ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL. NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room of the Association, at No. 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Wednesday, the 10th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

June 13th, 1889.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1889. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on July 10th, and October 16th, 1889. 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, September 26th, 1889.

Any qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the Secretary of the Branch. No member can be elected by a Branch Council unless his name has been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which he seeks election.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

THE series of Maps forming the Report of the Collective Investigation Committee on the Geographical Distribution of Rickets, Acute Rheumatism, Chorea, Cancer, and Urinary Calculus are deposited in the Library of the Association, and are open to the inspection of members. A descriptive commentary appeared in the JOURNAL of January 19th, 1889.

An inquiry into the Origin and Mode of Propagation of

EPIDEMICS OF DIPHTHERIA is in progress.

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

GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Scientific Grants Committee of the British Medical Association desire to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences. that they are empowered to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted at the next annual meeting should be made without delay to the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Applications are the secretary as the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Applications are the secretary and the secretary as the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Applications are the secretary as the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Applications are the secretary and the secretary as the secreta plications must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed.

Reports of work done by the assistance of Association grants

belong to the Association.

Instruments purchased by means of grants must be returned to the General Secretary on the conclusion of the research in furtherance of which the grant was made.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

Border Counties Branch.—The twenty-second annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Friday, July 12th, at Dumfries. The chair will be taken by the President, Dr. Robertson (Penrith), at 3.45 P.M. The usual election of office-bearers for the ensuing year will take place. The President-elect, Dr. Thomson (Dumfries), will deliver his presidential address. Notices of papers, patients, or specimens should be sent to the Honorary Secretary with out delay.—H. A. Lediard, Honorary Secretary, 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle.

West Somerset Branch.—The forty-sixth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Victoria Hall, Yeovil, adjacent to Pen Villa, the residence of the President-elect, W. A. Hunt, Ksq., on Thursday, July 4th, at 2 P.M. Mr. Hunt very kindly invites members of the Branch to lunch with him at one o'clock, before the business commences. Business: 1. Minutes: 2, report of Council; 3, Treasurer's report; 4, election of officers for the ensuing year; 5, settle as to place of meeting and President-elect for 1890; 6, President's address; 7, exhibition of Maps by Dr. Isambard Owen, Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, showing the Geographical Distribution of Rickets, Acute and Subacute Rheumatism, Chorea, Cancer, and Urinary Calculus 1; 8,

papers and communications. It is proposed, if a party can be made up, to arrange for an excursion, leaving Yeovil about 4 o'clock, and driving through beautiful scenery to Ham Hill. After viewing the Roman Camp and Stone Quarries on the Hill, take tea, kindly offered at the residence of W. W. Walter Esq., and see his museum; then drive past Montacute House, and arrive at Montacute Station in time to catch the train which leaves Yeovil at 7.25 for Taunton and Bridgwater. Gentlemen wishing to accept the President's invitation to lunch or to join the excursion are requested to write and let Mr. Hunt know not later than Monday, July 1st (sooner if possible), so that due preparation may be made. Anyone wishing to read a paper or bring forward any communication should give notice of its title to W. M. Kelly, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

South Eastern Branch: West Kent District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, oa Friday, July 5th, at 3.30 p.m., Dr. J. V. Bell, President of the Branch, in the chair. The dinner will take place at the Bull Hotel, Rochester, at 6.30 p.m.; charge, 6s. 6d., exclusive of wine. To facilitate the arrangements, gentlemen who intend to dine are particularly requested to signify their intention to the Chairman, Dr. J. V. Bell, Star Hill, Rochester, not later than July 3rd. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend this meeting and to introduce friends. Papers to be read:—1. Dr. A. Packman: (a) Notes of a case of Pulsating Tumour of the Orbit: spontaneous cure; (b) Notes of a case of Ununited Fracture of the Thigh of over fifty years' standing. Exhibition of these patients. 2. F. B. Jessett, Esq.: A Novel Mode of Operating on the Intestine for Intestinal Obstruction. 3. A. W. Nankivell, Esq.: The Employment of Plaster-of-Paris in the Treatment of Fractures of the Lower Extremity. A. W. Nankivell, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretary of the District, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The eleventh annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Royal Hospital, Belfast, on Thursday, July 18th, at 4 P.M. The annual dinner will be held in The Grand Restaurant and Café, Arthur Square, Belfast, on the same evening, at 7.30 P.M. Tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine; 15s. with wine. It is requested that those who intend being present at the dinner will let the secretary know as early as convenient. Gentlemen who wish to bring any subject before the meeting will kindly communicate with the Secretary, John W. Byers, M.D., Lower Crescent, Belfast.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The fifty-third annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 2 p.M. Order of Bushiess:—The meeting will be constituted by the retiring President (Dr. J. W. Watkins), who will then introduce the new President (Dr. Davidson). 1. Presidential Address. 2. The Report of the Council and Financial Statement for the past year. 3. Election of Office Bearers—President-elect, two Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Secretary. 4. Election of Representative Members on the Council of the Association and Election of new Council. 5. Selection of a place for next Annual Meeting. 6. Dr. Shuttleworth has given notice that he will call attention to some of the Provisions of the Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill, especially those affecting the General Practitioner, and will move a resolution thereon. Medical and Surgical Communications:—Mr. Bishop: On Congenital Club-Foot and its Treatment. Dr. Leech: On the Uses of Nitrous Ether. Mr. Hare: On Seats of Election in Amputation. Dr. Hill Griffith: A case of Sympathetic Disease after Removal of the Injured Eye. Dr. Wallace: (1) On Vaginal Hysterotomy and Enucleation of Fibrous Growths. (2) Hysterectomy, after Laparotomy by Modified Bnucleation. (Specimens.) Dr. Sinclair will show a case of General Hypertrophy of the Female Breast. The annual dinner will be held in the Winter Gardens at 6.15 p.M. Tickets 7s. 6d. each (wine not included), for which early application should be made to Dr. Welch, Blackpool. A luncheon will be provided by the members of the profession in Blackpool and district in the Winter Gardens from 1 to 2 p.M. (before the meeting). — CHARLES E. GLASCOTT, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 23, Saint John Street, Manchester.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The thirty-seventh annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, July 5th, 1889, at 5.30 p.m. The following business will be transacted:—1. Election of New Members of the Branch. 2. Report of the Retiring Council and Treasurer's Report. 3. Proposed Addition to the By-laws of the Branch, to be proposed by Dr. J. W. Hunt: "Also any member of the Branch, being a Vice-President of the Association, and residing within the area of the Branch, shall be (ex-officio) a member of the Branch Council." 4. The sanction of the Members of the Branch will be asked to enable the Council to invite the Association to hold its Annual Meeting in 1890 in London. 5. Address by the New President. 6. Such other business as the Branch may think it necessary to consider. At 7 p.M. precisely the members will dine together; W. Miller Ord, M.D., F.R.C.p., President, in the chair. Tickets, 7s. 64. each (exclusive of wine). Members desiring to attend will greatly oblige and materially assist the officers of the Branch by informing either of the honorary secretaries of the Branch, not later than Tuesday, July 2nd, that they will be present at the dinner.—Grorge Eastes, M.B., 35, Gloucester-Place, Hyde Park, W.; Noble Smith, 24, Queen Anne Street, W., Honorary Secretaries. Secretaries.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Abingdon, on Friday, July 26th, when the President-elect, Slade Baker, Esq., will entertain the members of the Branch at luncheon. Notice of any communications which members intend to make should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, W. Lewis Morgan, 42, Broad Street, Oxford, on or before Friday, July 12th.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held (by permission) in the Town Hall, Sudbury, on Wednesday next, July 3rd, at 12 noon; John Sinclair Holden, Esq., M.D., F.G.S., President-elect. Programme of Proceedings:—11.45 A.M. Meeting of Council. 12 noon. First general meeting for business and general resolutions. 1.45 P.M. Luncheon (by kind invitation of the President-elect). 3 P.M. General meeting; presidential address; scientific papers, etc. 6 P.M. Dinner. The following papers havebeen promised:—Dr. E. G. Barnes, retiring President: Association Events during the past year. Dr. J. S. Holden, F.G.S.: Presidential Address: The

¹ See Journal, January 19th, 1889, p. 113.

History and Work of a Cottage Hospital during Twenty Years. Sir William Mac Cormac: On the Surgical Treatment of some forms of Acute Intestinal Obstruction. Professor Latham, F.R.C.P.: Remarks on the Treatment of Rheumatism by the Salicylic Salts.—W. A. ELLISTON, M.D., Ipswich; M. BEVERLEY, M.D., Norwich; C. E. Abbott, Braintree, Honorary Secretaries.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting will WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORSHIRE BRANCH.—Inc annual meeting will be held at the Infirmary, Hereford, on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 4 P.M. The annual dinner will be at the Green Dragon Hotel, at 6 P.M. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 4s. each. Business of the Meeting:—To elect Officers and Council for the ensuing year. Papers, etc.: Dr. Lane: Clinical Cases and remarks upon Myxcedema. Mr. Turner: Notes of a case of Hip-disease. Dr. Chapman will exhibit a Galvano-Cautery.—Geo. W. Crowe, Honorary Secretary, Worcester.

