

# 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 observations, may be had on application to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, 429, Strand, W.C.*

## BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.**—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Braes of Gight on Wednesday, June 20th, at 1.45 p.m., the President, Dr. Smith, of Kinnairdy, in the chair. Business: 1. Minutes, nomination of new members. 2. Ballot for the admission of Dr. Jenkins, Belize, British Honduras; Dr. W. L. Mackenzie, Royal Infirmary; Dr. W. R. C. Middleton, Royal Infirmary; Dr. Rannie, Peterculter; Dr. J. Scott Riddell, 7, Ferryhill Place; Dr. A. M. Will, Royal Infirmary. 3. Notes on Gight and its Castle, by Dr. Alexander Cruikshank, Aberdeen. An omnibus excursion to the Braes of Gight, through the grounds of Haddon House, has been arranged for those who can meet at Old Meldrum at 11.30 a.m. A train leaves Aberdeen at 10.20 a.m. and arrives at Old Meldrum at 11.30 a.m., where carriages will be in waiting. Dinner (inclusive of attendance but exclusive of wine) in a marquee at the Braes of Gight at 6s. per head. Arrangements have been made for members from Buchan to drive from Maud Junction (11.15 a.m.), and for those from Banff from Fyvie (1.15 p.m.) to the Braes of Gight, in time for the meeting and dinner, and returning to catch later down trains. Members from the north will meet the party at Inverurie at 10.50, those from the south and Deeside at Aberdeen at 10.20. A train leaves Old Meldrum at 5.25 p.m., arriving in Aberdeen at 6.40 p.m. Members are invited to bring medical friends.—ROBERT JOHN GARDEN and J. MACKENZIE BOOTH, *Honorary Secretaries*.

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.**—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held in the Birmingham Medical Institute, Edmund Street, on Thursday, June 14th. The chair will be taken by the ex-President, Mr. Lawson Tait, at 3 p.m., who will introduce his successor, Dr. T. W. Thurstfield. Business:—The following members of the Association will be proposed as members of the Branch: James A. B. Thompson, M.D. Glasg., Brailes, Warwickshire; Frank J. Allen, M.A., M.B. Cantab., Mason College; Joseph Henry Patrick, M.R.C.S., 212, Balsall Heath Road; John Angell James, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Queen's Hospital. Alteration of Rules.—Mr. Lawson Tait will move that Rule 9 be amended so as to read as follows: "That in the case of a vacancy occurring in any office other than that of President or President-elect, such vacancy shall be filled up by the Council. In the case of a vacancy in the office of President or President-elect, the vacancy shall be filled up at a general meeting, due notice having been given by the Secretary in each case." Presentation of the reports of the Council, the Treasurer, Pathological and Clinical Section, and Local Collective Investigation Committee. Election of office-bearers, and other formal business. An address will be delivered by the President, Dr. T. W. Thurstfield. The annual dinner will take place at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, exclusive of wine. Each member has the privilege of introducing a friend to the dinner on giving notice of his intention to do so.—ROBERT SAUNDY, M.D., 83A, Edmund Street, and JORDAN LLOYD, F.R.C.S., 22, Broad Street, *Honorary Secretaries*.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch is appointed to be held at Ely on Friday, July 6th. Members wishing to make communications, to exhibit specimens, or to propose new

members are requested to signify their intention to Dr. Anningson, Cambridge, for insertion in the order of proceedings.—BUSHELL ANNINGSON, *Honorary Secretary*.

**LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.**—The fifty-second annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Medical Institution, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, June 13th, 1888, at 2.30 p.m. Order of Business:—Introduction of the new President. The new President's Address. The Report of Council. Election of Office-bearers: President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary. Election of Representative Members on the Council of the Association. Election of new Council. Choice of place for holding next annual meeting. Election of two members to serve on the Parliamentary Bills Committee. Grant to Epsom College. Notice of Motion: It will be proposed to make a donation of twenty-five guineas to the Epsom Medical Benevolent College out of the funds of the Branch. Miscellaneous Business. Medical and Surgical Communications.—Dr. Walter: Notes of a case of Total Extirpation of the Uterus per Vaginum. Dr. Glynn: A note on a New Method of Treating Chlorosis. Dr. Johnson Martin: How to prevent Small-pox, and how to spread it. Mr. R. Harrison will show the Electric Endoscope. Dr. Alexander: Hysterectomy for Uterine Cancer (patient). Mr. Shears: Xerosis of the Conjunctiva with Night Blindness. Dr. Imbach: The Use of Stimulants and Narcotics by Women. A small museum of drawings, photographs, and selected pathological specimens. Dinner.—The members will dine together at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each (exclusive of wine).—CHARLES E. GLASCOTT, M.D., *General Secretary*, 23, Saint John Street, Manchester.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.**—*Preliminary Notice.*—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, June 27th, at 5.30 p.m. President, Arthur E. Durham, Esq., F.R.C.S.; President-elect, C. Brodie Swell, M.D. Dinner at 7 p.m.; tickets, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.—GEORGE EASTES, M.B., E. NOBLE SMITH, F.R.C.S., *Honorary Secretaries*.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, on Thursday, June 14th, 1888. A. E. Durham, Esq., F.R.C.S., President of the Branch, will preside. Mr. Frank E. Beddard, Professor to the Zoological Society and Davis Lecturer, will lecture at 5 p.m. on "Deinosauria," at which members are invited to attend. Election of Vice-President, Representative Member of Council, and Secretary for the ensuing year. All the present officers are eligible for re-election. Dinner at the Restaurant in the Gardens at 6.30; morning dress. Tickets, 6s. each, exclusive of wine. Members desirous of being present are asked to signify their intention before June 12th, to the Honorary Secretary, GEORGE HENTY, M.D., 302, Camden Road, N.

**MIDLAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall Nottingham, on Thursday, June 14th, at 2 p.m. After the transaction of the usual business a proposition to amend Rule 6 will be laid before the meeting. Papers, etc.: Mr. Edgar M. Crookshank: On the Alleged Origin of Certain Diseases from the Lower Animals. Mr. Frank Pope: A Case of Diabetes, probably of Traumatic Origin. Mr. R. C. Chicken: New Form of Bone Forceps for Sequestrotomy. Dr. George Elder: Remarks on Cases of Peritonitis treated by Abdominal Section. Dr. H. Handford: The Influence of Position on Cardiac Murmurs, and on the Treatment of Heart Disease. Mr. Frank Hodges will exhibit a patient on whom he has operated for Cataract of Each Eye by the different Methods. Luncheon will be provided by the President-elect, at the place of meeting, at 1 o'clock. The dinner will also take place at the Masonic Hall, at 5 o'clock. Tickets, 7s., exclusive of wine.—W. A. CARLINE, M.D., *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*.

**NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Wednesday, July 11th, at 4 p.m. Gentlemen who desire to read papers or to bring any other business before the meeting will kindly communicate as early as possible with the Secretary, JOHN W. BYERS, M.D., Lower Crescent, Belfast.

**READING AND UPPER THAMES BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Library of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, on Wednesday, July 11th, at 4.15 p.m. The chair will be taken by the President (Dr. C. H. Tench), who will introduce the President for the coming year (W. B. Holderness, Esq., of Windsor), who will then take the chair. Members willing to read short papers or bring forward cases of clinical interest are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary without delay. The annual dinner will take place on the same evening at 6.15 p.m., at the Queen's Hotel, Reading. Dinner tickets (5s. without wine, or 10s. including wine) should be obtained from the Honorary Secretary on or before Saturday, July 7th.—H. HEYGATE PHILLIPS, 43A, London Road, Reading, *Honorary Secretary*.

**SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Bletchley Park Hotel, Bletchley, on Thursday, June 14th, at 2.45 p.m. The new President, H. Veasey, Esq., invites the members to luncheon at the same place previously to the meeting, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m., at which meeting and luncheon every qualified medical man will be a welcome visitor. Gentlemen accepting the invitation are requested to intimate the same to the Honorary Secretary not later than June 11th. The arrangements for a combined meeting this year of the Cambs and Hunts and South Midland Branches having fallen through, the informal reciprocal visits of members, to whom it may be convenient, at the respective meetings, would be most agreeable, and are hereby invited. Agenda.—Usual business of annual meeting. Resolution on subject of "Fees to Medical Witnesses," etc. Communication from Chairman of Parliamentary Bills Committee on Subject of "Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill" (see JOURNAL, May 12th, p. 1026). The following gentlemen will be proposed as new members of the Association and Branch: John Henry Lloyd, Esq., Bedford; J. Neil Whitfield, Esq., Northampton; A. E. Godfrey, Esq., and Weatherley, Esq., Northampton Infirmary. Gentlemen wishing to read papers for discussion, cases, etc., are requested to send the titles of the same without delay to the undersigned. The following have been promised: Mr. Milligan: Case of Strangulated Umbilical Hernia. Operation for Radical Cure: Recovery. Dr. Jones: Physical Indications in Heart Affections. Dr. Goldsmith: A Question as to the Etiology of some Nervous Diseases of Chil-

**dren.** Mr. Bull: Obscure Abdominal Tumour: Abdominal Section: Recovery. Mr. Evans: The Royal Colleges and the Society of Apothecaries.—C. J. EVANS, Honorary Secretary, Northampton.

**SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, on Tuesday, June 26th, under the presidency of Dr. John Woodman, F.R.C.S. Notices of motion or communications to be intimated to the Honorary Secretary without delay, and it will facilitate arrangements if members will inform the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible if they hope to be present at the meeting. The following motion was passed at the Council Meeting on May 2nd:—"That inasmuch as the annual meeting assumes more or less the character of a day of recreation, and with a view of encouraging the district meetings, the business of the annual meeting shall be confined to the President's address, the business of the Branch, the exhibition of cases or of specimens with notes, and the annual dinner."—P. MAURY DEAS, Wotton House, Exeter, Honorary Secretary.

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.**—The next meeting will be held in the board-room of the hospital, at Hastings, on Tuesday, June 12th, at 3.30 P.M. Dr. Bagshawe will preside. The following papers are promised: The Chairman: A Case of Chyluria. Mr. Titchurst: A Case of Addison's Disease, with a Rare Form of Skin Eruption (Drawing to be shown). Dr. Penhall: A Case of Nephrotomy. Dr. Talford Jones: Mercury as a Diuretic. The dinner will take place at the Palace Hotel at 5.30 P.M.; charge, 6s., exclusive of wine.—T. JENNER VERRALL, Honorary Secretary, 97, Montpelier Road, Brighton.

**SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTH BRANCH.**—The eighteenth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Infirmary, Cardiff, on Wednesday, June 27th. Further particulars in circulars. Members wishing to read papers, etc., are requested to send titles to Dr. Sheen before June 10th.—A. SHEEN, M.D., Cardiff, D. ARTHUR DAVIES, M.B., Swansea, Honorary Secretaries.

**SOUTHERN BRANCH.**—The fifteenth annual meeting will take place at the Grosvenor Hotel, Queensgate, Southsea, on Thursday, June 14th. The general meeting will be held at 1 P.M. The President-Elect, H. B. Norman, Esq., has kindly undertaken to provide refreshments at the hotel. In accordance with the by-laws, two gentlemen will be elected at this meeting as Representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association for the ensuing year. The address will be delivered by the President-elect at 2 P.M. During the afternoon the members are invited to visit the Dockyard, the old *Victory*, H.M.S. *Vernon*, and other places of interest. Dinner at 6 P.M.; charge, 5s., exclusive of wine, etc. The Committee request that those gentlemen who intend to be present at the dinner will send in their names on or before Wednesday, June 13th.—J. WARD COUSINS, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

**YORKSHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Branch will be held in the Museum of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society at York on Wednesday, June 27th, when the representatives of the Branch on the General Council and the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members intending to read papers and show specimens, are requested to communicate at once with ARTHUR JACKSON, Secretary, Sheffield.

#### ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at 198, Union Street, Aberdeen, on Wednesday, May 16th, at 8 o'clock P.M. Dr. URQUHART in the chair.

**Nominations and Ballot.**—Six new members were nominated for election at next meeting, and Dr. Ligertwood Methlick was balloted for and admitted an ordinary member.

