year by Mr. Clement Lucas, who advised his coming into one of the private wards of Guy's Hospital. Nine weeks ago Mr. Lucas cut down upon the right kidney, letting out eight ounces of fetid pus. The operation was most successful, and a rapid improvement was manifested in his condition, but subsequently grave uræmic symptoms occurred, terminating in convulsions and coma. A *post-mortem* examination justified the operation, the cavity in the kidney having contracted to a third of its dimensions at the time of the operation; the left kidney was quite healthy, but the left ureter was enormously distended, owing to the pressure of a periprosthetic abscess. Dr. Long leaves a widow, the daughter of Mr. James Cooper, of Cromer, and four children, two sons and two daughters.

#### PETER LEONARD, M.D., Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets.

DR. PETER LEONARD died at Arbroath on May 2nd. The deceased gentleman was born at St. Vigeans, Arbroath, in 1801, and educated at Arbroath Academy; became a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, in 1822; M.D. of St. Andrews in 1851; and M.R.C.P. London in 1859. He entered the navy very early in life, and served in every naval station of the British Empire except that of the West Indies. In 1833 he published *Records of a Voyage to the Western Coast of Africa and of the Service on that Station for the Suppression of the Slave Trade*. He also wrote a *Naval Medical Journal of Service in South America*, for which he was awarded Sir G. Blaine's gold medal. Dr. Leonard was the first Inspector-General appointed under the Contagious Diseases Act, and he organised the administration of the Act. He was for many years Deputy Inspector-General at Chatham, and afterwards at Haslar, and he received the Greenwich Hospital pension for good service.

#### PETER ADRIAN VAN DER LAAN, M.D., Lisbon.

DR. VAN DER LAAN, the leading ophthalmologist of Portugal, died at his residence in Lisbon on April 20th. He was born at Spanbroek, in Holland, in 1841, and educated at the University of Utrecht, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine, the subject of his inaugural dissertation being the disturbances of vision associated with albuminuria. He afterwards studied at Berlin, London, and Vienna, giving his attention chiefly to ophthalmology, under such masters as von Graefe, Liebreich, and Arlt. Being threatened with consumption, he started for Madeira towards the end of 1870, but broke his journey at Lisbon, where he remained for the rest of his life. Wishing to practise his profession in his adopted country, he with rare energy went through the required course of study in the Lisbon Medical School, and successfully passed all the numerous examinations for the degree. He soon acquired a great reputation as an oculist throughout Portugal; during his career he is said to have treated no fewer than 24,000 patients. He was an indefatigable worker, and employed the rare intervals of leisure which his professional engagements allowed him in contributing to medical literature. He died of the disease which had in the first instance driven him southwards, studying up to the very last moment. As the *Correio Medico* says, he died with a medical treatise in his hand on a subject altogether unconnected with the affection from which he was himself suffering.

The *Correio Medico* goes so far as to say that Van der Laan introduced ophthalmology into Portugal, where the pathology and treatment of diseases of the eye were almost unknown before 1870. In addition to his professional attainments, Dr. van der Laan was a deeply-read theologian, a sound classical scholar, and could converse fluently in English, German, and French, besides Portuguese and his native Dutch.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma were, at an ordinary meeting of the Council on May 10th, admitted Members of the College.