READING AND UPPER THAMES BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Library of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, on Thursday, July 18th, at 4.15 P.M. The chair will be taken by W. B. Holderness, Esq., of Windsor, President, and the business of the Branch will be transacted, atter which Dr. Price, of Reading (the President for the coming year), will take the chair, and deliver an address. Discussion will be invited on the question of the Disproportionate Growth of the Out-patient Department of Hospitals, as well as the subject of Provident Dispensaries, Medical Aid Associations, and Sick Clubs. The annual dinner will take place on the same evening, at 6.15 P.M., at the Queen's Hotel, Reading. Dinner tickets (10s., including wine, or 5s. without) should be obtained from Mrs. George, Queen's Hotel, on on Road, Reading.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

President's Address.—The annual meeting of this branch took place on June 20th, under the presidency of Mr. LLOYD OWEN, who delivered an address on "The Value of the Historical Study of Medicine," which will be published in extenso in the July number

of the Birmingham Medical Review.

Finance.—Although the number of members is increasing, the financial condition of the Branch is not satisfactory. In view of this the travelling expenses of the Branch representatives, in the Council of the Association, will no longer be paid, and a resolution was adopted that these expenses ought to be borne by the funds of the Association. The Branch representatives were requested to bring the matter before the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

-At the dinner in the evening about 40 members were present and several visitors, amongst them Professor Gairdner, Dr. Bridgwater, Mr. Ernest Hart, and Dr. Bridges, and Mr. Fowke, the General Secretary. The first of these made a suggestion, which, if followed up with energy and enthusiasm, might form a valuable new departure. It was that a society should be formed, similar to that known as the "Sons of the Clergy," by which aid could be secured for the unfortunate and helpless members of the medical profession.

More than one allusion was made to the severe and unfriendly criticism which has been advanced against the Association and its JOURNAL during the past year, and general satisfaction was expressed that these attacks had so little justification in fact and had been so easily answered.

STIRLING, KINROSS, AND CLACKMANNAN BRANCH.
THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Macfarlane
Museum, Bridge of Allan, on Tuesday, June 18th, at 3 P.M. Dr. STRACHAN (Dollar) presided, and there were also present Drs. Haldane, Galbraith, Peake, Currie, Spence, Macdonald, Linton,

Cribbes, Wickham, Mackintosh, Kirkwood, and Lewis.

The Late Dr. Maclaren.—The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Council for 1888-89 presented its report, which contained the following resolution, passed by the Council shortly after the death of the late Dr. James Maclaren. Resolved: "To put upon record in the minutes an expression of the deep sense which is felt of the great loss sustained by the Branch in the early and lamented death of its first President, the late Dr. Maclaren, of the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert, who during the short period of his holding office had done so much to promote its welfare and success; and also an expression of the regret felt personally by the members, and of sympathy with the bereaved widow and family."—Dr. Galbraith moved the approval of the report; this was seconded by Dr. Currie, and agreed to.

Treasurer's Report.—Dr. HALDANE then presented the Trea-

surer's report, which was also approved.

Office-bearers.—The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President: Dr. Strachan. Vice-President: Dr. Haldane. Secretaries: Drs. Lewis and Peake. Treasurer: Dr. Spence. Members of Council: Drs. Leslie, Linton, and Currie. Dr. Haldane was elected to represent the Branch on the Council of the Association.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill.—The clauses of the Local Government Bill (Scotland) relating to public health were then read and discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Parliamentary Bills Committee (1) that the right of appeal from the District Public Health Committee to the County Council should be granted to a percentage of the ratepayers, and not to "any five ratepayers," as proposed; (2) that the appointment of medical officers of health be made compulsory, and not merely

optional, as proposed.

Bridge of Allan as a Health Resort.—Dr. HALDANE read a paper on Bridge of Allan as a health resort, referring to the geographical and meteorological conditions which conferred on it its eculiarly sheltered situation, surrounded as it was by protecting hills, and its mild, equable climate, which rendered it eminently suitable for invalids. Dr. Haldane gave in detail the composition of the waters of the spa, and mentioned the groups of cases in which the waters were found to be specially beneficial.—In the discussion which followed, Drs. Galbraith, Spence, Strachan, and others took part, and Dr. HALDANE briefly replied to the vote of thanks accorded him.

Exhibit.—Dr. STRACHAN showed a specimen of specially carded wool wadding, which he recommended as better than cotton wool for many purposes.

Dinner.—A visit was then paid to the Well, and the members returned to Carmichael's Hotel, where they dined together.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

THE summer meeting of this Branch was held at Kilmarnock on June 13th. Members from Glasgow and vicinity left the city at 2 P.M., arriving at Kilmarnock at 3.5 P.M., where they were joined by a large contingent of brethren belonging to the various towns in Ayrshire. After lunch in the station refreshment-room the company drove to the Kay Park and inspected the Burns Memorial and Museum. Here the various relics of Burns, many of his manuscripts, and a unique collection of the different editions of his works were shown and described by Mr. James McKie, whose incomparable knowledge of all pertaining to the poet's life and writings was freely placed at the disposal of the members present. Bellfield Estate was then visited.

Cases.—Afterwards the company drove to Kilmarnock Infirmary, where the President of the Branch, Dr. D. Macleon, showed a large number of interesting cases, both surgical and medical. Amongst these were (1) patients who had recovered from severe compound dislocation of the ankle; (2) a new method of treating fracture of the thigh, by simple extension without splints (a patient was shown who had recovered from fracture of both thigh bones under this treatment); (3) a case of commencing curvature of spine (Pott's) with partial paralysis; an abscess leading to carious vertebræ had been opened antiseptically, and the paralytic symptoms were rapidly disappearing; this same patient had recovered from tubercular peritonitis, accompanied by prolonged diarrhea; (4) a case in which tracheotomy had been performed twelve years age; (5) a case of post-febrile periositits of ulna; (6) a case of cancrum oris occurring during an attack of typhoid fever; in this case diagnosis had been materially aided by Ehrlich's diagnostic urinary sign of enteric fever; (7) a case of successful "overfeeding" in a child of six months which suffered from invotors of diagnostic graphs and the suffered from invotors of diagnostic graphs. from inveterate diarrhea following measles.

Dinner.—The members then dined in the George Hotel, the President, Dr. D. Macleon, in the chair. Professor Gairdner, President of the British Medical Association, acted as croupier. Twenty-six members were present, and one guest, Mr. James

McKie.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

The third general meeting of the present session was held at the Bell Medical Library, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 30th, Mr. Boldero, President, in the chair. There were 37 members

Resolution.—The following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Worcestershire and Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Branches was considered: "That the disproportionate growth of the out-patient department in all hospitals demands a general inquiry, as well as the subject of provident dispensaries, medical aid associations, and sick clubs." The following resolution was passed: "That this Branch agrees with the general statement, and thinks that some competent committee should be formed to consider the matter."

Collective Investigation of Disease.—Dr. ISAMBARD OWEN exhibited and explained the series of maps forming the report of the Collective Investigation Committee on the Geographical Distribution of Rickets, Acute Rheumatism, Chorea, Cancer, and Urinary Calculus in the British Islands.

[The remainder of the proceedings is published at p. 1465.]

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH. THE annual meeting was held in the Literary Institute, Nairn, on Wednesday, June 12th, Dr. Duguid, Buckie, President, in the

New Members.-Dr. De Witt Allan (Lossiemouth), Dr. Thomas Henderson Fyfe (Forres), Dr. L. G. Lawson (Jamimaville, Invergordon), and Dr. John Souter (Burghead) were elected members.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT delivered an address on the Status of the Medical Profession, which gave rise to considerable discussion, taken part in by Dr. BRUCE (Dingwall), Dr. HAY (Forres), Dr. OGILVIE GRANT (Inverness), and Dr. SOUTER (Burghead).

Preliminary Examination and Length of Medical Curriculum. It was unanimously agreed to transmit the following resolution to the Medical Council, and Dr. Bruce was requested to support it there:—"That this Branch is of opinion that the standard of the preliminary examination should be raised so as to secure a more thorough general education on the part of candidates for entrance to the medical profession, and that the professional course should be extended to five years as the minimum."

Papers.—Dr. CRUICKSHANK (Nairn): Case of Pulsating Tumour of Tibia, illustrated by Pathological Specimens.—Dr. Turner (Keith): On Albuminuria in Connection with Life Assurance.—Dr. D. S. MACDONALD (Brora): On Venesection.—All the papers were of great interest, and thanks were heartily accorded to the

readers.

Election of Office-bearers.—President: Dr. Whyte (Elgin). President-elect: Dr. Grant (Grantown). Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. Mackay (Elgin). Members of Council: Drs. Cruickshank, Murray, Aitken, McNee, Mann, Finlayson. Representative on Council of Association: Dr. Ogilvie Grant (Inverness). In intimating Dr. Grant's appointment, the Secretary was instructed to bring under the notice of the Council the fact that heavy expenses for travelling are incurred by their representative in the performance of the duties laid upon him, and that, in common justice, it is advisable that those expenses should be borne by the Association.