**Summer Meeting.**—After some discussion, it was decided that the summer meeting should be held at Gight, on Wednesday, June 20th, and it was remitted to Professor Ogston and Dr. Mackenzie Booth to make the necessary arrangements.

**Representative to Council.**—Dr. Wight was proposed as the representative of the Board on the Council of the Association for the ensuing year, and was elected unanimously.

#### CEYLON BRANCH.

AN ordinary meeting of this Branch was held at the Colonial Medical Library, on March 3rd, Dr. VAN DORT, Vice-President, in the chair. The following gentlemen were present: Drs. Asserappa, Attygalle, Loos, Rockwood, Messrs. Van Geyzel, Eleyatambi, Nell, Brito, Schokman, Fernando, and Keegel (Honorary Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

**Proposed Amendment of By-law.**—Dr. ROCKWOOD, on behalf of Mr. THORNHILL, moved in pursuance of notice that the following alteration or amendment of By-law 4 be made: After the words "Colombo" to insert "Kandy, Galle, Jaffna, and Badulla." To omit the words "and the following," and also the whole of the third, fourth, and fifth lines, and the word "Colombo" in the sixth line, and insert "these towns."—Mr. NELL seconded.

Dr. ATTYGALLE moved as an amendment: "That the consideration of Mr. Thornhill's resolution be postponed till the next annual meeting of the Branch in December next."—Mr. ELEYATAMBI seconded.

Dr. LOOS moved as another amendment: "That Messrs. Thornhill, Craib, and Griffin be still considered members of the Council,

although the three superintending medical officers cease to hold their office from the circumstances of those offices being abolished."—Dr. ASSERAPPA seconded.

Dr. Attygalle's amendment being put to the vote, was negatived by 6 against 4.

Dr. LOOS having withdrawn his amendment, in view of the necessity of previous notice, as the amendment amounted to a substantive motion necessitating a material change in the constitution of the Council,

Mr. Thornhill's motion was put to the vote and lost, the proposer and seconder alone voting for it.

**Paper.**—A paper on Anchylostomiasis was read by Mr. FERNANDO, on behalf of Mr. GRATIAEN.

**DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: SPRING MEETING** The spring meeting of this Branch was held at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, on Wednesday, May 30th, JOHN COMYNS LEACH, M.D., President, in the chair. There were also present thirty members and visitors.

**Branch Council.**—Mr. G. W. Daniell, of Blandford; Dr. W. E. Humble, of Corfe Castle; Dr. J. C. Leach, of Sturminster Newton; Dr. P. W. Macdonald, of the Dorset County Asylum; Dr. R. P. Simpson, of Weymouth; Dr. W. V. Snow, of Bournemouth; and Dr. W. H. Williams, of Sherborne, were elected as members for the ensuing year.

**Representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association.**—Dr. W. G. Vawdrey Lush, of Weymouth, was re-elected as representative of this Branch on the Council of the Association for the ensuing year.

**Representative on the Parliamentary Bills Committee.**—Mr. C. H. Watts Parkinson, of Wimborne, was elected for the ensuing year.

**New Members.**—The following gentlemen were elected:—Mr. James Charles Clark, of Wimborne; and Dr. John Lyon, of the Royal Naval Sick Quarters, Portland.

**Next Meeting.**—It was resolved that the summer meeting be held at Swanage.

**Vote of Sympathy.**—It was resolved unanimously that the members of the Dorset and West Hants Branch of the British Medical Association express their hearty sympathy with Dr. Lush and Mr. Good in the anxiety caused them by the controversy with the majority of the committee of the Dorset County Hospital.

**Communications.**—Mr. MARSH: Short Notes of a Case of Lawson Tait's Operation for Extension of Perineum, with an Uncommon and Unfortunate Termination. Dr. GREVES: Case of Cerebral Tumours (specimen), with Remarks on the Diagnosis of Intracranial Tumours Implicating the Cortex of the Brain. Dr. DAVISON: A Case of Infantile Scurvy. Dr. MACDONALD: On Epilepsy, with notes of a case and pathological specimens.

**Dinner.**—The members and friends dined together at the Digby Hotel.

#### HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

THE fourth ordinary meeting of this Branch was held at Halifax on March 20th. Deputy Surgeon-General McDOWELL in the chair. The following gentlemen were present:—Hon. Dr. Parker, Drs. Slayter, Morrow, Milsom, Goodwin, Black, De Witt, Cowie, Farrell, Trenaman, and Curry; Surgeons Weston and Fowler, A.M.S.

**Amendment of the Health Act.**—The PRESIDENT and Dr. PARKER explained the steps that had been taken by the Committee of the Branch and the Local Government to amend the present Health Act.

**Cases, Etc.**—The Hon. Dr. PARKER showed a new stomach pump for washing out the stomach, and explained its use and the cases for which he considered it appropriate. He also gave the history of a fatal case of leucocythemia with abnormally enlarged spleen.—Dr. SLAYTER brought forward an interesting case of excessive lactation, giving the treatment pursued and inviting suggestions.—Drs. COWIE and PARKER related similar cases.

THE fifth ordinary meeting was held at Halifax on March 8th, the Hon. Dr. PARKER in the chair. The following gentlemen were present:—Drs. Black, Chisholm, Milsom, Wickwire, Farrell, Morrow, Goodwin and Tobin; Surgeon-Major Bolster, A.M.S.; Surgeons Grier, Weston, Fowler, and Deeble, A.M.S.

**Communications.**—Surgeon FOWLER, A.M.S., described a case simulating locomotor ataxy now under his care in hospital.—Dr. BLACK exhibited a specimen showing a fistulous opening be-

tween the vermiform appendix, bladder, and rectum. The patient had suffered from perityphilitis, and had passed faecal matter and flatus by the urethra for some months before death.—Dr. CAMPBELL showed two specimens removed from the body of a man who had died of Bright's disease; one was a contraction, without thickening or signs of previous ulceration of the pylorus; the second consisted of the apex of the right lung which had undergone "grey induration."—Remarks were made by Drs. BLACK, FOWLER, CHISHOLM and others.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held at Sydney on March 2nd, Dr. KNAGGS in the chair.

*Report of Council.*—Mr. G. T. HANKINS, the Honorary Treasurer, read the Council's report and balance-sheet, showing a balance to the credit of the Branch of £143 2s.

*Officers of Council.*—The following gentlemen were elected *Councillors* for the ensuing year: Drs. Creed, Knaggs, Hankins, Chambers, Fiaschi, O'Reilly, Quaipe, McCormick, MacLaurin, and Scot Skirving. *President*: Dr. Chambers. *Vice-President*: Dr. Fiaschi. *Honorary Treasurer*: G. T. Hankins, M.R.C.S.; *Honorary Secretary*: Dr. Scot Skirving. *Auditors*: Drs. Crago and Ellis.

*Medical Defence Association.*—Dr. ELLIS's letter relating to the Medical Defence Association was read and received.

*Vote of Thanks.*—Dr. ELLIS proposed, and Dr. Ross seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring office-bearers.—Carried.

The adjourned annual meeting was held at the Royal Society's Room, Sydney, on Friday, April 6th, 1888. Present: the Hon. Dr. CREED, M.L.C., in the chair: Drs. Knaggs, O'Reilly, Chambers, Roth, Garrett, Twynnam West, Kendall, Wm. Chisholm, Crago, Hankins, Worrall, Fiaschi, Faithful, Martin, Foreman, Clubbe, and Scot Skirving.

*President's Address.*—The Hon. Dr. J. MILDRED CREED, the retiring President, delivered an address. The very satisfactory monetary position of the Branch was, he said, the result in a great measure of the time and care devoted by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Hankins, to the duties of his office; and gratitude was also due to the Honorary Secretary, Dr. Scot Skirving, and to the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Green, for the devotion and exactitude which they had shown in the conduct of business. He mentioned the papers which had been read during the year, and said that the Branch had to deplore the deaths of five members—namely, Drs. Hoff, Halket, Lentaigne, Markey, and Leacock. The sympathy of the Association had been conveyed to their representatives. He then passed in review a variety of topics of special interest to the profession in New South Wales. An abstract of his remarks will be found at page 1213. He said they were entering upon a year of new work; and, besides, it was the centenary year of the colony, an occasion which the Branch should do something to mark.

*Leacock Fund.*—The Hon. Secretary (Dr. SKIRVING) stated that he had received £102 8s. towards the fund in aid of the family of the late Dr. Leacock, the Newcastle Committee wished to send in their contribution at the same time as this Branch.

*An Amateur Surgical Instrument Maker.*—Dr. SCOT SKIRVING exhibited a curious specimen of surgical instrument made and used by an amateur.

*New Members.*—The PRESIDENT announced the election of the following gentlemen:—Dr. Lloyd, Hunter's Hill; Dr. Robertson, Auckland. Dr. Creed then gave up the chair to the President-elect, Dr. Chambers.

*Vote of Thanks to President.*—Dr. KNAGGS said he had much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Creed for his able address, and for the general interest displayed by him in the work of the Branch. He (Dr. Knaggs) felt sure that as mover for the committee which reported on the registration of births and deaths, Dr. Creed deserved the thanks of the whole community, for if the Bill was properly administered, many existing evils would be remedied. With regard to the report of the committee on the law and practice of medicine, Dr. Creed's action was to be commended by every right thinking person.—Dr. CLUBBE seconded the resolution.—The Hon. Dr. CREED returned thanks.

*The New President.*—Dr. CHAMBERS then thanked the members for the honour they had done him by electing him to the position of president, and would ask members to lend a helping hand.

## 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.C.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.

An 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.

All the rooms required for the purposes of the meeting will, by the kindness of the authorities, be provided in the University of Glasgow.

#### PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 1888.

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

11.30 A.M.—First General Meeting. Report of Council. Reports of Committees. Bute Hall.

4 P.M.—Service in the Cathedral. Sermon by the Very Rev. John Caird, D.D., LL.D., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 1888.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1888-89 Council. Randolph Hall.

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. Bute Hall.

9 P.M.—*Conversazione* given by the Professors of the University

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 1888.

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

11 A.M.—Meeting of Council. Randolph Hall.

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. Bute Hall.

7 P.M.—Public Dinner. St. Andrew's Hall.

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. Philosophy Class-room.

9 P.M.—*Conversazione* given by the Corporation of Glasgow at St. Andrew's Hall.

Garden Party given by the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons at the Botanic Gardens.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 1888.

Excursions.

The following discussions and papers are promised up to the present time.

#### SECTION A.—MEDICINE.

##### Humanity Class Room.

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

The President will open the proceedings by introducing a discussion on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Syphilitic Disease of the Nervous System. Dr. Thomas Buzzard, Dr. T. S. Clouston, Dr. William Moore, Dr. Ross, Professor Grainger Stewart, and Dr. C. W. Suckling will take part in the discussion.

On the third day of the sectional proceedings, the Value of Inhalations in the Treatment of Lung Disease is set down for discussion, to be opened by Dr. C. Theodore Williams. The following gentlemen have already indicated their intention to engage in this discussion: Dr. Burney Yeo, Dr. W. W. Ireland, Dr. C. F. Knight, Dr. J. A. Lindsay, and Dr. E. Markham Skerritt.

Drs. Byrom Bramwell and Milne Murray will give a demonstration of their Method of Graphically Recording the Exact Time Relations of Cardiac Sounds and Murmurs.

The following papers have been promised.

FINLAY, David W., B.A., M.D. Bronchiectasis treated by Incision and Drainage.

FREW, W., M.D., Kilmarnock. Prevalence of Cerebro-spinal Fever in Scotland.

GREENE, G. E. F., L.K.Q.C.P. A Note on a Recent Epidemic of Erysipelas.

MYRTLE, A. S., M.D., Harrogate. Neurasthenia, True and False: Diagnosis and Management.

TOMORY, J. K., M.B. East African Fever, with special reference to Climatic Conditions.

WARNER, Francis, M.D. Methods of Studying and Examining the Nerve System.