H. P. Ainsworth, L.R.C.P. Lond., 28, Norland Square, W.; J. L. Aymard, L.R.C.P. Lond., Vine Lodge, Surbiton; G. Black, L.S.A., 34, Pembroke Road, Walthamstow; J. B. Cruickshank, L.R.C.P. Lond., 10, Dartmouth Terrace, Lewisham; F. K. Holman, L.R.C.P. Lond., Thanington Vicarage, Canterbury; W. J. Maillard, L.R.C.P. Lond., 72, Miskin Street, Cardiff; G. H. Metcalfe, L.R.C.P. Lond., 72, Lee Road, S.E.; E. Moss, L.R.C.P. Lond., 22, Josephine Avenue, Brixton; J. E. Moyse, L.R.C.P. Lond., Arden, Torquay; J. L. Roberts, L.R.C.P. Lond., Eirianfa, Llanrwst, N. Wales; W. C. Swayne, L.R.C.P. Lond., 2, New Street, S.E., Students of Guy's Hospital; J. W. Applegate, L.R.C.P. Lond., 18, Tufnell Park Road; J. B. Appleton, L.R.C.P. Lond., The Lizard, Cornwall; C. H. Ashford, L.R.C.P. Lond., 6, Alfred Place, Plymouth; A. M. Barford, L.R.C.P. Lond., Wokingham, Berks; D. T. Belding, L.R.C.P. Lond., East Dereham, Norfolk; Robert Bird, L.R.C.P. Lond., Wrattlesley Road, Plumstead; S. A. Bontor, L.R.C.P. Lond., 23, Castelnau Villas, Barnes; J. G. E. Colby, L.R.C.P. Lond., 11, Percy Circus, W.C.; P. G. Gilmour, L.R.C.P. Lond., 24, Carleton Road, N.; F. Heasman, L.R.C.P. Lond., Angmering, near Worthing; P. Hicks, L.R.C.P. Lond., Blastow Hall, Kent; A. W. L. Jones, L.R.C.P. Lond., 28, Sutherland Gardens, W.; W. B. Lane, L.R.C.P. Lond., 42, Great Russell Street, W.C.; K. McLaren, L.R.C.P. Lond., Lanherne, Kingston Hill; S. C. H. Moberly, L.R.C.P. Lond., 17, St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park; F. O. Kinealy, L.R.C.P. Lond., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; W. O. Steinthal, L.S.A., 54, Torrington Square, W.C.; H. B. Whitehead, L.R.C.P. Lond., 340, Essex Road, N.; H. Williams, L.R.C.P. Lond., 3, Augusta Place, Weymouth, and A. E. Wynter, L.R.C.P. Lond., Templecombe, Twickenham, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; T. Austen, L.R.C.P. Lond., 40, Reedworth Road, Kennington; W. H. Burrows, L.S.A., Western House, Long Lane, S.E.; E. Cooper, L.R.C.P. Lond., Southampton Villa, Southsea; F. Grange, L.R.C.P. Lond., 81, Peckham Rye, S.E.; A. Purvis, L.R.C.P. Lond., 55, Tyrwhitt Road, Brockley, of Charing Cross Hospital; G. A. Ballingall, L.R.C.P. Lond., Altamont, Blairgowrie, N.B.; J. D. Brown, L.R.C.P. Lond., 53, St. Oswald Road, W.; G. W. B. Daniell, L.R.C.P. Lond., 57, Leinster Square, W.; G. A. Heberden, L.R.C.P. Lond., 18, Milton Chambers; F. S. D. Hogg, L.R.C.P. Lond., 17, Halsey Street, S.W.; W. S. Holford, L.R.C.P. Lond., Worcester House, Sutton; and N. B. Robinson, L.R.C.P. Lond., West Hill Road, Wandsworth, of St. George's Hospital; H. Barnett, L.R.C.P. Lond., 17, Oakden Street, S.E.; E. S. Bell, L.R.C.P. Lond., Christ Church Vicarage, Spa Road, S.E.; A. H. Blunt, L.R.C.P. Lond., Market Place, Derby; H. C. Bristowe, L.R.C.P. Lond., 13, Old Burlington Street, W.; A. E. Cox, L.R.C.P. Lond., 37, Hartington Street, Derby; A. Goulston, L.R.C.P. Lond., 208, Peckham Rye; W. M. Helsham, L.R.C.P. Lond., 13, Barton Street, Westminster; C. W. Lockyer, L.R.C.P. Lond., 7, St. Julian's Farm Road, West Norwood; S. G. Moores, L.R.C.P. Lond., St. Andrews House, Hertford; H. B. Seddon, L.R.C.P. Lond., 1, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.; R. F. Walker, L.R.C.P. Lond., Vale Cottage, Eslier, of St. Thomas's Hospital; H. N. Baron, L.R.C.P. Lond., 57, Great Ormond Street, W.C.; G. B. Flux, L.R.C.P. Lond., 27, Harley Street; E. V. Pegge, L.R.C.P. Lond., Vernon House, Briton Ferry, South Wales; C. J. Stanley, L.R.C.P. Lond., The Knowle, Streatham, of King's