The Late Dr. Duff.—It was resolved to place on record a minute expressive of the loss sustained by the Branch in the

lamented death of Dr. Duff, of Elgin.

Next Meeting.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Inverness.

Dinner.—The meeting then terminated, and the members dined together afterwards in the Royal Hotel.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.

Annual Meeting and Dinner.—The annual meeting and dinner of this District was held at the Restaurant of the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, on Saturday, June 22nd, the President, Dr.

B. SEWELL, in the chair.

Election of Officers.—After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected:

—Dr. Bridgwater, J. P., Vice-President; Dr. E. Hooper May,
Representative Member on the Council; Dr. H. Goude, Dr. Sykes, Dr. Wynn Westcott, Dr. Walter Smith, Mr. Plaister, Dr. Edridge-Green, as District Committee; Dr. George Henty, Honorary Secretary. There were twenty-one members present.

RABIES IN FRANCE AND GERMANY.—The official Compte-Rendu, read before the Council of Hygiene of the Seine Inférieure, shows that of twenty-five persons bitten or supposed to have been bitten by mad animals in 1888, and treated at the Pasteur Institute, two succumbed after treatment. In France the average of deaths from rabies in a year is from thirty to forty. In Germany the total number of cases of rabies for 1887 amounted to four for the whole German Empire. The rarity of rabies in Germany may be accounted for entirely by the vigorous and strictly observed mea-

sures of the veterinary police.

A SEVERE epidemic of whooping-cough is raging in Chili.
There is hardly a town or village of the Republic unvisited by the

disease, and the mortality is considerable.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Leeds, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1889.

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

President-elect: C. G. Wheelhouse, F.R.C.S., J.P., Consulting Surgeon, Leeds General Infirmary, Hillary Place, Leeds.

President of the Council: Thomas Bridgwater, M.B., LL.D., Harrow-on-the-Hill.

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

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by J. Hughlings Jackson, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Physician to the London Hospital, and to the National Hospital for Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by T. Pridgin Teale, M.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., Consulting Surgeon to the Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds.

An Address in Psychology will be delivered by Sir J. Crichton Browne, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy London.

A. MEDICINE.—President, John Edwin Eddison, M.D. Vice-Presidents, Charles Parsons, M.D.; Robert Saundby, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, Alfred George Barrs, M.D., 22, Park Place, Leeds: Theodore Dyke Acland, M.D., 7, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

The proceedings of this Section will be opened by the President on Wednesday, August 14th, at 10 A.M., after which Dr. R. Douglas Powell will read a paper on The Clinical Aspects of Chronic Tubercular Diseases of the Serous Membranes and their Treatment. Sir Andrew Clark, Drs. Coupland, Vincent Harris, Roberts, Samuel West, Churton, Cheadle, Handford, More Madden, and Burney Yeo have promised, if possible, to take part in the discussion.

On Thursday, August 15th, a paper will be read by Sir W. Roberts on the prognosis of Cases of Albuminuria, with Special Reference to Life Insurance. Drs. Goodhart, Maguire, Pavy, Pye-Smith, Ralfe, Rabagliati, C.R. Drysdale, Robert Barnes, De Havilland Hall, N. Tirard, Joseph Ewart, and Saundby hope to take part in

the discussion.

The following papers are promised:

BATEMAN, F., M.D. (Norwich). On the Jurisprudence of Aphasia.

CHURTON, T., M.D.

DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. The Alleged Rarity of Phthisis among the Jews in

DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. The Array London.
London.

ECCLES, A. Symons, M.B. The Influence of Massage on the Rate of Absorption from the Intestines.

FINUCANE, T. D., M.D. (Blackrock). On Asiatic Cholera.

GREENE, G. E. (Ferns, Co. Wexford). Notes on Rötheln.

HANDFORD, H., M.D. On the Relations of Arterial Hypoplasia to Cardiac Disease.

HANDFORD, H., M.D. On the Modern Treatment of Palsies.

LITLIE, J. Fletcher, M.B. The Modern Treatment of Palsies.

MADDEN, T. More, Esq. Clinical Experiences of the Chronic Tubercular Diseases of Childhood.

PEARSE, T. F., Esq. The Use and Abuse of Soap.

TIRARD, N., M.D. Peptonuria and the Fehling Test.

B. Surgery.—President, Thomas Richard Jessop, F.R.C.S. Vice-Presidents, Edward Atkinson, M.R.C.S.; Arthur F. McGill, F.R.C.S.; Henry Morris, F.R.C.S.; Honorary Secretaries, Arthur W. Mayo Robson, F.R.C.S., Hillary Place, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds; Edward Ward, M.B., 22, Park Place, Leeds.

Arrangements have been made in this Section for the consideration of four special subjects, and the gentlemen whose names are appended have promised, if possible, to take part in the dis-

The President of the Surgical Section will give an Opening Address on the Treatment of Cancer of the Rectum. The follow-Address on the Treatment of Cancer of the Rectum. The following gentlemen will take part in the discussion:—Dr. Ball (Dublin), Mr. Mitchell Banks (Liverpool), Mr. Bond (Leicester), Mr. Bryant (London), Mr. Harrison Cripps (London), Mr. Christopher Heath (London), Mr. Whitehead (Manchester), Dr. Alexander (Liverpool), Mr. H. Allingham (London), Mr. Alfred Cooper (London), Dr. Ward Cousins (Southsea), Mr. Vincent Jackson (Wolverhampton), Mr. Jordan Lloyd (Birmingham), Mr. F. Marsh (Birmingham), Dr. James Murphy (Sunderland), Mr. Bennett May (Birmingham), and Mr. F. B. Jessett (London).

Mr. Henry Morris will open a discussion on the Surgery of the Mr. Henry Morris will open a discussion on the surgery of the Kidney. Professor Annandale (Edinburgh), Mr. Rickman Godlee (London), Mr. Bennett May (Birmingham), Dr. Newman (Glasgow), Mr. Lawson Tait (Birmingham), Mr. Bruce Clarke (London), Mr. Kendal Franks (Dublin), Mr. R. Lawford Knaggs (Hudderstield), and Mr. Edmund Owen (London) will take part in the discussion.

Mr. Frederick Treves will open a discussion on The Surgical Treatment of Typhilitis after the discussion on Renal Surgery.

Mr. A. F. McGill will open a discussion on Kenal Surgery.
Mr. A. F. McGill will open a discussion on the Treatment of
Retention of Urine from Prostatic Enlargement. Mr. Edward
Atkinson (Leeds), Mr. A. E. Durham (London), Mr. Reginald Harrison (Liverpool), Mr. Berkeley Hill (London), Mr. Bruce Clarke
(London), Dr. Ward Cousins (Southsea), Mr. Vincent Jackson
(Wolverhampton), Mr. Jordan Lloyd (Birmingham), Mr. Bennett
May (Birmingham), and Mr. W. Whitehead (Manchester) will take
next in the discussion part in the discussion.

The following further papers are announced:

ADAMS, W., Esq. (London). On the Successful Treatment of Cases of Congenital Displacement of the Hip-joint by Complete Recumbency with Extension

tal Displacement of the Hip-joint by Complete Recumbency with Extension for two years.

Alexander, W., M.D. (Liverpool). The Surgical Treatment of Epilepsy.

Bishop, E. Stanmore (Manchester). 1, Some Points in the Technique of Morton's Operation for Spina Bifida. 2. Will show a Splint Cradle for Excision of the Hip-Joint and Osteotomy.

CRIPPS, Harrison, Esq. (London). A Series of Cases of Cancer of the Rectum treated by Excision or Colotomy.

HEN, John, M.D. (Darlington). The Advisability of Aspiration of the Protruded Gut in Recently Strangulated Hernia, with Notes of Cases.

Jones, Robert. Esq. (Liverpool). 1. The Treatment of Joint Disease by Prolonged fixation. 2. The Treatment of Certain Cases of Peri-rectal Abscess by Partial Removal of the Sacrum.

Keetley, C. B., Esq. (London). Compression of the Abdominal Aorta by an Instrument passed through a Small Opening in the Anterior Wall of the Abdomen.

KELLEN, Otto E., M.D. (London). Trephining in a Case of Actinomycosis of

LIOYP, Jordan, Esq. (Birmingham). Abdominal Section for Acute Intestinal Obstruction.

Obstruction.

Owen, Edmund, Esq. (London). The Probable Future of Arthrectomy.

Pearse, T. Frederick, Esq. (London). The Treatment of Empyema.

Robson, A. W. Mayo (Leeds). 1. Two Hundred Consecutive Cases of Abdominal Section, with remarks. 2. Successful Case of Cholecystenterostomy for Biliary Fistula. Patient shown.

SILK, J. F. W., M.D. (London). Ether as an Adjunct to Nitrous Oxide Anæsthesia in Minor Surgery; with some general remarks upon Ether Narcosis and the teaching of Anæsthetics.

SPICER, Scanes, M.D. Note on a Case of Progressive Induration of Cervical Glands Simulating Malignant Disease, but readily; yielding to the Treatment of Chronic Post-Nasal Catarrh.

STOKES, Sir Wm. Thyrotomy in the Treatment of Laryngeal Cancer.