Sir W. Roberts, Dr. Lauder Brunton, Dr. Russell Reynolds, Dr. F. W. Pavy have also intimated their intention to take part in the proceedings of the Section.

## SECTION B.—SURGERY.

### Chemistry Class Room.

**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.

As already announced, in this Section discussions have been arranged for on the following subjects:

1. The Surgical Treatment of Abscess of the Lung and of Empyema. To be introduced and supported by Mr. T. Pridgin Teale (Leeds), Sir Spencer Wells (London), Mr. A. Pearce Gould (London), Mr. R. J. Godlee (London), and Mr. W. Thomas (Birmingham).

2. The Operative Treatment of Club-Foot. To be introduced and supported by Sir William Stokes (Dublin), Mr. E. Lund (Manchester), Dr. Alexander Ogston (Aberdeen), Mr. R. W. Parker (London), Mr. E. M. Little (London), Mr. John Chiene (Edinburgh), Mr. W. J. Walsham (London), and others.

The following papers have also been promised.

BENTON, Samuel, Esq., London. On the Treatment of Stricture of the Rectum by Electrolysis.

CLARK, Sir Andrew, London. The History of a Case of Catheter Fever.

CLARKE, W. Bruce, Esq., London. On the Vesical Endoscope.

FENWICK, E. Hurry, Esq., London. Notes from the Experience of 450 Cases of Organic Stricture of the Urethra.

FLEMING, W. J., M.D., Glasgow. 1. On Continuous Extension in Spinal Curvature. 2. On the Treatment of Perineal Fistula.

HARRISON, Reginald, Esq., Liverpool. On an Improvement in the Construction of Ships' Berths, relative to the Treatment of some Surgical Injuries and Diseases at Sea (with models).

KEETLEY, C. B., Esq., London. Plastic Amputations of the Foot.

MCINTYRE, John, Esq., Glasgow. The Electric Illumination of the Cavities of the Body.

OWEN, Edmund, Esq., London. A Case of Trephining for Intracranial Haemorrhage (Subdural); Localisation, Recovery.

RAKE, Bevan, M.D., Trinidad. The Value of Nerve Stretching in Leprosy, based on One Hundred Cases.

ROTH, Bernard, Esq., London. On Scoliosis, or an Accurate Method of Recording Cases of Lateral Curvature of the Spine.

SILCOCK, A. Quarry, Esq., London. On Excision of Enlarged Bursae in the Popliteal Space.

STOKES, Sir William, Dublin. Modification of Griggs's Amputation; and will show Casts of Stumps.

## SECTION C.—OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.

### Medical Jurisprudence Class Room.

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

Professor Stephenson (Aberdeen) will take part in the discussion on Obstructive Dysmenorrhoea.

Dr. Samuel Sloan (Glasgow) will show his Antero-posterior Compression Forceps, and will explain their use in Flat Pelvis.

The following papers are promised.

CAMERON, Murdoch, M.D., Glasgow. 1. On Caesarean Section, with Notes of a Successful Case. 2. On the Thermostatic Nurse, with Cases.

HART, D. Berry, M.D., Edinburgh. Successful Case of Caesarean Section (Pore's modification).

IMLACH, Francis, M.D., Liverpool. The Function of Anemia in Gynaecology.

STEPHENSON, William, M.D., Aberdeen. On the Influence of Potassium on Menstruation.

## SECTION D.—PUBLIC MEDICINE.

### Greek Class Room.

**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.

1. Sanitary Legislation. This discussion will be introduced by the Opening Address of the President of the Section.

2. The Communicable Diseases Common to Man and Animals, and their Relationships. Discussion to be opened on the second

day of the sectional meetings by George Fleming, LL.D., F.R.C.V.S., Chief of the Veterinary Department of the Army.

3. The Disposal of Sewage (a) in Large Towns; (b) in Small Towns and Country Districts. Discussion will be opened on the third day by Dr. James B. Russell, Medical Officer of Health, Glasgow.

The following papers are promised.

DRYSDALE, Charles R., M.D. 1. On Indigence as a Main Cause of High Death-rates. 2. The Berlin and Parisian Sewage Farms.

HIME, T. W., M.B. Milk Scarlet Fever.

KERR, Norman, M.D. Some Risks of Sanitation.

SIMPSON, —, M.D., Medical Officer of Health, Calcutta. On Cholera and its Fostering Conditions in the Endemic Area.

SUTHERLAND, J. Francis, M.D. National Sanatoria.

## SECTION E.—PSYCHOLOGY.

### Hebrew Class Room.

**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.

Dr. J. C. Howden, the President of the Section, will deliver an Address.

Dr. C. M. Campbell will introduce a discussion on the Uniform Recording of Post-Mortem Examinations in Asylum Reports.

Drs. A. Yellowlees and A. Campbell Clark will introduce the following subject: The Sexual and Reproductive Functions—Normal and Perverted—in Relation to Insanity. 1. Menstruation: its Commencement, Irregularities, and Cessation; 2. The Sexual Instinct and its Abuse; 3. Pregnancy, Parturition, the Puerperal Period, and Lactation.

Dr. Clouston will initiate a discussion on the Principle of Construction and Arrangement of an Asylum for Private Patients of the Richer Classes.

The following have promised papers: Drs. Savage, Hack Tuke, Fletcher Beach, Charles Mercier, W. J. Mickle, and Turnbull.

## SECTION F.—ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.

### Anatomy Class Room.

**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.R.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.

C. B. Lockwood, F.R.C.S., will introduce a discussion on the Teaching of Anatomy; and will show sections illustrating the Development of the Organs of Circulation and Respiration.

The following papers are promised.

BROOKS, Henry St. John, M.D. On the Morphology of the Epitrochleo-anconeus or Anconeus Sextus (Gruber).

BROWN, J. Macdonald, M.B., F.R.C.S. The Construction of the Cardiac Ventricles in the Mammalia.

CLELAND, Professor, M.D., F.R.S. On the Nature of Certain Forms of Double Monstrosity.

COLLIER, Mark P. Mayo, M.B., F.R.C.S. On the Mechanism of the Heart and Pulse.

LANE, W. Arbuthnot, M.B., F.R.C.S. The Influence Produced by Excessive Strain upon Muscles and Ligaments (to be illustrated by specimens).

PATERSON, A. M., M.D. On the Position of the Vertebrate Limb, considered in the Light of its Innervation and Development.

## SECTION G.—PATHOLOGY.

### Law Class Room.

**G. PATHOLOGY.**—*President*, Sir William Aitken, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S. *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.

Arrangements are being made to hold a discussion on Cancer originating apart from Epithelial Structures, in which Mr. Lawson Tait (Birmingham), Dr. Joseph Coats, Dr. John Carlyle (Greenock), and others are expected to take part.

The following papers have been promised.

BRUCE, Alex., M.B., F.R.C.P. Edin. On Disseminated Sclerosis.

COATS, Joseph, M.D. On a Case of Lipemia in Diabetes, with Suggestions as to the Source of the Fat.

KENNEDY, —, —, On Case of Cystic Kidneys and Liver.

MAPOTHER, E. D., M.D., Dublin. An Anomalous Form of Eczema.

MAYLARD, A. E., M.B., B.S. Lond. The Results of some Bacteriological Cultivation Experiments with Iodoform.

RAKE, Bevan, M.D. Lond., Medical Superintendent of the Trinidad Leper Asylum. The Percentage of Fibrin in the Blood of Lepers.

RUSSELL, William, M.D. The Pathology of Pernicious Anemia.

The following gentlemen have also intimated their intention of contributing to the business of the Section by reading papers or otherwise: Professor Greenfield, Professor Roy, Professor D. J.

Hamilton, Dr. William Hunter, Dr. Barrett (Edinburgh), Dr. McFadyean (Edinburgh), Alex. Edington, M.B. (Edinburgh), etc.

**Demonstrations.**—Dr. Alexander Bruce (Edinburgh) will give a Magic Lantern Demonstration on Diseases of the Spinal Cord; and Alexander Edington, M.B. (Edinburgh), a Bacteriological Demonstration. Arrangements are also being made for a series of Microscopical Demonstrations illustrative of Tumours, Tuberculosis, etc.

**Pathological Section of the Annual Museum.**—Intimation has been received of the following exhibits for this Section of the Annual Museum: 1. Calculi removed by Lithotomy, by Professor George Buchanan. 2. Calculi removed by Lithotomy or by Scoop, by Professor George Buchanan. 3. Miscellaneous Objects removed from the Body, by Professor George Buchanan, namely: Bullets, Needles, Cases of Teeth, Impacted Pessaries, etc., also Isolated Bones of the Tarsus Excised. 4. Rhinoplasty: Wax Cast, by Professor George Buchanan. 5. Bladder and Urethra showing False Passages. 6. Selected Specimens from the Private Collection of Professor W. T. Gairdner. 7. A Series of Specimens of Tumours of the Brain, by Dr. Joseph Coats. 8. A Series of Specimens illustrative of Diseases of the Kidneys, by Dr. David Newman. 9. A Series of Specimens illustrative of Leprosy, by Dr. Beaven Rake (Trinidad). 10. A Series of Large Sections illustrating Malignant Tumours of the Lung; and a Series of Specimens illustrating Deformities of the Liver, by Drs. Woodhead and Bruce. 11. Drawings and Sections to illustrate Diseases of Bone and Joints, by Mr. F. M. Caird (Edinburgh). 12. A Series of Specimens illustrative of Diseases of the Heart, by Dr. John Lindsay Steven.

As space for the Museum is somewhat limited, gentlemen intending to send specimens should intimate their intention without delay to John Lindsay Steven, M.D., 34, Berkeley Terrace, Glasgow, Honorary Secretary of the Section of Pathology of the Annual Museum.

## SECTION H.—OPHTHALMOLOGY.

### Midwifery Class Room.

**H. OPTHALMOLOGY.**—*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.

Mr. Brudenell Carter will open a discussion on the Treatment of Senile Cataract. Drs. Prichard, Meighan, Mason, Teale, and others have promised to take part in the discussion.

The President of the Section intends to give a Demonstration of several Instruments of Use in Ophthalmic Diagnosis.

The following papers are promised.

BICKERTON, T. H., M.D., Liverpool. Sailors and their Eyesight.  
MACKAY, George, M.D., Edinburgh. A Contribution to the Study of Hemianopia of Central Origin, with special reference to Acquired Colour Blindness.  
MEIGHAN, T. S., M.D., Glasgow. On the Treatment of Symbblepharon by Transplantation of Mucous Membrane from the Lip.  
RENTON, J. C., M.D., Glasgow. The Value of the Caustery in the Treatment of Ulceration of the Cornea.  
WOLFE, J. R., M.D., Glasgow. Detachment of the Retina.

## SECTION I.—OTOLOGY.

### Biblical Criticism Class Room.

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

The following special subjects have been proposed for formal discussion:

1. The Conditions calling for Perforation of the Mastoid Portion of the Temporal Bone, and the Best Methods of Operating. Mr. Peter McBride has promised a paper on this subject.

2. The True Value of those Aids to Hearing usually termed "Artificial Tympanic Membranes." Dr. W. L. Purves has promised a paper on this subject.

3. Adenoid Growths in the Naso-Pharynx; their Influence on the Middle Ear, and their Treatment.

The following have promised papers.

BROWNE, Lennox, Esq. (Title not received.)  
TORRANCE, R., Esq. On Syphilitic Cochleitis.  
WARDEN, Charles, M.D. (Title not received.)

## SECTION J.—DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

### English Literature Class Room.

**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, Sandy-

ford Place, Glasgow; W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., F.R.C.S., 14, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.

The following two discussions will take place:

1. Diphtheria: (a) Etiology. (b) Relationship to other Infectious Diseases, and to other Forms of Sore Throat; Occurrence on Open Wounds and on Mucous Membranes other than those of the Throat. (c) Diagnosis. What are the Distinctive Features, especially those Distinguishing the Lesion in the Throat from other Forms of Sore Throat? Does Membranous Croup occur apart from Diphtheria? (d) Pathology and Sequelae. (e) Medical Treatment. (f) Surgical Treatment; Tracheotomy; Tubage. This will be opened by Dr. A. Jacobi (New York). Drs. E. Owen, H. R. Hutton, W. T. Gairdner, James Finlayson, D. Newman, George Buchanan, H. C. Cameron, and John Macintyre will take part in the discussion.