College; J. C. Barr, L.R.C.P.Lond., 1, Cranmore, Aldershot; F. A. Brooks, L.R.C.P.Lond., 6, Percy Road, Shepherd's Bush; N. C. Ridley, L.R.C.P.Lond., Bratoff Rectory, Burgh, Lincolnshire; and W. S. Sharpe, L.R.C.P.Lond., Mavis Enderby, Spilsby, of St. Mary's Hospital; R. A. Beaver, L.S.A., Waterloo, Liverpool; E. A. T. Steele, L.R.C.P.Lond., 2, Queen's Terrace, Seacombe, of Liverpool Infirmary; B. R. Sawhny, L.R.C.P.Lond., 12, Ladbrook Grove, W., of Lahore College, India; L. Beckett, L.R.C.P.Lond., L. C. B. Calthorp, L.R.C.P.Lond., The Cheal, Hornsey Lane, N.; B. Clark, L.R.C.P.Lond., Coldharbour Lane, Brixton; C. Collier, L.R.C.P.Lond., St. Aubyns, Tiverton; F. Corner, L.R.C.P.Lond., Manor House, Poplar; J. J. Coulton, L.R.C.P.Lond., 47, Bromley Street, E.; W. S. Fenwick, L.R.C.P.Lond., 29, Harley Street, W.; T. J. Head, L.R.C.P.Lond., 23, Queens Down Road, Clapton; R. Jones, L.R.C.P.Lond., Newtown, Montgomeryshire; F. J. Oxley, L.R.C.P.Lond., Drayton Road, Leytonstone; T. W. Robbins, L.R.C.P.Lond., 41, Bitchingham Road, Stratford New Town, of the London Hospital; N. D. Best, L.S.A., Lime House, Walsall, Staffordshire, of Birmingham; E. F. Bour, L.R.C.P.Lond., University College; R. W. Boyce, L.R.C.P.Lond., Willoughby Road, Hampstead; H. N. Cappe, L.R.C.P.Lond., 7, Dean Road, Willesden Park; C. S. Dowdell, L.R.C.P.Lond., 25, Rutland Street, N.W.; J. P. Parkinson, L.R.C.P.Lond., 21, Richmond Terrace, Blackburn; W. B. Ransom, L.R.C.P.Lond., The Pavement, Notts.; C. E. Seal, L.R.C.P.Lond., 45, Albert Street, Regent's Park; C. H. Stevens, L.R.C.P.Lond., 21, St. Edmund's Terrace, N.W.; C. H. Clayton, L.R.C.P.Lond., 11, Fairfax Place, South Hampstead, of University College; G. Braide, L.R.C.P.Lond., The Poplars, Warrington; H. Wade, L.R.C.P.Lond., 5, York Place, Manchester; W. K. Walls, L.R.C.P.Lond., 46, Swan Street, Manchester; J. P. Williams, L.R.C.P.Lond., Broomfield, Swinton, Manchester; W. B. Yates, L.R.C.P.Lond., 14, Palatine Street, Manchester, of Manchester; R. S. Charsley, L.R.C.P.Lond., 5, Cowley Street, S.W.; G. C. Cory, L.S.A., 17, Sudeley Street, Brighton; H. S. Fremlin, L.R.C.P.Lond., 1, Margaret Street, W. C. S. Viner, L.R.C.P.Lond., Abbotsford, Ramsgate, of Westminster Hospital; J. K. Couch, L.R.C.P.Lond., Mansel House, Swansea; M. P. Cooke, L.S.A., Fern House, Landkey, Burnstaple; C. W. Edwards, L.R.C.P.Lond., Mill Hill, Hendon; H. C. Fox, L.S.A., 14, Alfred Place, W.C.; J. A. Hudson, L.R.C.P.Lond., 75, Charlotte Street, W.C.; W. B. Nelson, L.R.C.P.Lond., 1, Shrewsbury Road, W.; A. Primrose, M.B., C.M.Ed., The College, Middlesex Hospital, of Middlesex Hospital; E. H. Gibbon, M.B.Durh., 1, Laygate Terrace, South Shields; E. R. Lyth, M.B.Durh., 39, Brooke Road, N., of Newcastle-on-Tyne; H. Hill, L.R.C.P.Lond., 84, Coronation Road, Bristol; C. T. Hudson, L.R.C.P.Lond., 6, Royal York Crescent, Clifton, and E. Ward, L.R.C.P.Lond., 7, York Place, Clifton, of Bristol.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