C. Obstetric Medicine and Gynæcology.—President, Charles J. Cullingworth, M.D. Vice-Presidents, James Braithwaite, M.D.; J. W. Byers, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, F. Hall, M.D., St. Mark's House, Leeds; Peter Horrocks, M.D., 9, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.

Dr. Braxton Hicks, F.R.S., will open a discussion on the treatment of Placenta Previa. Drs. Robert Barnes, Gervis, Aust Lawrence, Malins, Playfair, Priestley, Macnaughton Jones, Robert Bell, William Walter, Wallace, and Messrs. Hall and Wright are expected

to take part in the discussion.

Dr. Herman will open a discussion on Corporeal Endometritis, its Frequency, Diagnosis, and Treatment. Drs. Braithwaite, Byers, Halliday Croom, Gervis, Aust Lawrence, Playfair, Robert Bell, William Walter, Priestley, Wallace, Macnaughton Jones, Aveling, and Messrs. Pridgin Teale and More Madden are expected to take part in the discussion.

The following further papers are announced:

Armstrong, J., M.B. The Use of Antiseptics in Midwifery.

BELL, R., M.D. On the Relation of Endometritis to Ovarian Disease, and will also show some instruments.

HANDFIELD-JONES, M., M.D. On Cardiac Insufficiency in its Relation to

Abortion.

MADDEN, T. More, M.K.Q.C.P.I. On Some Points in the Treatment of Uterine

WALTER, Wm., M.D. A Case of Total Extirpation of Uterus for Cancer.

D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.—President, Edward Ballard, M.D., R.C.P., F.R.S. Vice-Presidents, George Goldie, L.R.C.P.Edin.; Snirley F. Murphy, M.R.C.S. Honorary Secretaries, George Eastes, M.B., F.R.C.S., 35, Gloucester Place, Hyde Park, W.; Arthur Stopford Underhill, M.D., D.P.H., Great Bridge, Tipton, Staffs.

The following special subjects will be considered in this

Section:

1. Medical Officers of Health: their Training, and the Condi-

tions on which they should hold Office. The President of the Section will introduce this subject. Dr. John Brown (Bacup), Dr. D. E. Flinn (Kingstown), Dr. G. E. J. Greene (Ferns), Mr. J. Brindley James (London), and others have promised to read papers or take part in the discussion.

2. Disinfection and Isolation: with special reference to the Control of Epidemics. Dr. C. H. Allfrey (St. Mary Cray) will read a paper on The Management of Infectious Diseases in Hotels. Dr. W. Squire will read a paper on Disinfection and Isolation as necessary to the Control of Epidemics. Dr. C. R. Drysdale (London) and Dr. Joseph Loane (London) will take part in this discussion.

3. Town Refuse: its Treatment and Disposal. Excremental Matter: its Treatment and Disposal by other Methods than that of Sewers. Dr. E. Slade-King (Ilfracombe) will read a paper on Town Refuse: its Collection and Disposal in the Smaller Towns. Dr. M. Greenwood, jun., will read a paper on Dusting in our Large Towns, and will take part in the discussion on Town Refuse: its Treatment and Disposal. Dr. D. E. Flinn (Kingstown), Dr. G. E. J. Greene (Ferns), and others will also take part in this discussion.

4. Diseases and Injuries caused by Special Occupations: with reference to their Prevention. Dr. T. Churton (Leeds), Dr. J. T. Arlidge, Dr. G. E. J. Greene (Ferns), and others will take part in the discussion.

5. Contamination of Drinking-water by Lead: its Causes and Prevention. Dr. Sinclair White (Sheffield) will read a paper on this subject. Dr. John Brown (Bacup) and Dr. T. Churton (Leeds) will take part in this discussion.

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The following further papers are announced:

Arlidge, J. T., M.D. (Newcastle-under-Lyme). On Diseases in Some Occupations Produced by Noxious or Poisonous Dusts.

CHURTON, T., M.D. (Leeds). Results of Twelve Months' Systematic Inquiry into the Sanitary State of the Homes of Hospital In-patients.

DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. (London). Class Mortality Statistics.

FLINN, D. E., F.R.C.S.I. (Kingstown). On the Public Cleansing of Towns viewed in Relation to Public Health.

JAMES, J. Brindley, M.R.C.S. (London). (1) Town Refuse: its Treatment and Disposal. (2) A Cabinet Minister of Public Health.

E. PSYCHOLOGY.—President, D. Hack Tuke, F.R.C.P., LL.D. Vice-Presidents, W. Bevan Lewis, L.R.C.P.; Ringrose Atkins, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, John Greig McDowall, M.D., Menston Asylum, near Leeds; Robert Percy Smith, M.D., Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E.

Presidential address, Dr. Hack Tuke, on The Past and Present Provision for Pauper Lunatics in Yorkshire, introducing for discussion the question, Ought the Future Provision for this Class to be on the Same Lines?

The following papers are promised:

BULLEN, F. St. John, Esq. An Analysis of 1,565 Post-Mortem Examinations of the Brain performed at the Wakefield Asylum during a period of eleven years. IRELAND, W. W., M.D. The Double Brain and the Discordant Action of the Two Hemispheres in Insanity.

ROBERTSON, George, M.D. Melancholia from an Evolutionary and Physiological Point of View.

SAVAGE, G. H., M.D. Massage Treatment of Some Forms of Melancholia. SHUTTLEWORTH, G. B., M.D., and BEACH, F., M.B. A Contribution to the Etiology of Idioev.

logy of Idiocy.

Voisin, Professeur Aug. (of the Salpétrière). On the Use of Hypnotic Suggestion as a means of Treatment in the Insane, and the Results he has obtained

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WARNER, Francis, M.D. On Physical Development and Brain Faculty of Pupils as seen in Schools.

WIGLESWORTH, J., M.D. Note on Optic Nerve Atrophy Preceding the Mental Symptoms of General Paralysis.

Other papers are promised by Drs. Fletcher Beach, Wiglesworth,

and Sherrington.

F. PATHOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY.—President, Joseph Coats, M.D. Vice-Presidents, Thomas Churton, M.D.; De Burgh Birch, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, Ernest Henry Jacob, M.D., 12, Park Street, Leeds; T. Wardrop Griffith, M.D., 23, Park Square, Leeds.

A discussion on the subject of Fever will be opened by Dr. T. J. Maclagan. Dr. Gairdner, Dr. Dreschfeld, Dr. Handford, and Dr.

Sims Woodhead will take part in the discussion. The following further papers are announced:

COPEMAN, S. A. M., M.A. The Detection of Human Blood.

CROOKE, G. F., M.D. The Histology of Bright's Disease.

HANDFORD, H., M.D. Visceral Changes in Enteric Fever.

MOTT, F. W., M.D. The Pathology of Cardiac Failure.

WILLIAMS, Roger, Esq. The Neoplastic Process from an Evolutional Stand
point.

point.
WOODHEAD, G. Sims, M.D.

The Pathological Museum will be held in the Chemical Labora-

tory of the Leeds School of Science (Mechanics' Institute). Dr. Beaven Rake will show a series of preparations illustrative of the various lesions of Leprosy.

G. OPHTHALMOLOGY. — President, George Anderson Critchett, F.R.C.S.Edin. Vice-Presidents, John Albert Nunneley, M.B.; George A. Berry, M.B. Honorary Secretaries, Gustavus Hartridge, F.R.C.S., 65, Green Street, Grosvenor Square, W.; R. N. Hartley, M.B., 29, Blenheim Terrace, Leeds.

Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson will open a discussion on the Treatment of Glaucoma. Messrs. Couper, Frost, Evan Jones, Green, Griffith, Hutchinson, Little, Mackinlay, Macnaughton Jones, Prichard, Scougal, Sympson, Tweedy, Cant, and Lloyd Owen have promised to take part in the discussion.

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The following further papers are announced:

Benson, A. H., M.B. Pulsating Tumour of Orbit cured by Digital Pressure.

Benry, G. A., M.B. St. Petersburg Operation for Entropion and Trichiasis.

Bickerton, Thomas H., Esq. Criticism of the various Tests for Colour-Blindness, with special reference to the Board of Trade Tests, and further examples of Defective Eyesight occurring in Sailors.

Bronner, Adolph, M.D., will show a Hook for Removing Remains of Lens (Capsule)

of Defective Eyesight occurring in Sailors.

Bronner, Adolph, M.D., will show a Hook for Removing Remains of Lens Capsule,
Cant, W. J., Esq. A Case of Paralysis of the Right External Rectus Muscle after Injury to the Left Temple (contre coup?).

Collins, W. J., M.D. The Composition of the Human Lens in Health and in Cataract, and its Bearing upon Operations for the latter.

Enrishjones, A., M.D. The Value of Galvano-Cautery in the Treatment of Conical Cornea (6 cases).

FORD, Vernon, Esq. The Value of Peritomy in Ulcers of the Cornea, etc.
Hartley, R. N., M.B., will show 1. Modification of Sichel's Knife for Cataract Operations. 2. Cases of Soft Cataract treated by Suction. 3. Cases of Hard Cataract extracted without Iridectomy.