2. Rickets: (a) Etiology and Prevention. (b) Its Connection with Syphilis and Scurvy. Is Enlargement of the Liver and the Spleen always present, more or less, in Rickets; or only in Cases of Syphilitic Origin? (c) Medical Treatment. (d) Surgical Treatment; at what Stage, and in what Way? Drs. Macewen, R. W. Parker, H. R. Hutton, R. Hagyard, L. W. Marshall, E. L. Freer, and John Gordon will take part in the discussion.

Drs. Jacobi (New York), Keating (Philadelphia), Ranke (Munich), and Sanné (Paris), and other members of the profession on the Continent have been invited.

## SECTION K.—PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS.

### Conveyancing Class Room.

**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.

A special discussion will be opened by Professor Theodore Cash, M.D., F.R.S., on Carbolic Acid, Antipyrin, Antifebrin, and their Allies, especially as regards their Antipyretic, Analgesic, and Antiseptic Actions. Dr. Walter G. Smith (Dublin) will take part in the discussion.

Dr. W. Allan Jamieson (Edinburgh) will show two cases of Xeroderma Pigmentosum.

The following have promised papers.

DOUGALL, J., M.D., Glasgow. (Title not received.)  
DUNSTON, C. R., M.D. 1. On the Therapeutic Value of Alcohol. 2. The so-called Abortive Treatment of Syphilis.

## SECTION L.—LARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY.

### Divinity Class Room.

**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.

The following subjects are proposed for special discussion:

1. The Use and Abuse of Local Treatment in Diseases of the Upper Air Passages. To be opened by Dr. de Havilland Hall (London) and Mr. Stoker (London).

2. The Causes, Effects, and Treatment of Nasal Stenosis. To be opened by Dr. Macintyre (Glasgow) and Mr. Creswell Baber (Brighton).

3. Hæmorrhages from the Pharynx and Larynx, and other Hæmorrhages which simulate these. To be opened by Dr. Percy Kidd (London) and Dr. Hodgkinson (Manchester) (probably).

The following gentlemen hope to take part in the discussions: Dr. Prosser James (London), Dr. McBride (Edinburgh), Dr. Charles Warden (Birmingham), Dr. Cartaz (Paris), and Mr. Richard Ellis (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following papers have been promised.

JOHNSTONE, R. Mackenzie, M.D. Account of a Case of Tumour of the Naso-Pharynx.  
MCBRIDE, P., M.D., Edinburgh. On Hay-Fever and Allied Conditions.  
MACINTYRE, J., M.D. Anatomical Demonstration of the Larynx.  
NEWMAN, D., M.D. Two Cases of Complete Laryngeal Stenosis produced by Wounds of the Larynx in Attempted Suicides.  
WARDEN, C., M.D. (Title of paper not yet received.)

Members desirous of reading papers, or joining in the discussions, are earnestly requested to communicate without delay with the Secretaries of the respective Sections.

## ANNUAL MUSEUM.

THE Annual Museum will be held on August 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, in the Examination Hall of the University of Glasgow, and will be arranged in the following six Sections:



**SECTION A.**—Food and Drugs, including Antiseptic Dressings, and other Chemical and Pharmaceutical Preparations. (Honorary Secretary, R. S. Thomson, B.Sc., M.B., C.M., 3, Melrose Street.)

**SECTION B.**—Pathology, comprising Casts, Models, Diagrams, Microscopical Preparations, and Micro-organisms. (Honorary Secretary, J. Lindsay Steven, M.D., 34, Berkeley Terrace.)

**SECTION C.**—Anatomy, comprising Special Dissections, Methods of Mounting, Abnormalities, Drawings, Medals, etc. (Honorary Secretary, J. Yule Mackay, M.D., 34, Elmbank Crescent.)

**SECTION D.**—Physiology, consisting of Apparatus, Microscopes, Microtomes, and Microscopical Preparations of Normal Histology. (Honorary Secretary, J. McGregor Robertson, M.A., M.B., C.M., 400, Great Western Road.)

**SECTION E.**—Instruments and Books, including Appliances—Medical, Surgical, and Electrical. (Honorary Secretary, J. Macintyre, M.B., C.M., 173, Bath Street.)

**SECTION F.**—Sanitation (1) Domestic Sanitary Appliances, embracing all Improvements applicable to the Treatment of the Sick in Private Dwellings. (2) Personal Hygiene, including Dress and Gymnastic Appliances. (3) Ambulances, Carriages, and all other Appliances used for the Conveyance and Treatment of the Sick and Wounded, either in Civil, Naval, or Military Practice. (4) Drawings, Models, and Apparatus illustrative of the Ventilation, Lighting, and Draining of Hospitals. (5) Hospital Furniture. (6) Sanitary Appliances in connection with Educational Institutions and Public Buildings. (Honorary Secretary, 1, 2, 3, Robert Pollok, M.B., C.M., Pollokshields; Honorary Secretary, 4, 5, and 6, A. W. Russell, M.A., M.B., C.M., Western Infirmary.)

Intending exhibitors should communicate as early as possible with the Secretary of the Section in which they propose to exhibit, as the Museum Catalogue must be complete one month before the date of meeting. Inquiries as to advertisements in the Catalogue should be sent without delay to Dr. Thomson, 3, Melrose Street, Glasgow.

Honorary General Secretaries of Museum Committee, A. Ernest Maylard, B.S., M.B., 4, Berkeley Terrace; R. S. Thomson, B.Sc., M.B., C.M., 3, Melrose Terrace.

Honorary Local Treasurers, Joseph Coats, M.D.; Jas. B. Russell, M.D.

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.

#### EXCURSIONS.

The following eight excursions will take place on Saturday, August 11th.

1. *Lanark and Falls of Clyde.*—The party, limited to 100, will leave the Central Station by special train about 10 A.M., for Tillietudlem, where, by the kind permission of the Earl of Home, an opportunity will be given to visit the ruins of Craignethan Castle, the scene of Sir Walter Scott's *Old Mortality*; proceeding on foot to the picturesque ravine of the River Nethan for about a mile; the party will then be conveyed by coach through some of the most charming Clydesdale scenery to the Falls, visiting Stonebyres, and then, by the kindness of the proprietor, will enter the Corehouse estate, to see Cora and Bonnington Linns. Returning by coach to Lanark, dinner will be served about 2.30 P.M., in the Clydesdale Hotel. After dinner the party will be shown the library of Dr. William Smellie, the famous obstetrician, which was bequeathed by him to the Grammar School of that town. It is a very interesting collection of books, containing two or three black letter volumes. It is also expected that the Lee talisman, or "Lee Penny," will be shown to the visitors. This charm was taken from the Saracens by Sir Simon Lockhart, of Lee, after a battle, as part ransom of a captive. It was deemed a charm of great medicinal virtue in the end of the last century. It gives the title to *The Talisman*, another of the novels of Sir Walter Scott. Afterwards short excursions may be made on foot to Cartland Crags, Roman Bridge, Old Abbey, and Smellie's grave. The party will return from Lanark by special train to Glasgow, arriving not later than 8 P.M.

2. *Ayr and the Land of Burns.*—The party, fixed at 100, will leave Glasgow about 9.30 A.M., by special train to Ayr. Thence by conveyances it will proceed, *via* Maybole, to Crossraguet Abbey (one of the finest Gothic remains in Great Britain), thence to Cutzean Castle, where it is expected the party will be received by his Grace the Marquis of Ailsa, and returning to Ayr by the sea-shore to Burns's Monument, Alloway Kirk, Burns's

Cottage, and "Twa Brigs." Dinner will be served at the Station Hotel; after which, by special train, the party will return to town.

3. *The Perthshire Highlands, Lochearnhead and Crieff.*—The party, numbering 100, will leave Buchanan Street Station about 9.15 A.M., in special saloon carriages, for Lochearnhead, and during the journey will see some of the finest Highland scenery, thence by coaches *via* Loch Earn, to St. Tillans, where a halt will be made for refreshments, at the Drummond Arms Hotel; then to Cannie, where a second halt will take place to visit the Devil's Cauldron, and thence to Crieff, where the party will be entertained to dinner by Dr. Meikle, at his Hydropathic Establishment. After dinner, short walks to places of interest in the neighbourhood may be made, and the party will leave Crieff in the same saloon carriages for Glasgow, where it will arrive about 8 P.M.

4. *Callander and the Trossachs (Loch Katrine).*—The party, 100 in number, will leave the same station as last at the same hour, in special saloon carriages, for Callander, where coaches will be in readiness to convey them to Loch Katrine. Dinner will be served about 2 P.M., in the Trossachs Hotel, after which visitors may enjoy a sail on the loch to the Silver Strand, mentioned by Sir Walter Scott in the *Lady of the Lake*. The party will return by the same route to Glasgow, where it will arrive about the same time as the former excursion.

5. *Arran.*—The party, numbering 100, will leave Bridge Street Station in saloon carriages about 9 A.M., for Wemyss Bay, where, it will join the famous Clyde steamer *Ivanhoe*, which *en route* to Arran calls at Rothesay, and passes through the Kyles of Bute. Dinner will be served on board during the passage. On landing on the island the party will be enabled to visit Broderick Castle, by the kind permission of his Grace the Duke of Hamilton. The party will return to Glasgow by the same route, arriving there about 7.30 P.M.

6. *Stirling, Bridge of Allan, and Dunblane Cathedral.*—The party, limited to 100, will leave Buchanan Street Station about 9.15 A.M. by special train for Stirling. On arrival visits will be paid to the Castle of historic renown, the Royal Infirmary, High Church, etc., under the conduct of Provost Yellowlees of that town, and Dr. Haldane, of Bridge of Allan, returning to the Smith Institute, where cake and wine will be served. Thence the party will proceed by conveyances to the Wallace Monument, *via* the King's Park, where an unrivalled view is to be obtained, then through the demesne of Airthrey, the seat of the Right Honourable Lord Abercromby, to Bridge of Allan, where dinner will be served in the new Museum Halls. After dinner seats in the conveyances will again be taken, and the party will then drive through the grounds of Keir, the seat of the late Sir W. Stirling Maxwell of bibliophilic fame, and Kippenross, to Dunblane, where the Cathedral and Library of Archbishop Leighton will be visited. The party will then return by the famous Wharry Glen to the Spa at Bridge of Allan, where tea will be provided for the visitors at the Hydropathic Establishment. The party will leave Bridge of Allan for town, arriving there about 8 P.M.

7. *Rothesay and the Kyles of Bute.*—The party, fixed at 250, will leave Central Station about 9 A.M., by special train from Greenock, where it will join the new steamer *Victoria*, specially chartered for the trip. The steamer will then sail down the Firth of Clyde to Rothesay, and thence will proceed through the Kyles of Bute, up Loch Ridden, and then round the Island of Bute to Kilchattan Bay pier, where those of the party who choose may land to walk to Mount Stuart, the seat of his Grace the Marquis of Bute, visiting on the way the beaver colony, now an almost unique sight. The remainder of the party will return to Rothesay by the steamer, where conveyances will be in readiness to convey them to Mount Stuart; on returning, the party will alight at the Glenburn Hydropathic Establishment, where, by the kindness of Dr. Philp, the proprietor, tea will be served to the party at 5 P.M. Dinner will be served on board the *Victoria en route*. After tea a visit may be paid to Rothesay Castle. The return journey to Glasgow will be made by the same steamer, either to Greenock or Wemyss Bay (not yet decided), and thence by special train, arriving in town about 8 P.M.