- BLOOMSBURY DISPENSARY.**—Physician. Applications by May 15th to the Secretary.
- BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND PRESTON DISPENSARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £140, with apartments, etc. Applications by June 2nd to the Assistant Secretary.
- BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—House-Physician. Salary, £100 a year, with board, washing, and apartments. Applications by May 19th to the Secretary.
- CHELSEA, BROMPTON, AND BELGRAVE DISPENSARY,** Sloane Square.—Surgeon. Applications by May 17th.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,** Shadwell, E.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by May 23rd to the Secretary.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,** Shadwell, E.—Surgeon. Applications by May 23rd to the Secretary.
- GORDON HOSPITAL FOR FISTULA, ETC.,** Vauxhall Bridge Road. Assistant Surgeon. Applications by May 26th to the Secretary.
- HALIFAX INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.**—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by May 22nd to Dr. E. West Symes, Hope Hall, Halifax.
- HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT,** Golden Square.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by May 26th to the Honorary Secretary.
- HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS,** 32, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park.—Assistant Physician and Registrar. Applications by May 14th to H. H. Graham, Esq., Secretary.
- LOWESTOFT FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL INSTITUTION.**—Surgeon. Salary, £160 per annum, with extra fees. Applications by May 21st to Mr. J. Hammond, 4, Raglan Street, Lowestoft.
- METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL,** Kingsland Road.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by May 21st to the Secretary.
- NATIONAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL,** Holles Street, Dublin.—Two Assistants to the Master. Applications to Dr. Roe, 13, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, or at the Hospital.
- NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY.**—House Physician. Salary £100, with board, washing, and apartments. Applications by May 23rd to the Secretary.
- OWENS COLLEGE,** Manchester.—Professor of Surgery. Applications by June 9th to the Registrar.
- PARISH OF BARNET, ETC.**—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £443 per annum. Applications by May 14th to H. M. Turner, Esq., 66, High Street, Watford.
- 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 DISEASES OF THE CHEST,** City Road.—Junior House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by May 19th to the Secretary.

**SMALL-POX HOSPITAL,** Birmingham.—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £150 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by May 25th to the Chairman, Health Committee, Council House, Birmingham.

**VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,** Chelsea.—House-Physician. Honorarium of £50, with board and lodging. Applications by June 2nd to the Secretary.

**VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,** Chelsea. House-Surgeon. Honorarium of £50, with board and lodging. Applications by June 2nd to the Secretary.

**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL,** Hammersmith Road, W.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by May 24th to the Secretary.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**BLURTON, J. F., M.B.Durh., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Obstetric and Ophthalmic House-Surgeon at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, *vice* R. J. Riley, M.R.C.S.

**BRYDEN, F. W. A., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Rotherham Hospital.

**CUFF, Robert, M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng.,** appointed Honorary Surgeon to Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary.

**De RENZI, Arthur C. M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** late of the New Zealand Shipping Company's R. M. S. *Rimutaka*, appointed Resident Surgeon to the Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand.

**HALL, W. W., M.B., C.M.,** appointed Registrar and Chloroformist to the London Temperance Hospital, *vice* T. F. Pearse, M.D., resigned.

**HEWITT, R. J., L.R.C.S.I., etc.,** appointed Medical Officer to the Ballingarry Dispensary, *vice* M. Fennelly, L.R.C.S.I., resigned.

**HILL, J. de Vere,** appointed Sanitary Surveyor (Board of Trade) for the port of Liverpool.

**HILL, E. B., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Birmingham General Hospital, *vice* E. Antrobus, M.R.C.S., resigned.

**MELLER, C. B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Cowbridge, and Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Medical Officer of Health for the Cowbridge District of the Bridgend Union.

**NASON, E. N., M.B., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Resident Surgical Officer to the Birmingham General Hospital, *vice* John Elliott, M.B., resigned.

**NICOLSON, R. H.,** appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Warwick County Lunatic Asylum, *vice* G. P. Torney, L.R.C.S.I., etc., resigned.

**OWEN, A. D., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond.,** appointed Medical Officer to the Halwell District of Totnes Union, *vice* J. T. Cape, M.R.C.S.Eng., deceased.

**PROWSE, A. B., M.D.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng.,** appointed Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics at the Bristol Medical School.

**SANCTUARY, T. M.D., L.R.C.P., etc.,** appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the London Skin Hospital, W.C.

**SHAW, W. R., M.D., C.M.Toronto, L.R.C.P.Lond.,** appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest.

**TORNEY, G. P., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.,** appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Lincolnshire County Asylum, *vice* J. W. Marsh, M.R.C.S., resigned.

**WILLIAMS, P. W., M.B.,** appointed Honorary Assistant-Physician to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, *vice* A. B. Prowse, M.D.