Hern, John, M.D. Sclerotitis from Dental Irritation.

Hewetson, H. B., Esq. 1. Series of Cataract Operations without Iridectomy 2. Series of cases of Interstitial Keratitis treated by Syndectomy.

Money, Angel, M.D. Sudden Transient Ocular Phenomena in Children.

Mules, P. H., M.D. Peripheral Neuritis of the Ophthalmic Division of the Fifth Nerve, and its Clinical Bearings.

Snell, Simeon, Esq. Extraction of Cataract without Iridectomy.

Teale, T. Pridgin, M.B., F.R.S. Description of the Operation he employs for Extraction of Cataract without Iridectomy.

Thompson, J. T., M.B. 1. A Note on a case of Superficial Keratitis induced by Aniline Violet. 2. Necrosis of Cornea from Contact with Crude Creasote.

H. DISEASES OF CHILDREN.—President, Thomas Scattergood, M.R.C.S. Vice-Presidents, Richard Favell, M.R.C.S.; A. H. Carter, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, Walter Henry Brown, F.R.C.S.I., 19, Queen Street, Leeds; Angel Money, M.D., F.R.C.P., 24, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, W.

A discussion on the following subject will take place: The paralyses of the first two years of life. What is the relative frequency of paralysis from brain, cord, and nerve disease? What is the nature of the changes in the centres and nerves? This will probably be opened by the Honorary Medical Secretary. Papers will be read on the various forms of infantile paralysis: spastic paraplegia, congenital chorea, infantile palsy, and diphtheritic paralysis.

Surgical Portion.—Subject for discussion: The Surgical Treatment of the Various Congenital Malformations. Mr. Walsham and Mr. Morgan will take part in the discussion.

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The following further papers are announced:
ASHBY, Henry, M.D. A case of Softening of an Infant's Brain due to Vascular Obstruction, Also a case of Acute Polio-myelitis; death six weeks after the Acute Attack. The specimens will be shown.
BROWN, John, M.B. (Bacup). Unsuspected Lead-poisoning in Children.
BURY, Judson S., M.D. On a Case of Microcephalus with Spastic Paralysis, and will show a Specimen.
CHURCHILL, F. Esq. Hare-lip Operations.
MORGAN, J. H., Esq. Congenital Malformations.
SQUIRE, W., M.D. Cases of Infantile Palsy, Spastic Paraplegia, and Diphtheritic Paralysis in Children.
SYMPSON, Mansel, M.D. (1) A Case of Cerebral Birth Palsy with Epileptoid Convulsions. (2) A Case of Infantile Palsy, with comments.
WALSHAM, W. J., Esq. Ectopia Vesicæ.
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WARNER, F., M.D. The Frequency of Coincidental Defects in Development as seen in Children.

I. LARYNGOLOGY.—President, Henry T. Butlin, F.R.C.S. Vice-Presidents, Francis de Havilland Hall, M.D.; Richard A. Hayes, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, Greville Macdonald, M.D., 47, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, W.; Barclay J. Baron, M.D., 16, Whiteladies Road, Bristol.

The following subjects are proposed for special discussion:

1. Tonsillitis: its Varieties and Association with Rheumatism. Perichondritis of the Larynx: its Etiology, Pathology, Symptoms, and Treatment.

The following gentlemen have promised papers on these subjects: Dr. C. W. Haig-Brown, Dr. P. McBride, Dr. G. MacDonald, Dr. David Newman, Dr. Scanes Spicer; and the following will take part in the discussions: Dr. Dundas Grant, Dr. Hodgkinson, Dr. McMitt, Dr. C. M. Marier, Dr. S. Mositer, Dr. C. T. Mark Hovell, Esq., C. J. Lewis, Esq., Dr. S. Moritz, Dr. G. Hunter Mackenzie, Dr. Scanes Spicer, G. Eland Stewart, Esq., Dr. Archibald Garrod, and Dr. de Havilland Hall.

The following further papers are announced:

MacDONALD, Greville, M.D. Empyema of the Maxillary Sinus, with an analysis of twelve cases.

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MACKENZIE, G. Hunter, M.D. Cases of Infraglottic Laryngeal Disease: (1) a
Web removed by Laryngotomy; (2) a Growth a Sequel of Acute Laryngitis.

MORITZ, S., M.D. A Case of Acute Rheumatic Bilateral Paralysis of the Adductors of the Vocal Cords.

NEWMAN, David, M.D. A Case of Laryngeal Carcinoma complicated by
Chronic Pulmonary Tuberculosis, with remarks respecting the rare coincidence of these diseases.

SPICER, R. H. Scanes, M.D. Throat and Nose Affections in Children as Causes

of Functional Nervous Disorders.

Stewart, G. Eland, Esq. Tonsillitis as a Cause of Abscess in the Neck.

J. OTOLOGY.—President, George P. Field, M.R.C.S. Vice-Presidents, Frederick Morrish Pierce, M.D.; Henry Bendelack Hewetson, M.R.C.S. Honorary Secretaries, Adolph Bronner, M.D., 33, Manor Row, Bradford; G. William Hill, M.B., 24, Wimpole St., W.

The following subjects are proposed for formal discussion:

1. The Causes, Varieties, and Treatment of Osseous Growths of

2. The Influence of Diseases of the Nose and Pharynx on Affections of the Middle Ear.

3. The Diagnosis, with special reference to Localisation, of Intracranial Lesions the result of Aural Disease.

The first of these discussions will be opened by the President, Mr. G. P. Field, the second by the Vice-Presidents, Dr. F. M. Pierce and Mr. H. B. Hewetson, and the third by Mr. Cumberbatch and Dr. William Macewen, of Glasgow; Dr. Hughlings Jackson, Dr. Broadbent, Professor Ferrier, and Professor Horsley will probably speak on the latter subject.

The following otologists have also intimated their intention of joining in one or more of the discussions: Clarence J. Blake, M.D. (Boston, U.S.A.), Professor Urban Pritchard, M.D. (London), H. Macnaughton Jones, M.D. (London), J. Dundas Grant, M.D. (London), W. R. H. Stewart, F.R.C.S.Ed. (London), Donald Stewart, M.D. (Nottingham), Dr. Charles Warden (Birmingham), and Mr. Richard Williams.

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BARR, Thomas, M.D. (Glasgow). On Non-operative Treatment of Aural Exostoses, and will show Sections of Temporal Bones from Cases of Intracranial Disease illustrative of the various directions by which Disease of the Middle Ear may extend to the Interior of the Cranium.

BRONNER, Adolf, M.D., Bradford. Notes on the Use of Menthol in the Local Treatment of Diseases of the Middle Ear; and will show (1) a Catheter for the Injection of Fluids, and (2) a Capsule for the Introduction of Vapours into the Middle Ear.

COUSINS, J. Ward, M.D., Portsmouth. On a New Antiseptic Ear Drum. (Specimen shown.

DALBY, Sir Wm, M.B. (London) and Sheild, Marmaduke, M.B. (London). On Treatment of Aural Exostoses.

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DAVIS, Henry (London). On the question of Anæsthetics in Operations for Adenoid Growths of the Naso-Pharynx.

ELLIS, Richard, F.R.C.S.Ed. (Newcastle). On an Osseous Growth of the Auditory Meatus simulating a Foreign Body and Causing Deafness. (Removal with restoration of hearing. Specimen.)

GUYE, Professor (Amsterdam). On Aprosexia, being the inability to fix the attention, and other allied troubles in the cerebral functions caused by nasal disorders

disorders.

HARTLEY, R. N., M.B. (Leeds). Abscess of Right Temporo-Sphenoidal Lobe following Old Middle Ear Disease. (Trephined and drained: Recovery: Patient

shown.

shown.)

HILL, William, M.B. (London). On some Causes of Backwardness and Stupidity in Children; and will show Intranasal Guards for the safer application of Chromic Acid to the Nasal Cavities.

LEE, Charles G. (Liverpool). A case of Cerebral Tumour complicated with Symptoms of Acute Otitis.

LEES, David B., M.D. (London). On the Connection between Aural Disease and Meningitis in Children.

MATHESON, Farquhar, M.B. (London). On Some Subject connected with Deaf-Mutism.

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NUNNELEY, John A., M.B. (Leeds).

POLITZER, Professor, M.D. (Vienna) (per Mr. G. Stone, Liverpool). On Osseous. Growths of the Ear. (With specimens.)

STONE, George (Liverpool). A Case of Severe Unilateral Tinnitus due to Stricture of the Eustachian Tube cured by Persistent Bougieing.

K. Pharmacology and Therapeutics.—President, Sir William Roberts, M.D., F.R.S. Vice-Presidents, T. Cranstoun Charles, M.D.; I. Burney Yeo, M.D. Honorary Secretaries, John B. Hellier, M.D., 1, De Grey Terrace, Leeds; Dawson Williams, M.D., 25, Old Burlington Street, W.

The proceedings of the Section will be opened by the President,

who will give a short address on Chemical Therapeutics.

A discussion on Hypnotics and Analgesics, with special reference to remedies recently introduced, will be opened by Dr. D. J. Leech, Professor of Therapeutics in the Victoria University, Manchester. Dr. Charteris, Professor of Therapeutics in the University of Glasgow, Sir Crichton Browne, and Dr. W. H. Broadbent have signified their intention of taking part in the discussion.