8. *Loch Lomond.*—The party, numbering 150, will leave the North British Railway Station, Dundas Street, at 10 A.M., by special train for Balloch Pier, where it will be waited for by a special steamer; during its passage to the head of the loch all the places of historic interest will be pointed out. Facilities will be given, by arrangement made before or in the early part of the

meeting, for an ascent of Ben Lomond by a small party. On arriving at the head of the loch fifty of the party (to be fixed by ballot or choice) will land, the remainder returning by the same steamer to Tarbet, where dinner will be served about 2.30 p.m. in the hotel. From here parties may visit Loch Long by a very picturesque road. For the party of fifty left at the head of the loch a special dinner will be provided on board the steamer, arriving there about 2 p.m. The return journey will be made by steamer to Balloch, and by special train to town, arriving about 7 p.m. As this is the busiest time of the tourist season, intending visitors to this place should apply early, in order that completely comfortable arrangements may be made.

Short descriptive sketches of the different excursions will be given in the JOURNAL from week to week, in order to enable visitors to determine their choice, and also that early applications may be made during the meeting for tickets.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### VIENNA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

*The Question of Trephining in Cerebral Lesions.—Resection of Vermiform Appendix in Perityphlitis.*

PROFESSOR NOTHNAGEL recently showed the following case to the Imperial Royal Society of Physicians of Vienna. The patient, a girl, aged 18, had been struck on the head with a sabre. She instantly fell down, lost consciousness, and came to herself after half an hour with paralysis of the right arm and the right leg. The paralysis disappeared after some days, but some impairment of sensibility remained behind. Since then she constantly suffered from headache. About fourteen days after the healing of the wound, convulsions, lasting from one to two minutes, supervened in the right leg. At present the patient did not suffer from convulsions, and both upper extremities showed a fairly equal degree of power. The right lower extremity was somewhat paretic, and was still subject to convulsive attacks, consisting in frequent and rapid contractions; consciousness and sensibility were unimpaired. The scar on the vertex of the skull exactly corresponded to the spot in the brain which must have been injured. The central convulsions, and especially the centre governing the lower extremity, had their seat there. The only doubt was as to whether the neighbouring convulsions were not equally affected. There must be a lesion in the brain causing two conditions, namely: (1) debility and inhibition of function; and (2) irritation, as spasms used to occur occasionally. Both these conditions could be explained by the supposition of a vegetation of bone, having the periosteum as its point of departure. The important question now arises as to what should be done in a case like this. There was scarcely any doubt that the treatment with bromide of potassium and galvanisation, etc., would be quite useless. We had to ask the surgeons whether trephining was indicated in such a case. If no changes were to be found in the bone, the dura mater would have to be opened. The lecturer had a patient of his trephined last year, but without success, probably because the dura mater had not been opened. It was, moreover, a question whether the inconveniences from which the patient now suffered would justify such an operation, or whether the complete development of Jacksonian epilepsy should be waited for before any surgical intervention. The lecturer holds that this will probably not be the case. Docens Dr. Maydl remarked that about ten cases of this kind had been reported in the JOURNAL of 1887; in two of these cases tuberculosis and sarcoma were present. In all these cases except that of sarcoma, the operation was attended with good results; in the case of sarcoma, recurrence took place, and the patient died. There was no doubt about the success of the operation, though there was an eleventh case on record (that of Bergmann) in which the operation ended fatally. As to the therapeutic effect, the results were not in all cases the same. In the majority of cases the attacks disappeared after operation, returned after a certain time, and completely disappeared after an interval of some weeks. Professor von Dittel also spoke in favour of the operation.

Dr. Brenner, Assistant to Professor von Dittel, showed a patient, aged 19, who had been admitted into Professor von Dittel's clinic in March last, with symptoms of severe intestinal obstruction. The history of the case and the intense pain in the caecal region

led them to conclude, with a certain degree of probability, that they had to deal with perityphlitis and consecutive suppurating peritonitis. Laparotomy was performed on the day of admission. After opening the abdomen, a great quantity of pus escaped; the intestines were washed with a solution of salicylic acid; and on close examination it was found that there was an abscess in the region of the caecum around the vermiform appendix, which was perforated. The vermiform appendix was ligatured and removed. The part of the caecum which had become affected by the suppurating process was drawn forwards and fixed to the abdominal wound by means of sutures, as resection of the intestine could not be done, owing to the collapsed state of the patient during the operation. The abdominal wound was closed, and healing took place by first intention. Three other cases of suppurating peritonitis following perityphlitis were treated in the wards of Professor von Dittel by laparotomy, but all ended fatally. Dr. Brenner remarked that the recent advance in the surgical treatment of these cases consisted in the fact that operation was resorted to at an early date, and that the affected part of the intestine was removed from the abdominal cavity. This was the first case of healing after resection of the vermiform appendix when general peritonitis was already present.

### BERLIN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

*Health of the Emperor.*

THE improvement in the health of the Emperor, which I mentioned in my last letter, still continues. The journals every day report increase of strength and appetite on the part of the illustrious patient. This agrees with what I am now able to state on the best authority; namely, that the physicians in attendance on His Majesty are no longer certain about the diagnosis. The pathological character of the swelling and the clinical course of the affection are so entirely different from all that is known generally to occur in laryngeal cancer, that to state the fact bluntly, the physicians do not know the nature of the disease with which they have to deal. This uncertainty of course is in itself an immense improvement on the terrible diagnosis which was arrived at in November. This change of opinion has not yet been officially made known to the public, for fear of exciting hopes which might afterwards be disappointed.

It seems to me that a more hopeful opinion has prevailed since Professor Rudolf Virchow, who returned from Egypt not long ago, had the opportunity of examining the affected parts. You are acquainted with Virchow's opinion that alveolar structure is to be considered as cancer only if the nested cells are found in the mucous tissue itself, and that alveolar structure in the epithelium—that is, above the mucosa—has no malignant character. This, however, is not the opinion of our greatest anatomist, Professor Waldeyer, whose researches on carcinoma, as you know, are classical. Waldeyer believes that nests of epithelial cells arranged like an onion constitute cancer wherever they are found. Therefore where Virchow finds only "pachydermia laryngis," Waldeyer sees cancer. The future will show which of these eminent pathologists is right. The fact, however, remains that the Emperor himself must be more hopeful as to his prospects of life than he was some time ago. This is proved by certain acts of political importance. When His Majesty returned from San Remo after the death of his illustrious father, the continuity of the Government was not interrupted in any manner. The ministers remained in their places, and no liberal measures were brought forward, though it was well known to the whole German people that the new Emperor was far more liberally inclined than his predecessor. The conviction, therefore, was universal, that the sick monarch did not mean to begin what he was sure not to finish. Since about a fortnight a change is to be observed. Eminent deputies of the Liberal party, like Virchow and Forckenbeck, have been honoured with high decorations, and the position of the Minister of the Interior, Herr von Puttkamer, an extreme Conservative, seems to be considerably weakened.

All this proves that the Emperor has taken the reins of Government into his own hands, and that his physicians must have given him hopes of a longer life. Even Professor Senator, who was absolutely convinced of the malignant nature of the disease, is now, as I have just heard, not without hope that the Emperor's life may be prolonged for several years.

medical charge of the 16th Native Infantry during the absence of Surgeon-Major W. C. Kiernander.

Brigade-Surgeon W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Madras Establishment, doing duty in the Eastern District, is directed to do duty with the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

The undermentioned Surgeons, appointed to the Bengal Establishment, reported their arrival at Bombay on the dates specified: A. COLEMAN, April 9th; A. E. ROBERTS, D. M. DAVIDSON, J. C. LAMONT, A. H. NOTT, W. W. WHITE, D. T. LANE, M.D., R. C. MACWATT, W. H. B. WOODWRIGHT, J. K. CLOSE, M.D., and J. M. MACNAMARA, M.D., April 22nd.

Brigade-Surgeon J. E. T. ATCHISON, M.D., C.I.E., Bengal Establishment, has retired from the service, which he entered as Assistant-Surgeon, January 27th, 1858. He was engaged in the war in Afghanistan in 1878, and was at the capture of the Peiwar Kotai, for which he received the medal with clasp.

In the JOURNAL of May 18th it is stated, in the paragraph announcing the retirement of Brigade-Surgeon A. GARDEN, that he has no war record. We are asked to say that this is not correct, as Brigade-Surgeon Garden was present during the Indian Mutiny campaign in 1857-59, including the siege of Lucknow, and received the medal with clasp granted for the campaign.

#### FOREIGN SERVICE.

REGULATIONS have been issued from the War Office notifying that in future the period of service abroad for medical and veterinary officers, chaplains, and officers of the Commissariat and Transport Corps, Ordnance Store Corps, and Army Pay Department, will be four years for station in the West Indies, Bermudas, China, Ceylon, and Mauritius, and six years for all others, except the West Coast of Africa, where each month's service will be reckoned as three months.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—The annual dinner was held in the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, June 5th; Sir Thomas Crawford, K.C.B., in the chair. There were also present: Sir William Aitken; Surgeons-General Balfour, C.B.; Ekin, C.B.; Fraser, C. A. Gordon, C.B.; Irvine; Massy, C.B.; Muschamp; O'Nial, C.B.; Reade, C.B.; Webb. Deputy Surgeons-General Don; Jeffcoat; Laing; McGrath; Marston, C.B.; Sly; Veale; Watts. Brigade-Surgeons Anderson, C.I.E.; Candy, Clarke, Corban, Gribbon, Hector, Jagoe, Jameson, Leask, Mackenzie, Mackinnon, Maunsell, Myers, Nash, O'Dwyer, Owen, Wilson, Wright. Surgeons-Major Allin, Beattie, Boileau, Faris, Harvey, Johnston, Le Mottée, Ligertwood, McNamara, Maturin, O'Farrell, Pratt, Rae, Roe, Shaw, Slaughter. Surgeons Clark, Falvey, Harris, Harwood, Kirkpatrick, Morris, Treherne, Trewman. The guests were Sir Andrew Clark, Bart.; Sir William MacCormac; Director-General Dick, C.B., R.N.; Mr. Ernest Hart, Mr. Wakley, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Norton.

### MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

#### CERTIFICATES OF SICKNESS IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES.

T. S. H. asks whether it is legal to receive the certificate of a chemist in a school attendance case?

\*\*\* By Section 74 of the Elementary Education Act 1870, the fact that a child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any other unavoidable cause is defined to be a "reasonable excuse" for his failure to attend school. When a parent is summoned, this, like any other material fact, must, if disputed, be proved by proper evidence. The certificate of a chemist is just as good for this purpose as the certificate of a qualified medical practitioner or of anyone else—that is, it is legally no good at all. The evidence on which the court acts is the statement of some person who knows the child to be ill; but the production of a certificate is often accepted as a corroboration of that evidence. If objected to, a certificate ought in strictness not to be received at all.

#### THE APOTHECARIES' HALL AND THE TITLE OF ITS NEW LICENCE.

LIC. MED. writes: In Mr. Carpenter's letter in the JOURNAL of May 26th is the following passage: "To the profession and to lawyers L.M.Lond. would imply 'Licentiate in Midwifery of the Royal College of Surgeons,' which would render any apothecary taking that title, unless he possessed it, liable to criminal proceedings." May I ask how it is that the majority of Scotch licentiates are allowed to call themselves L.M.Glasgow or Edinburgh, when there is no such registrable qualification given by any university or corporation in Scotland? Is it only an apothecary who is liable to prosecution?

\*\*\* It is precisely because the universities and colleges of Glasgow and Edinburgh do not confer a separate Licentiate in Midwifery, as does the College of Surgeons (Eng.), that persons calling themselves "L.M.Glasg." or "L.M.Edin." would not by so doing be liable to prosecution, as would a person representing he was a L.M. of the College of Surgeons, for falsely pretending they possessed a legally recognised diploma.

#### "A HYPOTHETICAL CASE."

A.—If our correspondent, instead of vague, general imputations, will submit a specific charge in reference to the alleged misdoings of B. and C. in the hypothetical case briefly alluded to in the JOURNAL of May 26th, we will carefully consider it, in connection with any statement from the other side, and, if expedient, comment thereon. As the case at present stands, A. cannot fail to recognise the fact that no overt acts have been adduced on which we can comment, or arraignment made on which to adjudicate.

#### ASSISTANTS AND LEGAL FEES.

JUSTITIA asks whether it is the custom for a qualified assistant to retain any part or the whole of fees received by him for giving evidence in a police court on a case which has been under his care; also the same concerning evidence given in a coroner's court.