**POST-GRADUATE COURSE IN LIVERPOOL.**—It is proposed to give at the Victoria University, during the summer session, a post-graduate course of lectures and demonstrations, commencing on May 16th. The fee for the course is two guineas. Among the lecturers and subjects announced are the following: Mr. Reginald Harrison on Affections of the Bladder and Urethra, including demonstrations with the Electric Endoscope; Dr. Glynn: Some Points in the Pathology and Treatment of Infective Diseases of the Heart; Dr. Carter: On the Practical Examination of the Urine (demonstrations); Dr. Davidson: On the Medical Selection of Lives for Assurance, and on recent Improvements in the Local Treatment of Skin Diseases; Mr. Edgar Browne: Diseases and Defects of the Eye in Childhood; Dr. Ross: On the Anatomy of the Spinal Cord and the Localisation of Spinal Lesions; Mr. Royston: On the Teeth; Mr. Mitchell Banks: On the Anatomy of the Brain in relation to Cerebral Surgery; Dr. Wallace: On Abnormal Tumours; Mr. Paul: Demonstration of a *Post-mortem* Examination made for Medicolegal Purposes, and Ready Methods for the Detection of Common Poisons; Mr. Rushton Parker: Recognition and Treatment of Injuries to the Upper and Lower Limbs; Dr. Caton: On Ptomaines and Leucomaines; Dr. Barron: On Pathogenic Micro-organisms. It is intended that, if possible, June 6th, 20th, and July 11th, shall be devoted to demonstrations of the Different Forms of Insanity in a Lunatic Asylum.

**HUNGARIAN MEDICAL WORKS.**—The Society for the Publication of Hungarian Medical Works last year completed the twenty-fourth year of its existence. During that time 55 large and 7 small medical works have been published in the Hungarian language, at an average yearly cost of 6,750 florins. Three hundred members have already signified their intention to join the Society.



**CENSURE OF A POLICE SURGEON BY A JURY.**—Rather too much blame seems to have been attributed by a Deptford coroner's jury to a young surgeon acting for the divisional police surgeon, who, on being called to the police station—which was full of men waiting to be paid, and therefore greatly crowded—failed to detect that a prisoner, who had perforce been placed in a passage outside the cells, was suffering from paralysis in addition to drink. According to the newspaper report, the senior medical officer of Greenwich Workhouse Infirmary, who made the *post-mortem* examination, attributed death to syncope, caused by taking too much beer, combined with the existence of a fatty heart. It is quite possible that the paraplegia, which the young surgeon alluded to promptly diagnosed on a second visit, had come on subsequently to the first examination.

**TREATMENT OF MERCURIAL STOMATITIS.**—In the *Rivista Clinica e Terapeutica* for February, Dr. E. de Renzi, of Naples, states that he has treated several cases of mercurial stomatitis with corrosive sublimate with satisfactory results. He was induced to try this plan by the consideration that a powerful antiseptic was indicated in a disease characterised by well-marked putrefactive processes. The remedy was prescribed as a mouth-wash, a solution of 25 centigrammes of corrosive sublimate in 1,000 grammes of water being used in that manner in the course of two days. On the first day the foul smell of the breath was removed, and within three days the redness and swelling of the mouth had much diminished. On the fifth day, as a rule, the patient was completely cured.

**MEDICINE IN PORTUGAL.**—The *Correio Medico de Lisboa* of May 1st states that twelve students will present themselves for their final examination in the Medico-Chirurgical School of Lisbon in July next. The following are among the subjects which the candidates have chosen for their theses; they are of some interest as showing that Portugal is alive to the latest developments of medical science: Radical Cure of Hernia; new methods of Diagnosing Carcinoma of the Stomach; Pathogeny of Tetanus; new Treatment of Chronic Metritis and Fibroid Tumours of the Uterus by Electricity; Uses of Antipyrin; Hypnotism and Suggestion; Massage in the Treatment of Fractures; Anomalous Forms of Typhoid.

**DARENTH HOSPITALS.**—The Local Government Board have authorised the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board to erect at Darenth a hospital for convalescing small-pox patients, at a cost not exceeding £63,392; and also to cause the Darenth camp buildings used in the last small-pox epidemic to be adapted to infirmary purposes, at a cost not exceeding £2,750. It was resolved to apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a loan of £50,000 for the erection of the hospital.