It is proposed to hold a discussion on Foods for Invalids and Infants, which will be introduced by Dr. Burney Yeo, and continued by Dr. Sidney Martin and Dr. E. D. Mapother.

N.B.—All gentlemen who, up to the present, have promised papers, have also intimated their intention of taking part in one or other of the discussions.

Honorary Local Secretaries, Charles J. Wright, M.R.C.S., Lynton Villa, Virginia Road, Leeds; Charles M. Chadwick, M.D., 3, Park Square, Leeds; G. Herbert Rowe, M.R.C.S., Hillary Place, Leeds.

Honorary Local Treasurer, William Hall, M.R.C.S., Moorham, Headingley.

PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 1889.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1888-89 Council.
11.30 A.M.—First General Meeting Report of Council. Reports of Committees; and other business.
4 P.M.—Service in Parish Church. Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon.
8.30 P.M.—Adjourned General Meeting from 11.30 A.M. President's Address.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 1889.

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9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1889-90 Council.

10 A.M. to 2 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

3 P.M.—Second General Meeting.

Hughlings Jackson, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.

4.30 to 6 P.M.—Afternoon Reception at the Yorkshire College by the President, Council, and Senate of the College.

8.30 P.M.—Conversazione by the President of the Association and Local Executive Committee in the Art Gallery and Municipal Buildings. Municipal Buildings.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 1889.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of the Council.

10 A.M. to 2 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

3 P.M.—Third General Meeting. Address in Surgery by T.

Pridgin Teale, M.A., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.

4.30 to 6 P.M.—Probable visit to the new W.R. Asylum at Menston.

7 P.M.—Public Dinner of the Association in the Town Hall.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 1889.

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

3 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting. Address in Psychology by Sir James Crichton Browne, M.D., F.R.S.

4.30 to 6 P.M.—Garden Party at the W.R. Asylum, Wakefield.

8.30 P.M.—Reception and Ball by the Mayor of Leeds in the Town Hall.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 1889. Excursions.

ANNUAL MUSEUM.

In connection with the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the British Medical Association, the Museum and Exhibition will be held in the Chemical Laboratory and grounds of the Leeds School of Science (Mechanics' Institute). The Museum will be arranged in the following Sections:

SECTION A .- Foods and Drugs, including Antiseptic Dressings and other Chemical and Pharmaceutical Preparations. (Honorary Secretaries, Dr. J. Hellier, 1, De Grey Terrace, Leeds; Mr. C. V.

Newstead, 40, Headingley Lane, Leeds.)

SECTION B.—Pathology, comprising Casts, Models, Diagrams, Apparatus, Microscopical and Spirit Preparations, etc. (Honorary Secretaries, Dr. J. Dobson, 27, Burley Lawn, Leeds; Dr. E. H. Jacob, 12, Park Street, Leeds.)

SECTION C.—Anatomy and Physiology, comprising Special Dissections, Methods of Preparation, Drawings, Models, Microscopes, Microtomes, and Microscopic Preparations. (Honorary Secretaries—Physiology, Dr. De Burgh Birch, 16, De Grey Terrace, Leeds; Anatomy, Dr. T. Wardrop Griffith, 23, Park Square, Leeds.)

SECTION D.—Instruments and Books, including Appliances, Medical, Surgical, and Electrical. (Honorary Secretaries—Instruments, Mr. W. H. Brown, 19, Queen Street, Leeds; Books, Mr. F. H. Mayo, 49, Otley Road, Leeds.)

SECTION E.—Sanitary and Ambulance Appliances. (Honorary

Secretaries-Sanitary, Mr. J. S. Loe, Grafton Street, Leeds; Ambulance, Mr. R. N. Hartley, Blenheim Terrace, Leeds.)

In consequence of the great and increasing cost of these exhibitions, charges will be made to exhibitors (others than members of the medical profession), according to the space occupied.

Regulations Regarding Exhibits.

1. Intending exhibitors must communicate with the Secretaries of each Section in which they propose to exhibit, and a brief description of each exhibit, for insertion in the Museum Catalogue, must be in the hands of the respective Secretaries before July 8th.

2. All exhibits should be addressed to the "Secretary of the Museum, British Medical Association, Mechanics' Institute, Cookridge Street, Leeds," with the name of the Section for which they

are intended.

3. Communications on general matters connected with the Museum to be addressed to the Museum Secretary, Dr. Jacob, 12, Park Street, Leeds.

All communications respecting advertisements in the Catalogue must be made to Messrs. Goodall and Suddick, Cookridge Street, Leeds.

PROPOSED EXCURSIONS.

1. Bradford Excursion.—To Bolton Abbey; lunch. To Ilkley;

dinner. (Arranged by profession of Bradford and Ilkley.)

2. Malham Cove, Gordale Scar, and Settle.—Train to Bell Busk.

Coach to Malham; lunch. To Gordale Scar by Malham Cove and back to Malham. By Kirkby Malham and Scaleber Bridge to Settle; dinner. Giggleswick and Stainforth, if time.

Settle; dinner. Giggleswick and Stainforth, if time.

3. Harewood, Farnley, Otley.—Drive to Eccup and Harewood; lunch at Barrett's. Drive by Almscliff to Fewston. Over Jack Hill to Lindley Wood Reservoir and Farnley. See pictures at Farnley Hall. Dine at White Hart, Otley. Drive home.

4. Nidd Bridge, Ripley, Ripon.—By train to Nidd Bridge. Drive to Ripley; see Castle. To Brimham Rocks Lunch at Pateley Bridge. By Grantley to Studley; see grounds; Fountains Abbey. To Ripon; Cathedral; dinner. Train to Leeds.

5. Leyburn, Aysgarth, Bolton Castle.—Train to Leyburn. Drive to Middleham; lunch; see Castle. By Wensley to Aysgarth; see Falls. From Aysgarth to Bolton Castle. From Bolton, by Redmire, to Leyburn; dine. Walk to Shawl. Train home.

6. York, Helmsley, Rievaulx.—Train to York; Cathedral, etc. Train to Helmsley; lunch. Helmsley Castle, Duncombe Park, Rievaulx. Dine at Helmsley. Train home.

7. Scarborough.—To be arranged by the profession of Scarborough.

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CHARLES M. CHADWICK, Honorary Secretary, Excursions Subcommittee.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

BERLIN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Professor Leyden on the Prognosis of Heart Disease. (Continued from p. 1198.)

FROM the diagnostic point of view three classes of heart affections have to be distinguished; 1. Organic defect or disease; 2, disease of the heart muscle; 3, valvular incompetence. 1. With regard to the first of these divisions, the first question which has to be decided in the case of every patient who comes to a physician with disease of the heart is whether the disease is or is not organic, that is to say, whether a definite anatomical lesion underlies the symptoms. The inorganic affections are also designated nervous, symptoms. neurasthenic, or functional disorders. The distinction between these and organic diseases is sharply defined, so that in a given case it is always easy to discriminate the one from the other. The answer to this initial question is always of the greatest importance, as a much better prognosis can be given in all merely functional affections. Nevertheless, even nervous affections of the heart are, in exceptional cases, especially in elderly persons, attended with evil consequences, and sudden death has been occasionally known to occur from start or fright. That the disease is inorganic may be presumed when accurate physical examination fails to reveal any abnormality. This proposition holds good with two exceptions. Murmurs, almost always systolic in time and loudest at the apex, may be heard in cases of inorganic disease; even dilatation may be present, as in Basedow's disease.

trict of Bangalore, which is an inland one. My recollection is that leprosy was only somewhat more rare comparatively among these than among other castes—and not exceptionally so—but this is merely an impression and not founded on any record of numbers. The inmates of the Leper Asylum were originally or had become pariahs, so no elucidation of the question as to fish diet could be expected from them; but two points in the etiology of leprosy seem to me to be illustrated by my experience at Bangalore, namely, first, that the disease was very common there, though it is an inland district; secondly, that a dried fish diet could not be its especial cause. I am, etc., J. KIRKPATRICK, M.D.,
Deputy-Surgeon-General, late Madras Medical Service.

Edinburgh, June 23rd.

TUBERCULOUS MEAT.

SIR,-You are entitled to the thanks of the profession generally, and of medical officers of health in particular, for your article in the JOURNAL for June 15th on tuberculous meat. The subject is one which is becoming of more and more importance every day, and bids fair, unless it be properly and energetically dealt with, to bring reproach and contempt on those who have to do with it. Only the other day a case occurred in my own district, where a cow bought by a butcher at an auction mart was seized by the local authority and condemned, on the ground that being tuber-culous it was unfit for human food. The said butcher brought an action in the county court against the farmer or dealer who sold the cow, but the judge refused to hear the case on the ground that there was no warranty, either real or implied. He further supplemented his remarks by observing that, inasmuch as the animal showed no signs of disease during life, no amount of scientific evidence, by whomsoever given, would convince him that it was not fit for the food of man. This certainly is settling the matter with a vengeance, and makes it a perfect farce to attempt a conviction in a similar case. Not until, as you suggest, clauses are inserted into all Public Health or Local Government Bills dealing with this question and the matter of compensation fully and fairly determined will we medical officers of health be able thoroughly to discharge our duties to the public. Meantime we are between Scylla and Charybdis, and even the most skilful pilot must come to grief on one or other. Might I suggest that opportunity be taken at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Association to have the mind of the pro-fession taken on this important matter, and if possible some steps taken to get the Government to introduce some such clauses as you suggest in your article?—I am, etc.,

BACILLUS (M.O.H.)