\*\*\* A qualified assistant can legally claim the fee for giving evidence at a police court or inquest, unless debarred by terms of his agreement, but such claim is rarely made by any assistant who wishes to retain the confidence and friendship of the principal. In some cases the division of fees is made a matter of agreement.

## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

#### LONDON.

EXPENDITURE OF THE UNIVERSITY.—Now that a strong endeavour is being made to found a new university in London, considerable interest attaches to the following extract from the Educational Estimates, 1888-89. For the London University the sums set apart are as follows:—Salaries and wages, £3,503; examiners, £7,252; exhibitions, scholarships, etc., £1,997; incidental expenses, £900; total, £13,652. The exhibitions include two at matriculation of the value of £30 each, two of £20, and two of £15, with eleven others at different stages of graduation. The scholarships are fourteen in number, and vary in value from £50 to £150. The prizes are eight in number, and the medals twenty-one.

The sums set apart for other universities and colleges in England and Wales are as follows:—

A.—In aid of the expenses of the University College			
	for North Wales	...	£4,000
B.—	"	South Wales	4,000
C.—	"	Aberystwith	4,000
D.—	"	Victoria University	2,000
Total			£14,000

#### CAMBRIDGE.

At the Congregation held on Thursday, June 7th, the Rev. W. E. Smyth, M.A., of King's College, was admitted to the degree of M.B., and Reginald R. Whishaw, M.B., B.A., of Cavendish College, to the degree of B.C.

## OBITUARY.

#### PROFESSOR L. M. POLITZER, M.D., Vienna.

DR. POLITZER, the eminent Professor of Pædiatrics in the University of Vienna, and one of the most distinguished physicians in Austria, died at Vienna on May 23rd. He was the first to introduce the critical methods of modern medicine and natural science into the study of children's diseases, and to sweep away the dogmatic and arbitrary doctrines, especially with respect to their etiology and treatment, which had prevailed up to that time. He showed that the causes of disease were the same in the child as in the adult, and the differences in the symptoms were not solely due to the frequent occurrence of ascaris lumbricoides in the intestinal tract, or to the universal morbid influence ascribed to dentition, but they were due to the anatomical and physiological peculiarities of the newborn and rapidly developing organism. His influence on therapeutics was most important, and he energetically protested against the general use of certain medicaments in all possible cases of disease, in particular against the abuse of laxatives and emetics, and the too frequent prescription of ipecacuanha, antimony, and calomel.

Politzer was born at Arad, in Hungary, in 1814, and after completing his preparatory studies in his native town, he studied medicine at Buda-Pesth and Vienna where he obtained his M.D. degree in 1839. Later on, he became the assistant of Professor Mauthner in the "St. Anna Kinderspital," where he acquired a great reputation throughout Austria and abroad by his literary activity. In 1875 he received the title of Professor, and in 1880 he was intrusted with the management of the first public institution for the diseases of children in Vienna. In June, 1853, he started, together with Mayer and Schüller, the well-known *Jahrbuch für Kinderheilkunde*. Among his writings may be mentioned: "Prejudices and Errors in the Pathology and Therapeutics of Children's Diseases," 1874; "Principles of



Scientific Dietetics and Physical Education of the Child," 1858; "Treatment of the most important Diseases of the Infantile Age," 1859; "Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Brain and the Meninges," 1861; "On the Special Nosology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of the Cerebral Diseases of the Child," 1863; "Therapeutic Experiments on the most important Drugs in the Practice of Children's Diseases," 1863 and 1864; "Several Cases of Noma," 1864; "Bronchial Asthma and Bronchial Spasm in the Infantile Age," 1870; "On the Diseases ascribed to Dentition and their Admission into Pathology," 1874; "Criticism and Reform of Therapeutics," 1875; "The Origin of Danger in the Course of Disease," 1881; "On the Value of Certain Single Symptoms for the Diagnosis of the Diseases of the Infantile Age," 1887, etc. Most of these papers appeared in the *Jahrbuch für Kinderheilkunde*.

Politzer was also the first to recognise the occurrence of bronchial asthma with the characteristic type of respiration in sucklings, and he was one of the first to point out that the disease which was called "pseudo-paralysis syphilitica" in newborn children was not to be looked upon as a cerebral paralysis, but only as an osteo-chondritic inflammatory process.

## INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

### INDIA.

THE new Walter Hospital at Oodeypore was opened by the Resident in state on the Queen's birthday.

**BOMBAY GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—The same apathy that the Bombay Government has shown in the matter of the provision of suitable quarters for the English nurses at the European General Hospital is said to prevail in regard to the residence of the house-surgeon, from the insanitary condition of which both he and his family have suffered in health. This state of things was reported to the authorities more than a year ago; and the Public Works Department, recognising the urgent need, undertook that a new building should be erected at the earliest possible date. This has not been done.

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN INDIA.**—A Parliamentary paper, just published, contains a despatch dated May 17th, 1888, from the Secretary of State for India in Council to the Indian Government, with respect to the Contagious Diseases Act and the Cantonment Acts and Regulations of that country. The former Act, as far as it related to India, was only in operation in Madras, Bombay, and Bassein (Lower Burmah), and the Indian Government had determined to suspend it in these places. To this Viscount Cross gives his consent, but requests that the result of the suspension may be carefully watched. With regard to the Cantonment Acts, he says that the health and efficiency of the British garrison have been steadily kept in view since the measure was brought into operation. The maintenance of the cantonments in a proper sanitary condition and the prevention and cure of disease are equally matters of the highest importance, and all infectious disease ought to be dealt with as a question of police. No examination should be imposed upon women compulsorily, but no person likely to spread disease ought to be allowed within the cantonments except in hospital, and no one who objects to medical treatment ought to be in the cantonment at all. The result of the latest inquiries has shown the necessity for the regulation of prostitution in cantonments. Viscount Cross thinks that the rules framed under Clauses 7-31 of Section 27 of Act III (1880) require revision, and the principle to be borne in mind is, that the efforts to control prostitution and to mitigate its attendant evils should not be developed into anything that can assume the appearance of an encouragement of vice or a legalisation of prostitution by the Government and its officers.

### SOUTH AFRICA.

**IRREGULAR PRACTITIONERS.**—The state of the law for the suppression of irregular practice in South Africa can hardly be considered satisfactory. In recently sentencing a Hindoo to a fine of £10 for practising as a physician in Capetown without a licence, Mr. Justice Buchanan said it was utterly useless instituting prosecutions of the kind unless the accused had property. He had had a similar case at Grahamstown, and reserved for the Court of Appeal the question whether the convicted person could not be imprisoned on failure to pay the fine. The Court of Appeal held that no alternative punishment could be imposed.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

### DRAINAGE AND DIPHTHERIA.

AN important case has just been decided in the Glasgow Sheriff Court. The pursuer was a tenant of a house in Glasgow, and on June 3rd, 1887, his only child died from diphtheria. It was proved at the trial that for several months previously the house had been in an insanitary condition, through faulty condition of drains, and that the defenders, though frequently applied to by the pursuer to have them put in order, and eventually directed by the sanitary authorities to do so, did not put them in order till after the death of the child. The sheriff therefore found that the death of the pursuer's child was due to the fault of the defenders, and awarded pursuer £100 as compensation. In a note the sheriff says: "An argument for the defenders was founded on the ground that the introduction of traps on drains outside of houses is comparatively modern, and that it was not recognised as necessary at the time when this house was erected, about 1864. It is now, however, recognised by sanitary authorities as a necessary condition for safety, that a drain should be provided with a trap to prevent the escape of sewer gas from the drain, and it would be impossible at the present day to relieve a landlord of liability for the consequence of a drain being left untrapped, on the ground that when he built his house a trap was not thought necessary, and that he declined to comply with the recognised requirements of modern science."

It is deeply to be regretted that all builders of houses and drains have not as clear an idea of the necessity of traps and ventilators as the learned sheriff.

### THE ALLOTMENTS ACT.

THE Local Government Board have issued, under date May 30th, a series of model clauses for the assistance of local sanitary authorities in framing regulations under Section 6 of the Allotments Act, 1887, "for regulating the letting of allotments under the Act, for preventing any undue preference in the letting thereof, and generally for carrying the provisions of the Act into effect." This series is prepared on the lines adopted in the model by-laws issued by the Board under the Public Health Act, and should prove to be very useful to local authorities. The Board have taken the opportunity thus afforded of again urging sanitary authorities to endeavour to give full effect to the intentions of the Legislature in passing the Allotments Act. It is to be feared that, with a few exceptions, little has hitherto been done by local authorities in this direction.

**HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.**—In the twenty-eight large English towns, including London, which have an estimated population of 9,398,273 persons, 5,794 births and 3,172 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday, June 2nd. The annual rate of mortality, which had been 18.9 and 17.8 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, further declined during the week under notice to 17.6. The rates in the several towns ranged from 13.0 in Derby, 14.3 in Bradford and in Brighton, and 14.6 in Birkenhead to 22.4 in Blackburn, 23.7 in Preston, 24.9 in Wolverhampton, and 25.7 in Manchester. In the twenty-seven provincial towns the mean death-rate was 18.9 per 1,000, and exceeded by as much as 2.8 the rate recorded in London, which was only 16.1 per 1,000. The 3,172 deaths registered during the week under notice in the twenty-eight towns included 101 which were referred to whooping-cough, 46 to diarrhoea, 39 to diphtheria, 34 to measles, 31 to scarlet fever, 21 to "fever" (principally enteric), and 10 to small-pox; in all, 282 deaths resulted from these principal zymotic diseases, against 330 and 285 in the two preceding weeks. These 282 deaths were equal to an annual rate of 1.6 per 1,000; in London the zymotic death-rate was 1.6; while it averaged 1.5 per 1,000 in the twenty-seven provincial towns, and ranged from 0.0 in Birkenhead and in Huddersfield, and 0.4 in Sunderland to 2.8 in Norwich, 3.0 in Preston, and 3.3 in Manchester. Measles caused the highest proportional fatality in Wolverhampton and Bradford; scarlet fever in Blackburn; whooping-cough in Sheffield, Salford, Wolverhampton, and Manchester; and "fever" in Plymouth. Of the 39 deaths from diphtheria recorded during the week under notice in the twenty-eight towns, 26 occurred

which enjoins, authorises, or permits such measures ought to be repealed."—Mr. G. C. BENTINCK had on the paper the following amendment: "That, considering the large and alarming increase of disease in the army and navy, and the sufferings of the unfortunate women on the home stations since the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts, this House is of opinion that it is inexpedient to repeal the Acts now in force in India;" but he did not intend to propose it, as he preferred the amendment which stood in the name of Sir R. Temple, for which he should vote.—Sir J. GOSSET said he was instructed to say that, if the Council of the Governor-General thought fit to repeal the Contagious Diseases Acts altogether, the Secretary of State would assent to that repeal. The Indian Government, recognising the general feeling in England, had on its own initiative suspended their operation, and, although the Secretary of State possessed the technical power to direct legislation, it would be most unconstitutional for him and inexpedient of Parliament to interfere with the independence of the Indian Legislature. The regulations under the Cantonment Acts were now under revision, and the Secretary of State had distinctly declared against rules being framed or continued which might appear to legalise vice.—Sir R. LETHBRIDGE, while strongly condemning the regimental system, thought that, as the Government of India had suspended the Acts, further action might be left to them.—Mr. J. E. ELLIS, Mr. H. WILSON, and Sir J. SIMON spoke in support of the resolution.—Sir R. TEMPLE disputed the assertion that the Acts had not been successful in maintaining the health of the troops.—Sir W. FOSTER argued that the administration of the Acts in India had failed; and Mr. STANSFELD thanked the Government for the spirit in which they had received the resolution.—The motion was carried.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