**AMBULANCE INSTRUCTION FOR THE POLICE.**—Mr. John Furley, Deputy Chairman of the St. John Ambulance Association, presented 104 certificates last week to members of the Metropolitan Police Force, who had shown themselves proficient in the principles and practice of "first aid." The Chief Surgeon of the Force, Mr. A. O. McKellar, spoke in warm terms of the numerous cases of valuable "first aid" rendered by police officers brought to his notice.

**WILLIAM HENRY BURKE, M.R.C.S.,** of Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, who, on February 9th, discharged a revolver at his daughter, aged nine years, in a public-house where he had been drinking heavily during the day, was charged with the murder at the Leeds Assizes, found guilty, and sentenced to death.

On June 12th the University of Bologna will celebrate the 800th year of its existence. This university is said to be the oldest in the world, having been founded by the Emperor Theodosius II in the year 425 A.D.

**DR. GARRÉ,** hitherto Privat-Dozent in Basle, has become an assistant surgeon in the surgical clinic and Docent in Surgery in Tübingen. Dr. E. Haffter will take his place on the editorial staff of the *Correspondenzblatt für Schweizer Aerzte*.

**PRIVAT DOCENT DR. ENGELHARDT,** in Halle, becomes Extraordinary Professor of Gynecology in the University of Iena, in place of Professor Küstner, who has been invited to Dorpat.

The Commission of the Peace for the town of Belfast has been offered to Dr. Whitla, who has, we understand, declined the proffered honour.

## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

### TUESDAY.

**PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.**—Mr. J. Hutchinson, jun.: Dupuytren's Fracture. Mr. Ballance and Mr. Shattock: Note on the Histology of Cancer and Normal Tissues after Sterile Incubation. Mr. Bruce Clarke: Sloughing of Bladder following Cystitis. Mr. Vincent Jackson: Sarcoma of Bladder. Dr. Turner: Necrosis of Kidney. Mr. Fenwick (for Dr. A. Jones): Localised Tuberculosis of Ureters. Mr. Targett: Peculiar Fracture of Skull. Dr. Pitt: 1. Malignant Growths of Bronchial Glands and Pleura; 2. Spinal Cord from Dr. Collier's Case of Charcot's Joint Disease. Card Specimens: Mr. Coleman: Polypus of Umbilicus. Mr. S. Paget: 1. Unusual Fracture of Head of Humerus; 2. Adenoma of the Tongue. Dr. Collier: Curious Fracture of the Larger Pastern Bone of a Horse. Dr. Ormerod: Cancer of Gall Duct; Mr. V. Jackson: Stone from a Vesical Diverticulum. Mr. Fenwick (for Dr. Harris): Bilharzial Carcinoma of Bladder. Mr. Stonham: 1. Tubercle of Prostate and Vesiculae Seminales; 2. Cancer of Prostate, Prostatectomy; 3. Melanotic Cancer of Bone; 4. Two Specimens of Cancer of Oesophagus necessitating Tracheotomy; 5. Hæmatocele with Tunica Vaginalis from Difficult Breech Delivery; 6. Cyst of Peritoneum. Mr. Battle: 1. Duct Cancer of Breast; 2. Very Early Malignant Disease of Testis; 3. Sarcoma of Lower Jaw Associated with Necrosis. Mr. B. O'Connor: Hydatids of Liver and Spleen. Mr. Lunn: 1. Tabetic Feet; 2. Calvaria, Clavicle, and Lower Jaw from a Case of Osteitis Deformans; 3. Multiple Epiphysitis. Dr. Hebb: 1. Cancer of Thyroid Isthmus; 2. Tuberculosis of Breast.

### WEDNESDAY.

**COLLEGE OF STATE MEDICINE, Burlington House, 4 P.M.**—Professor G. H. Seeley, F.R.S.: On Soil in its Influence on Health.

**ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, 7 P.M.**—Mr. G. M. Whipple and Mr. W. H. Dines: Report of the Wind Force Committee on Experiments with Anemometers conducted at Hersham. Dr. William Marcet (President); On the Measurement of the Increase of Humidity in Rooms by the Emission of Steam from the So-called Bronchitis Kettle.

### THURSDAY.

**HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.**—Mr. W. Bruce Clarke: The Value of Antiseptics in Internal Urethrotomy.