ANTERIOR SEROUS TUBERCULAR PERITONITIS.

SIR,—In corroboration of Mr. Knowsley Thornton's view of the tubercular nature of Mr. Alban Doran's case at the Obstetrical Society reported in the JOURNAL of June 15th, I should like to draw attention to a paper by Dr. Fehling in the Korrespondenzblatt für Schweiz. Aerz., No. 20, 1887.

In one of the author's cases, which was thought to be either extra-uterine pregnancy or malignant degeneration of the ovary, the abdomen, when opened, showed very widespread tuberculosis of its cavity. The opening was closed, and though fever, tormenting cough, and quick emaciation set in, the patient subsequently enjoyed tolerable health.

In a second case laparotomy was done for probable tuberculosis. On opening the abdomen, hard nodes were seen between the gut coils, and there was such universal adhesion between the latter that the operation was relinquished for fear of wounding the bowel. The patient gained in weight, her bodily condition improved, and she was able to go about her household duties again.

In a third case when the abdomen was opened a kind of cyst

was seen, the boundaries of which were formed in part by adherent bowel, and in part by abdominal wall. The intestine showed knotty enlargements like the former case. One of those was removed and the microscope revealed undeniable tubercle. Fehling thinks that the prevalence of these cases of tuberculosis in women points to the genital organs as the source of infection, and he is convinced of the favourable effect of laparotomy as a means of treatment.—I am, etc.

OLIVER WITHERS.

Nottingham, June 18.

INSURANCE AND CRIME.—A woman named Whiteling has been hanged at Philadelphia for having poisoned her husband and two children in order to obtain the insurance money.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

CAMBRIDGE.

AT commencement on June 18, seven Doctors of Medicine were created," and fifty-one Bachelors of Medicine and forty-three

Bachelors of Surgery "inaugurated."

The Hopkins' Prize of the Cambridge Philosophical Society has been awarded to Professor G. H. Darwin for his mathematical and

physical researches.

DURHAM.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Convocation, holden on Tuesday,

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Convocation, holden on Tuesday, June 25th, 1889, the following were recommended for the degree of Doctor in Medicine for practitioners of fifteen years' standing: W. Bennett, L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S.Edin.; J. Crossman, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; J. H. Davies, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; T. E. D. Hayes, L.K.Q.C.P. Ire., M.R.C.S., and L.S.A.; E. Jepson, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; J. Matthews, L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S.Edin., D.P.H.Camb., R. S. Mutch, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.; W. Walker, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; B. S. White, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; W. Walker, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; B. S. White, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; W. M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., W. L. Blight, M.B., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.; A. F. Bradbury, M.B., B.S., H. E. Brodrick, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.; A. F. L. Charpentier, M.B.; A. C. Dove, M.B., M.R.C.S.; F. W. Edridge-Green, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.; A. A. Hutchinson, M.B., M.S., M.R.C.S.; A. K. Dove, M.B., M.R.D.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.; J. H. S. Walker, M.B., M.R.C.S.; A. R. Thompson, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.; J. P. Thornton, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.; J. P. Thornton, M.B., L.S.A.; F. W. Turtle, M.B., M.R.C.S.; B. Walker, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; H. J. Wheeler, M.B., M.R.C.S.; B. L.R.C.P. Lond.; R. H. W. Wilbe, M.B., M.R.C.S. Bing, L.R.C.P. Lond. The following were recommended for the degree of Bachelor in

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First Cluss Honours.—A. E. Cope, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Second Class Honours.—E. A. Falkner, Middlesex Hospital; R. Pearson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., St. George's Hospital T. H. Godfrey. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., St. Thomas's Hospital; B. Bodger, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; F. Bulman, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; H. W. Clarke, Charing Cross Hospital; B. B. S. Coombe, University College Hospital; W. R. Dix, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; N. Faichnie, University College Hospital; H. Fowler, Owens College, Manchester; R. H. French, London Hospital; D. G. Halsted, London Hospital; C. M. Hardy, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; E. B. Hulbert, University College Hospital; A. Jervis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., St. George's Hospital; J. F. Johns, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., London Hospital; I. N. Paris, University College Hospital; A. J. Swallow, St. Thomas's Hospital; J. S. Tew, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., University College Hospital; N. I. Vaishnav, Grant Medical College, Bombay; T. Watts, Owens College, Manchester.
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S. Bodger, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; F. Bulman, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; H. W. Clarke, Charing Cross Hospital; A. E. Cope, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; W. R. Dix, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; C. P. Evans, M.B., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; A. Jervis, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Guy's Hospital; C. N. Loveley, M.B., London Hospital; G. S. McLoughlin, M.B., College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne; I. N. Paris, University College Hospital; R. Pearson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., St. George's Hospital; A. J. Swallow, St. Thomas's Hospital; J. S. Tew, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., University College Hospital; F. W. Turtle, M.B., M.R.C.S., Guy's Hospital; N. I. Vaishnav, Grant Medical College, Bombay.

THE distribution of prizes to the students of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School will take place on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 3.30 P.M., at the Medical School, Chandos Street, W.C., the Right Hon. Lord De L'Isle and Dudley in the chair.

PRESENTATION.—A reading lamp and purse of £225 has been presented to Mr. G. M. Phillips, M.R.C.S. and L.S.A., of Whitwell, Herts, by his friends and patients on his retiring from a practice of nearly 50 years in that place.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Provident Medical Association will be held this day (Friday) at the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, at 4.30 P.M.; the Dean of Westminster will take the chair.

DR. HEINRICH HOFFMANN, of Frankfort-on-the-Main, author of Struwelpeter, one of the most popular books for children ever written, recently entered on his 80th year. He was for many years director of the Frankfort Lunatic Asylum.

In the current summer semester the total number of students registered in the University of Berlin is 4,936. Of these, 1,186 belonged to the medical faculty. This number does not include 264 students of the army medical establishments, whose names are not on the university register.

the average. But with the exception of diphtheria, which is rare in the district, all the other zymotic diseases manifested themselves at various periods of the year, measles and diarrhœa being responsible for most of the mortality. The death-rate from all causes amounted to 19.5 per 1,000. Several cases of small-pox came under treatment. A tramp, suffering from the disease, was the means of introducing and spreading the disease in this instance. As Dr. Brown remarks, this is a very common experience. Six cases followed, but in no instance did two cases occur in one house; this, in Dr. Brown's opinion, was due to the speedy removal of the patients to Sourhall Hospital, and the revaccination of the remaining members of the family. There was a remarkable freedom from scarlet fever, only 4 cases being known to exist. Some explanation of this immunity is found in the fact that the severe epidemic in 1887 had exhausted all the susceptible material of the district. Other cases of zymotic sickness call for no special comment, the fatality from measles being confined to the early part of the year, and being the remains of an outbreak during November and December, 1887. A remarkable series of cases of lead poisoning deserves attention. These cases were due to the contamination of the water during its passage through leaden service-pipes. About 300 cases came under notice, of which only 25 per cent. were at all serious. Dr. Brown examined many samples of water from both public and private supplies, and found lead present in quantities of from one-tenth of a grain to two grains per gallon. The waterworks water is described as being very soft, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ° of hardness, feebly acid (probably due to the presence of sulphuric acid), and containing a quantity of oxygen in solution. It acts very freely on lead pipes. Dr. Brown has found that by adding a small quantity of carbonate of soda to water with one grain of lead per gallon the lead is removed, probably by being thrown down as a carbonate of lead; and he suggests that a little sodium bicarbonate be added to each can of water intended for dietetic purposes. Good compressed silicated carbon filters are also recommended. Dr. Brown adds that, contrary to expectations, he found that tin-washed lead pipes were more readily acted on than those made from the virgin lead ore, a result which he attributes to galvanic action. This question of lead poisoning through the solvent action of certain waters on lead is deserving of systematic investigation by the Government, and we are glad to observe, from the recent issued report of the medical officer of the Local Government Board, that his department has taken the matter in hand.

ILFRACOMBE (Population, 5,887).—Epidemic of Mumps: Usefulness of Hospital for Infectious Cases.—During the year 1888, 96 deaths were registered in Ilfracombe, producing, if 4 deaths of visitors be excluded, a death-rate of 13.7 per 1,000. The only death under the class of preventable disease was that of a young child from diarrhea, and this seems to have been associated with improper feeding. There were a few cases of German measles, ordinary measles. scarlet fever, and whooping-cough. One case of typhoid fever was imported into the town, the patient being treated at the Tyrrell Cottage Hospital. Dr. Slade-King, the health-officer, draws attention to a severe and widespread epidemic of mumps (cynanche parotidea), which occurred among children, and extended even to adults. The infectious disease hospital was maintained in an efficient condition, and did good service in the treatment of a patient suffering from acute scarlet fever, who was removed from a crowded lodging-house, and also of three children suffering from an infectious skin-disease. The clean condition, in the widest sense of the term, of this district, the absence of all deaths from contagious diseases, the very low general death-rate, and the small infant mortality are matters which cannot fail to be gratifying to a sanitary authority who are so earnest and laborious in the fulfilment of their onerous duties.