- ANDERSON'S COLLEGE DISPENSARY, Glasgow.—Physician. Applications to David Wilson, Esq., Honorary Secretary, 42, Bath Street, Glasgow.
- ANDERSON'S COLLEGE DISPENSARY, Glasgow.—Surgeon. Applications to David Wilson, Esq., Honorary Secretary, 42, Bath Street, Glasgow.
- BALTINGLASS UNION.—Medical Officer, Dunlavin Dispensary. Salary, £135 per annum, and fees. Applications to Captain Heighton, J.P., Honorary Secretary, Donard House. Election on June 13th.
- BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE WANDSWORTH DISTRICT.—Medical Officer for the Parish of Clapham. Salary, £75 per annum, with increase. Applications by June 12th to the Clerk to the Board, East Hill, Wandsworth.
- CELBRIDGE UNION.—Medical Officer for the Workhouse. Salary, £100 per annum; also £15 per annum as Medical Superintendent Officer of Health. Applications by June 15th to Mr. Samuel Manning, Clerk of the Union.
- DUFFUS PAROCHIAL BOARD.—Medical Officer. Salary, £25. Applications by June 23rd to John Nicoll, Esq., Inspector of Poor, Hopeman, N.B.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Board and lodging. Applications by June 28th to the Secretary.
- EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road.—Surgeon to Out-patients. Applications by June 25th to the Committee of Management.
- GUEST HOSPITAL, Dudley.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £110 per annum, with board and residence, etc. Applications by June 21st to the Secretary.
- KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary.
- LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road.—Surgeon. Applications by June 16th to the Secretary.
- METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD: WESTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, Fulham, S.W.—Clinical Assistant. Board and lodging. Applications to the Medical Superintendent at the Hospital.
- MILLER HOSPITAL AND ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, Greenwich Road, S.E.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £30 per annum, apartments, board, etc. Applications by June 9th to the Honorary Secretary.
- NEWTON HEATH (MANCHESTER) DISTRICT.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by June 18th to the Chairman of the Local Board of Health, Town Hall, Newton Heath, Manchester.
- NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Assistant. Board and lodging, etc. Applications by June 13th to the Secretary.
- NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgical Assistant. Board and lodging, etc. Applications by June 13th to the Secretary.
- NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 for six months. Applications by June 19th to A. Nixon, Esq., Secretary, 27, Clement's Lane, E.C.
- OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester.—Professor of Surgery. Applications by June 9th to the Registrar.

- PARISH OF LOCHS, Stornoway.—Medical Officer. Salary, £140, house and rates free. Applications by June 23rd to H. McL. Ross, Inspector of the Poor, Lochs, Stornoway.
- PARISHES OF PENNYGOWN AND TOROSAY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 3rd to Mr. A. McDougall, Inspector of Poor, Auchnacraig, Oban, N.B.
- QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Birmingham.—Assistant Medical Tutor. Applications by June 20th to the Secretary.
- RAMSGATE AND ST. LAWRENCE ROYAL DISPENSARY AND SEAMEN'S INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, etc. Applications by June 23rd to the Secretary.
- ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL, Devonport.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by June 15th to the Chairman of the Managing Committee.
- ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY, Southampton.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100, board, lodging, etc. Applications by June 20th to the Secretary.
- SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120, with board, lodging, etc. Applications by June 18th to the Secretary.
- SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, etc. Applications by June 18th to the Secretary.
- SURREY DISPENSARY, Great Dover Street, Southwark.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120, and furnished apartments. Applications by June 19th to the Subcommittee.
- WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT MEDICAL INSTITUTE.—Medical Officer. Salary, £280, and fees, with dwelling-house, etc. Applications to G. Bayes, Esq., Jackson's Lane, Wellingborough.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Physician. Applications by June 21st to the Secretary Superintendent.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Assistant Physician. Applications by June 21st to the Secretary Superintendent.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—House-Physician. Board and lodging. Applications by June 21st to the Secretary Superintendent.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by June 21st to the Secretary Superintendent.
- WESTPORT UNION.—Medical Officer, Westport No. 2 and Louisburgh No. 2 Districts. Salary, £39 per annum, and fees. Election on June 24th.
- WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant. Board and lodging, etc. Applications by June 25th to the Chairman of the Medical Committee.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- BANNISTER, Marmaduke, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late House-Surgeon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, appointed Resident Surgeon at the Hospital of No. 7 Section of the Manchester Ship Canal.
- BATTLE, W. H., F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Surgeon to the East London Hospital for Children, vice L. A. Dunn, M.B., F.R.C.S.
- CAMPBELL, T. Kenneth, M.B., F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Gordon Hospital for Fistula, etc.
- CHAMBERLAIN, W. W., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Halifax Infirmary and Dispensary, vice J. P. Gray, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.
- CLARK, Francis William, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Metropolitan District Asylums Schools, Darent, vice W. T. Maddison, M.D. Lond., resigned.
- COX, D. Charles, M.D., L.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Parochial Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator, Annan, vice D. Mackenzie, M.B. and C.M., resigned.
- DUNN, L. A., M.B., F.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the East London Hospital for Children, vice A. Caesar, resigned.
- FROST, W. Adams, F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.
- HARTLEDGE, G., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.
- LOVEGROVE, C., M.D., L.R.C.P., late Surgeon to the Liverpool Corporation Waterworks, Llanwddyn, appointed Surgeon to No. 7 Section of the Manchester Ship Canal; and Consulting Surgeon from Lymm to Salford.
- LUCAS, Albert, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Metropolitan Hospital, vice H. L. Harrison, M.B., resigned.
- ORD, W. Theophilus, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Resident Surgeon to the Birmingham General Dispensary.
- PAGET, S., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Assistant Surgeon to the West London Hospital, vice B. Wainwright, M.B. Edin., F.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.
- PAUL, E. W., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Peter's Hospital for Stone, etc., vice F. H. Norvill, M.B., resigned.
- POWELL, John Allan, M.D. Dub., appointed Locum Tenens Assistant Medical Officer to the Berks County Asylum, Moulsoford.
- PRETSFELL, W. G., M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to Govan Poorhouse and Asylum, vice George Davidson, M.B., resigned.
- SINCLAIR, F. Howard, M.D., M.Ch. (R.U.I.), L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., etc., appointed Visiting Physician to the Hospital for Consumption, Belfast, vice Samuel Dickey, M.D., M.Ch., L.M. (Q.U.I.), resigned.
- VICKERY, W. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the Middelex Hospital.

PROFESSOR VIRCHOW.—The German Emperor has conferred on Professor Rudolf Virchow the Order of the Red Eagle, Second Class. In the bestowal of this honour, medical men will probably

see nothing but a graceful recognition of the great pathologist's scientific eminence, and of services rendered by him to the person of the Emperor. Public opinion in Germany, however, appears to attach some political significance to it, as an additional proof of His Imperial Majesty's sympathy with Liberal ideas. Professor Virchow is one of the leaders of the Liberal party in Germany, and one of the most determined opponents of Prince Bismarck, with whom he fought a duel many years ago.

**GLASGOW DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.**—The annual meeting of this institution was held on May 31st. The report stated that, at the beginning of the new session, 109 pupils returned, and, during this session, 24 new pupils joined, making a total of 133, 10 less than that of the preceding year. Employment of various kinds had been readily procured for those who left. The fire which occurred at the end of March had not stopped the work of the institution, and, while the repairs were being executed, the opportunity was being taken to make some structural improvements which experience had shown to be necessary.

**PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL.**—The Bishop of Winchester on May 29th reopened the Portsmouth Hospital. It was decided last year to raise a fund to be spent on the building as a local celebration of the Jubilee, it being hoped that sufficient money would be collected to enable the committee to erect an entirely new structure. The fund, however, reached only a little over £3,000, and with this sum the interior of the hospital has been entirely reconstructed on modern principles, and the number of beds increased from 70 to 104.

**BOURNEMOUTH AMBULANCE CORPS.**—Mr. Embleton, M.R.C.S., of Bournemouth, who has been engaged in instructing members of the local fire brigade and others in the principles and practice of first aid, has been presented by his class with a silver pencil case as a token of their appreciation of his services. It has been decided to form an ambulance corps in Bournemouth consisting of certificated members.

**ADULTERATED CHEESE.**—At Glasgow Sheriff Court, recently, a case was brought up in which a provision merchant was charged with selling cheese consisting essentially of oleomargarine or foreign fat. The cheese was one of the kind known as "lard cheese," sold in America as "imitation cheese." A fine of £3 was imposed and paid.

**PORT GLASGOW AMBULANCE CENTRE.**—At a meeting of this centre very satisfactory reports were read, the treasurer's statement showing a balance of £6 10s. The executive for next year was appointed, of which Drs. Crayford, McBride, and Taylor are members. Dr. Crawford was afterwards presented by his class with a marble timepiece, in recognition of his services in their instruction.

**EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES AT NEILSTON.**—There is at present a serious outbreak of measles among the children attending the public schools at Neilston. In one school 105 children, belonging to 59 different families, have been attacked; and in another there are 61 cases out of 30 families. In consequence of the epidemic it has been deemed advisable to close the schools.

**FAVERSHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL.**—A cottage hospital, the gift of Mrs. Rose to the town of Faversham in memory of her late husband, was formally opened on May 26th in the presence of the mayor, the vicar, Lady Harris, and a number of other influential residents of the vicinity. The site was presented by Mr. T. Townend Hall, J.P., and Mr. Rigden, and the furniture, costing £400, by Mr. Rose.

**TREATMENT OF WARTS.**—Dr. Roosen (*Monat. f. Prakt. Derm.*, 1888, p. 325) states that he has treated callosities and warts successfully by the application of pure crystallised salicylic acid. The acid is kept in position by moistened boracic lint, and over all there is fastened a piece of gutta-percha tissue. The application is removed after five days, when the hardened epidermis usually falls off.

A LAD has died in the Derby Infirmary under peculiar circumstances. He was running away from a cow, when the animal overtook him in a narrow passage and crushed him so severely against the wall that he succumbed to his injuries.

**MEDICAL MAGISTRATES.**—Dr. MacRae-Laggan has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Inverness.—Mr. Charles Brook, M.R.C.S. Eng., has been placed on the commission of the peace for Lincolnshire.

**MR. JAFFRAY**, of Birmingham, whose name is well-known in connection with princely gifts to local hospitals, has generously offered to defray the whole expenses incurred by the Birmingham Hospital Saturday Committee during the current year.

**DR. GEORGE FREDERICK PHILPOT**, practising at Hemel Hempstead, has been found not guilty of the charge of conspiring with his brother to defraud the Mutual Accident Insurance Company.

**THE Hygiene and Life-saving Apparatus Exhibition** at Ostend will be opened on June 30th. About 400 exhibitors have, it is stated, already sent in their names.

In consequence of the increase of hydrophobia in Paris, dogs are not allowed in the streets except in the leash.

**THE Princess Christian** paid a visit to Brompton Hospital on Monday last, and took part in a concert given to the inmates.

**THE Duke of Devonshire** has granted land between Eastbourne and Beachy Head for a new convalescent home for children.

## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

### MONDAY.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**, 5 P.M.—Professor T. Bryant: On the Causes, Effects, and Treatment of Tension as met with in Surgical Practice.

### TUESDAY.

**ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY**, 8.30 P.M.—Dr. A. Sangster and Dr. F. W. Mott: On Pemphigoid Eruption, with Changes in Peripheral Nerves. Dr. W. H. Gowers and Professor V. Horsley: Case of Tumour of the Spinal Cord: Removal: Recovery.

### WEDNESDAY.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**, 5 P.M.—Professor T. Bryant: On the Causes, Effects, and Treatment of Tension, as met with in Surgical Practice.

**COLLEGE OF STATE MEDICINE**, Burlington House, 4 P.M.—Dr. G. Fleming: On Some of the More Important Diseases common to Man and Animals.

**BRITISH GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY**, 8.30 P.M.—Specimens will be exhibited by Dr. G. Granville Bantock, Dr. Richard Smith, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and the President. Mr. Lawson Tait: The Influence of Removal of the Uterus and its Appendages on the Sexual Appetite. Dr. Henry T. Rutherford: Notes of a case of Uterine Fibroid successfully treated by Electricity.

**ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY**, 8 P.M.—Rev. W. Howchin: Additions to the Knowledge of the Carboniferous Foraminifera.