### FRIDAY.

**SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH (Crane Court, Fleet Street), 7.30 P.M.**—The following papers will be read. Mr. C. A. Watts Parkinson: Notes of an Epidemic of Pneumonia. Mr. J. F. J. Sykes: Verification and Certification of Deaths. Mr. F. J. Lloyd: On the Powerlessness of the Public Health Act for the Closure of Wells Supplying Contaminated Water.

## 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.

**HOOKE.**—On May 7th, at Cirencester, the wife of Charles Hooker, of a daughter.  
**KNOWLES.**—On May 7th, at 5, Ashford Road, Maidstone, the wife of John Knowles, surgeon, of a daughter.  
**NAPIER.**—On May 5th, at 3, Beaufort Gardens, S.W., the wife of A. D. Leith Napier, M.D., F.R.S.E., of a son.

### DEATH.

**SHEEHY.**—On April 30th, at 4, Claremont Square, N., Myra, wife of W. H. P. Sheehy, L.R.C.P. Lond., aged 29.

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

ing he awoke on the third day, but could give no account of himself, except that he took a large dose of tobacco before he went to sleep.

#### A RUN THROUGH THE WINTER HAVENS OF THE RIVIERA.

DR. EDWARD HAUGHTON (Upper Norwood, S.E.) writes: Having this winter paid a visit to the health resorts of the Riviera during the months of January, February, and March, I had an unusual opportunity of comparing the various stations with one another, paying special regard to the amount of shelter which they afford to the invalid and to their general sanitary condition. Beginning with Genoa, I went first to Nervi, a station half an hour to the east of that city, and found it rejoicing in semitropical vegetation, including flourishing lemon, orange, eucalyptus, and aloe trees, for I suppose I cannot deny the latter title to a plant 20 feet high. Indeed, the aloe grows all along the coast freely, even in places not making any pretensions to affording real shelter to the invalid. During the earlier part of my journey, however I suffered considerably from cold, as only the main lines are provided with hot water cans in the railway carriages, and the hotels in no one locality were sufficiently provided with good fires or caloriferes; and it was not until I reached Montreux on my way home that I experienced the true benefits of civilisation combined with the protection of overhanging hills. I must not be understood to say that the recognised health stations are wrongly described as "winter havens of the sunny South." On the contrary, I am bound to declare my profound conviction that the worst of these stations possesses on the whole a better climate than the best that can be had in Great Britain or Ireland, unless it be the sheltered station of Glengariff, near Bantry, on the south-west coast of Ireland. This latter, I am ashamed to say, I have never seen, although there can be no doubt of the mildness of its climate, and Thackeray declares that "no pen can give an idea of the magnificence of its scenery."

Beyond Nervi, still further to the east, that is, an hour by rail from Genoa on the Riviera di Levante, is the beautiful little town of Rapallo, nestling among olive-covered hills, and where the lemon also grows freely. This is the most charming of all the stations for the good pedestrian; but it has the disadvantage of a tunnel, seven minutes by rail, just before entering it, as well as the neighbouring town of Santa Margherita. If an increased amount of accommodation could be provided for strangers, and an Evangelical ministry adapted for those who do not happen to be Churchmen, this station would probably soon rival some of the larger towns which are now crowded with English visitors. Unfortunately, it is impossible to make just comparisons without wounding the susceptibilities of places which live by the influx of strangers; but, as I am an admirer of the whole of this highly-favoured region, I must be pardoned if I give my impressions just as they struck me at the time of my visit.

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DRS. R. CATON (31, Rodney Street, Liverpool), and W. T. SHEPPARD (64, Durning Road, Liverpool) write: Will you allow us to appeal to the charity of our profession on behalf of the widow of the late J. J. Luce, M.D., M.R.C.S.? After a long and successful professional career at Wincanton, Glastonbury, and finally at Stratford-on-Avon, Dr. Luce retired from private practice three or four years ago, and was appointed Resident Physician to the Seaford House Hydropathic Establishment. Unfortunately he was induced to invest several thousand pounds which he had saved in that institution. The company soon after this became insolvent, and Dr. Luce lost the whole of his invested funds, and was never even paid his salary. About the same time, most unfortunately, he was involved in a lawsuit, the expenses of which swept away the remains of his capital. He was thus reduced from a very comfortable position to penury when near the age of 70. He died on April 13th. His widow has only an annuity of from £12 to £18 per annum, and her only relative is an aged aunt, herself in narrow circumstances. She is at present greatly in need of assistance. We append a list of subscriptions already paid or promised.

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