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**, 8 P.M.—Annual General Meeting. Arthur H. Downes, M.D.: Notes on Diphtheria. Robert Cory, M.D.: The Condition as to Vaccination of One Hundred and Fifty Persons Scarcely by Small-pox.

### THURSDAY.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON**, 5 P.M.—Dr. Donald MacAlister: The Croonian Lecture on Antipyretics.

**OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**, 8.30 P.M.—Living and Carl Specimens at 8 P.M. Mr. Silcock: (1) Sarcoma of Frontal Bone; (2) Sarcoma of both Orbits. Mr. Jessop: Case of Symmetrical Ring of Pigment on Anterior Capsule of Lens. Mr. J. Hutchinson, jun.: Two cases of Cicatrices in Vitreous and Retina. Papers:—Mr. Emrys-Jones: On a case of Large Orbital and Intracranial Ivory Exostosis, associated with Cerebral Tumour. Mr. Edgar Browne: Optic Atrophy in Three Brothers. Mr. Rockliffe: Notes on (1) Secondary Hemorrhage after Iridectomy for Glaucoma; (2) Ophthalmoplegia.

### FRIDAY.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**, 5 P.M.—Professor T. Bryant: On Surgical Interference in Cranial Injuries.

## 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.

**GODFREY.**—On May 30th, at Brookbank House, Malton, the wife of Frank W. A. Godfrey, M.B. Edin., of Scarborough, of a daughter.

**SPENCE.**—At St. Nimians, Burntisland, on June 4th, the wife of Robert Spence, M.B., C.M., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

**ORD—HAWKINGS.**—On June 5th, at All Saints, Clapham Park, by the Rev. F. S. Coleman, M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Girdleston, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. Wodehouse Raven, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Streatham, George William Ord, M.R.C.S., of Mildenhall, Suffolk, eldest son of George Rice Ord, of Streatham Hill, Surrey, to Edith Emily Lucy, third daughter of Charles F. Hawkings, of Belmont, Clapham Park.

**WILSON—WALTON.**—On June 6th, at Edgbaston Parish Church, by the Rev. G. H. Cameron, B.A., William Wilson, M.B., C.M. Ed., of Forest Hill, to Jane Alice (Jennie) Walton, only daughter of Frederick Walton, Edgbaston.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

<b>MONDAY</b> .....	10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); and Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Metropolitan Free; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic; Royal Orthopaedic; and Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women.
<b>TUESDAY</b> .....	9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); St. Mary's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Westminster; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: West London; Cancer Hospital, Brompton.—4 P.M.: St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department); 10 A.M.: National Orthopaedic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: London; University College; Westminster; Great Northern Central; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children; St. Peter's.—3 to 4 P.M.: King's College.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> .....	10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: St. George's.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; St. Thomas's (Obstetric Department); Central London Ophthalmic; Hospital for Diseases of the Throat; Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: North-West London; Chelsea Hospital for Women.
<b>THURSDAY</b> .....	9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.15 P.M.: St. George's (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: King's College; St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department); Central London Ophthalmic; Royal South London Ophthalmic; East London Hospital for Children.—2.30 P.M.: West London.
<b>FRIDAY</b> .....	9 A.M.: Royal Free.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: King's College.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Middlesex; Royal Free; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton.
<b>SATURDAY</b> .....	9 A.M.: Royal Free.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: King's College.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Middlesex; Royal Free; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton.

## HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARGING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.  
 GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu. 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.  
 KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th. 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th. 2; Skin, Th., 2; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.  
 LONDON.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu. 9.  
 MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4; Dental, daily, 9.  
 ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p. W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopaedic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.  
 ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. W. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Tu., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2; Throat, Th., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu., S., 9, Th., 1.  
 ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30; Operations, Tu., 1.30; Ophthalmic Operations, F., 9.  
 ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p., W., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.  
 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetrics, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45, S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.  
 WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST POST ON WEDNESDAY.

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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.

## HIGH TEMPERATURE IN A CHILD AGED 16 MONTHS.

DR. JOSEPH SMITH (Streatham Hill, S.W.) writes: I was called to see a male child, aged 16 months, at 10 A.M., and found my little patient with swollen gums, which I lanced. I prescribed calomel gr. ij, as the bowels were constipated, and a little saline mixture. The temperature was 101.5°. There was a little cough; but on carefully examining the lungs the physical signs were almost nil. At 6 P.M. I was informed that the calomel had acted twice; but as the child looked worse I again examined its lungs, and found the physical signs in the same condition as on my first visit.

Upon taking the temperature, my thermometer recorded 110°. Thinking the thermometer was at fault, I compared it with the others, and found the record correct. Upon visiting the child again at 10 P.M., the thermometer registered 102°. In two days the child was comparatively well and the temperature normal. What was the cause of such an abnormally high temperature in the absence of any signs to account for it?

## ADMIRALTY EXAMINATION.

W. E. M. writes: Having been asked to examine the mouth of a youth who is preparing for the entrance examination as an engineer student in Her Majesty's dockyards, but naturally does not wish to present himself if liable to be rejected afterwards owing to the condition of his teeth, I shall be obliged for any information as to condition or number of teeth required which will aid me in giving an opinion.

## ANSWERS.

## THE DUTY OF THE MEDICAL ATTENDANT IN CASES OF DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM.

A MEMBER writes: I shall feel obliged by your kindly informing me if the medical attendant is obliged to report to the coroner the occurrence of death under chloroform administered during parturition?

\*.\* Yes; without doubt. The case should also be medically recorded as one of great interest to the profession.

## MEDICAL BOOKKEEPING.

DR. H. F. LANCASTER (Lewisham High Road, S.E.) writes: In the JOURNAL of May 5th "M.B. and C.M." asks for an easy method of medical bookkeeping. Having well considered the several systems that are published, I have come to the conclusion that for a day-book that of the "Handy" system, published by Lewis of Cardiff, is the best, and I have used this for some time. One important point in its favour is the proximity of patient's name and monthly amount on the page, which avoids an error one might possibly fall into of attributing a sum to the wrong patient when these two items are a good way apart in the open pages, as is the case with the other day-books. Another advantage is the different-coloured ruling, which assists in the same way.

As to the ledger, I have for some years used the "Expedite" published by Sang and Barony; but, as this is arranged for yearly and not half-yearly accounts, and in two or three other matters I found I could improve on it, I have had one made for me to my liking, which I consider superior. It is alphabetical, very compact, and will last each patient three years with one entry. I think each of the ledgers—"A. B. C.," "Handy," "Expedite," "Cardyle's"—is faulty in some particulars, specially in the easy treatment and rendering of arrears, and I believe that in this I have combined their virtues.

If "M.B. and C.M." will communicate with me I shall be most pleased to let him see a specimen sheet and to give further particulars.

## DR. NEALE'S "MEDICAL DIGEST."

DR. RICHARD NEALE writes: In answer to "Disappointed," at page 1147 of the JOURNAL, who states that the Digest, without the journals referred to, is a delusion and snare, pure and simple, I must ask you to insert a few of the remarks made by different reviewers who are supposed to have studied the work before criticising it.

"It is at once an index and an abstract. Not infrequently the mere reference is in itself a suggestion, and further search is unnecessary. This is especially the case in the domain of practical therapeutics. The busy practitioner is anxious about a case which proves obstinate, and resists all ordinary mode of treatment; by turning to the Digest he finds hints and suggestions as to the methods to be pursued, and the necessity for a consultation may be avoided. It is often said that the Digest is difficult to understand; but we do not think that is the case. We have often referred to it, not infrequently when much pressed for time, and have rarely failed to find what was required."—BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, August 7th, 1888.

"Not merely to practitioners who have access to great libraries, but to everyone, this book, in and for itself, has a value for what it suggests. Without looking up a single reference, one may in perplexity obtain a suggestion when a suggestion is all that is needed."—PRACTITIONER, 1882.

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An erroneous impression exists that the Digest is a mere index, and that it is therefore of little or no value to medical men who have not a medical library at hand in which they can turn up the references given. It is surprising how much information may be obtained on any subject by merely a reference to the work."—Allabout Review, September, 1882.

Is the book to be condemned by those who fail to grasp its merits? Is it not rather an illustration of the folly of offering gems to those who know not their value?

## NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

## FUGITIVE OEDEMA OF THE EYELIDS.

MR. T. L. KENRICK DAVIES writes: I was interested in Dr. Illingworth's note of fugitive oedema of the lower lids, to which Dr. Tom Robinson has directed attention. From observation of a case lately in which the patient consulted me for "stiffness and aching of the lower eyelids," I concluded the oedema was due to the same cause as Dr. Illingworth attributed it to, namely, passive venous congestion in the infra-orbital region. The condition was most marked

in the morning, but generally disappeared more or less by the evening, and was always accompanied by very marked fulness of the temporal and frontal veins, which subsided as the oedema passed away. There was much anæmia; pulse 65 to 70, small, compressible, and the hands and feet were always cold. The patient's habits were very sedentary, but occasionally she indulged in dancing, and she remarked that after this exercise the swelling would disappear, and not perhaps return in any degree for days. Under treatment with quinine, iron, and sp. of chloroform, and regular exercise, rapid improvement took place.

DR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH (Clayton House, Accrington) writes: The case described by Mr. Hewkley differs from those described by Dr. Tom Robinson and myself, in that it was one due to active congestion, whilst they were due to, or rather presented symptoms of, passive congestion only. The evidence of the difference is supplied by Mr. Hewkley, and consists in catarrh (or an acute determination of blood), and "rosy fulness," "diffuse pinkness," and "urticarial erythema"—all symptoms of inflammatory mischief.

#### THE PRACTICAL ELEMENT IN MEDICAL TRAINING AND THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

DR. THOMAS LAFFAN (Cashel) writes: Allow me to point out that the regulations which the above body has just drawn up, as the results of twelve months' incubation, will in practice prove entirely illusory. Recollect what it was that was aimed at by all outside the monopolist circle. First, it was sought to throw open to the student the large clinical demesne now wholly unutilised. Secondly, it was sought to secure for the student certain advantages which pupillage alone can confer. These advantages were not denied, even by many of the monopolist interest; but they always pretended that long ago they were counterbalanced by the waste of an over-long, and the drudgery of a too often worthless, apprenticeship.

Now, both those objections could be met by limiting the time, and by only recognising masters provided with the opportunity and the capacity for teaching. I do not, therefore, base my objection to the new regulations on the ground that the teacher must be a recognised teacher, nor to the fact that the time must be limited—though I think six months too short—but to this perfectly obvious fact: that by allowing students to take out the six months in the out-patient department of a hospital they kill the whole thing, and prevent the student breaking any new clinical ground, for he will in every case meet the new requirement by producing a certificate of attendance at a department where he has been always attending. The result of this will be that the new regulation will do nothing whatever either to make the clinical material at the disposal of the student less scant than it has in most cases been proved to be at present, nor will it admit the mass of the profession within the charmed clinical circle. We must, then, continue to be the despised drudges that one of the Council stated in effect we are, and leave to the metropolitan gentlemen who buy their brains at so many hundred pounds apiece a continuance of their present monopoly.

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DR. ROBERT BOXALL writes: "Micrococcus," who writes under the above heading in the JOURNAL of May 26th, will find an answer to the first part of his query by referring to an article on The Chemical Incompatibility of Antiseptic Agents, in the JOURNAL of April 28th. I may add that though the whole of the phenol in 1 in 20 carbolic oil appears to be held in some combination, which the body temperature is insufficient to destroy, 1 in 5 carbolic oil contains a certain amount of free carbolic acid, apparently because in this proportion the oil being fully saturated, an excess of phenol remains. Carbolic vaseline and glycerine do not meet with the same objection. Apart, however, from the germicidal inefficacy of carbolic oil, inunction of greasy material over the whole surface, by providing a more or less impervious coating, is well calculated to hamper the healthy action of the skin, and to throw an increased strain upon the kidneys at a time when they are especially susceptible to injury. A course of tepid antiseptic baths which, while hastening the desquamative process, not only disinfects the epidermis as it separates, but also promotes instead of checking the healthy action of the skin, offers an alternative line of treatment which is preferable to inunction in any form.

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