Harwich (Population 9,108).—Infant Mortality: its Causes.—The vital statistics for the year 1888, as set out in Dr. W. W. Hardwicke's annual report, are generally satisfactory. There is shown an increase of births and a decrease of deaths. The death-rate, 10.7 per 1,000, is the lowest recorded for any year since 1882, the rate having in the meantime been gradually but surely decreasing year by year. Owing to the epidemic of whooping-cough which prevailed in 1887 and lasted into the year 1888, the mortality from zymotic diseases was somewhat higher than might have been anticipated from a consideration of the weather of the year. The

usual deaths among infants from summer diarrhoea were entirely absent. No deaths were recorded from small-pox, nor were there any from fever, diarrhoea, or diphtheria. There were 4 deaths from whooping-cough, 1 from scarlet fever, and 4 from measles, all in children under 5 years of age. The rate of infant mortality was rather high. Dr. Hardwicke remarks that this excess, which is nearly wholly confined to the labouring classes, may be attributed partly to the carelessness of parents with regard to the nurture and cleanliness of their offspring. Sometimes this carelessness is the result of "drinking" habits, and sometimes it is encouraged by the consciousness of the fact that the poor little frail life is "insured" for a certain sum at death. But another influence at work is the very great ignorance displayed with regard to the feeding of the children. Infants at an age when they ought by the laws of Nature to be at the mother's breast are frequently found being fed with food utterly at variance with the natural laws, totally unsuitable to their requirements, and of such a character as to be incapable of assimilation at such a tender age.

INDIA AND THE COLONIES,

INDIA. SANITATION IN INDIA.

THE Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India (1887) contains as usual a summary of the meteorological phenomena of the year month by month, followed (Section II) by an exhaustive report of the health of the European army of India, of the native army (Section III), of the gaols of India (Section IV), vital statistics of the general population (Section V), history of the chief diseases of the general population (Section VI), general history of vaccination (Section VII), military works (Section VIII), civil sanitary works (Section IX), general remarks (Section X). Appendix A contains a resolution of Government in the Home Department on the sanitary improvement of towns and villages, and the formation of provincial sanitary boards. Not the least interesting part of this exhaustive and admirably arranged report is to be found in Appendix B, being a memorandum on cholera as a preventable disease, by Surgeon-Major G. Hutcheson, M.D., the officiating statistical officer to the Government of India in the sanitary and medical departments.

We were pleased to see in the *Times* of June 12th a leading article devoted to an exposition of the matters dealt with in the Appendices A. and B. It is satisfactory to observe that no attempt is made on the part of the Government of India to tie the hands of the Sanitary Commissioner by restricting his limits on the ground of expense. This report would lose half of its value in the eyes of sanitarians if cut down in any of its sections to mere results without details of the means by which the results have been attained.

The health of the European army was more satisfactory in 1887 than in the previous two years, the admissions, daily sick, and deaths were all less. In 1887, the strength of the European army of India for the ten-year period 1870-79 was 363,431. The ratio per mille of strength admissions, 1,370; daily sick, 70; deaths, 14.20; invalidings, 23; total loss by death and invaliding, 37.0 per 1,000. The ratio of deaths was 5.14 under the decennial average of 1870-79, and the admission-rate 115 per mille under the average for the same period. The fall in the admission ratio as compared with that of 1886 was due to a decrease in the number of admissions from ague, enteric fever, venereal disease, rheumatism, neuralgia, and diarrhea. The death-rate from cholera was 2.0 as compared with 0.49 in the previous year. The decrease in sickness and mortality generally was confined to the armies of the Bengal and Madras Presidencies. There was less sickness, but increased mortality in the European army of Bombay. As regards the Bengal Presidency, the admission rate was the lowest recorded during the past decade, and less than the average of the decennial period 1870-79 by 96.0 per mille of average strength. The death-rate was also less, although cholera was more prevalent than in the preceding year. There was a decline in the mortality from enteric and remittent fevers. Dysentery was also less fatal, and there were only four deaths from alcoholism, although the number of admissions from this cause was 699 against 645 admissions with 9 deaths in 1886. The total loss of

the European Army of Bengal from death and invaliding was

34.0 per mille.

The admission-, daily-sick-, and death-rates of the European army of Madras were all less than in 1886, and the death-rate was 4.73 under the decennial average of 1870-79. There was a decline in the mortality from enteric and remittent fevers and dysentery, and there was no death from diarrhoa. There was no death from alcoholism, although the sickness from this cause rose from 12.9 to 15.9. The total loss of the Madras Army from death and invaliding was 44 per mille of average strength, an increase of 4 per mille on the average annual ratio of 1886; in this Presidency 44 European soldiers were invalided for dysentery alone. The admission-rate among the troops of the Bombay Presidency was less by 241 per mille than the average of the decennial period, 1870-79, and lower than in any year since 1878, with the excep-The prevalence of cholera, however, caused a slight rise in the death-rate, being from this cause alone 2.50, against .36 in 1886. The death-rate from enteric fever was less. There was more sickness from alcoholism, but no increase in mortality from this cause. There was a fall in the admission-rate from venereal disease of 33 per mille. The admission-rate from all classes of fevers declined 101 per 1,000 of strength. The total loss of the European army of Bombay from death and invaliding was 41 per mille of average strength.

We now turn to the memorandum in appendix B. on cholera as a preventable disease, by Surgeon-Major G. Hutcheson, M.D. Maclean, in the article "Cholera," in his lectures on tropical diseases, asks, "Is cholera a child of dirt?" and gives, by way of answer in the affirmative, a good deal of strong evidence. This important memorandum, in our opinion, supports this contention in a very striking manner. Deaths from cholera in the European army of Bengal from 1858 to 1872 amounted to 4,923; from 1873 to 1887 they were 1,647—total in 30 years, 6,570. In the native army of the same presidency the deaths in the first period were 2,244, in the second 1,146—total, 3,390. In the gaol population the deaths were in the first period 6,465, in the second, 3,071—total, 9,536. In the European army the death-rate from cholera in the first period was 8.27 per 1,000, in the second 1.34. In the native army the death-rate in the first period was 2.57 per 1,000, in the second 1.34. In the gaol population in the first period it was 7.94, in the second 3.27 per 1,000. To what cause is this most notable diminution due? Here, without going into more detail, is the most positive evidence that cholera is a preventable disease. How in the encouraging example before us, was it prevented? The answer is not far to seek. We must premise "that the vital statistics of the European and native armies of India and of prisoners confined in Indian gaols are as accurate and complete as professional skill and scientific labour can make them." The answer is, improved sanitation, and the protection thereby afforded. Dr. Hutcheson thus sums up his valuable memorandum: "Where local sanitary protection is greatest, and palpable sanitary defects are fewest, there the improvement, as shown, is marked by the enormous total of 1.300 per cent. greater mortality in former as compared with later years. Such a demonstration of the preventability of a disease like cholera may serve to strengthen the hands of those to whom sanitary reform in India means the removal of blots stigmatised throughout the civilised world by Koch and Gaffky, and the mitigation of an ever-recurring pestilence which numbers its victims by tens and hundreds of thousands." Our author might well have added "stigmatised" by British physicians years before the Germans he has named ever put foot in India.

SHAMA SHUM LALA has offered Rs. 60,000 towards the erection of an eye hospital at Calcutta. Rani Mohlab Kunjar, of Katiari, has given Rs. 3,000 for the endowment of a scholarship at the Agra

Medical School.

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNITED HOSPITALS ATHLETIC SPORTS.

In the presence of a large company of spectators, the annual athletic contests between the representatives of the various metropolitan hospitals were held on Wednesday at Stamford Bridge Grounds, Chelsea. The programme consisted of eleven events, of which, as was the case last year, the representatives of St. Bartholomew's secured no fewer than eight, and thus retain possession of the Challenge Shield, which they have held since 1885. The other three events were shared by St. Mary's, St. Thomas's, and Middlesex. Several good performances were accomplished during the course of the afternoon—notably in the weight-putting and long jump. The following is a return:—

100 Yards.—G. L. Hanwell. St. Thomas's 14. J. L. Big. C.

100 Yards.—G. L. Hanwell, St. Thomas's. 1†; J. J. Biggs, Guy's, 2†. A dead heat, Biggs ultimately retiring in favour of Hanwell. Time, 10 4-5sec.

Half-Mile.—W. Kent Hughes, St. Bartholomew's, 1; E. H. Willock, St. Thomas's, ; E. L. Payne, St. Mary's, 3. Won by two yards; fair third. Time, 2 min.

Putting the Shot.-W. J. West, St. Bartholomew's, 38ft. 3in., 1; C. D. Leyden,

Putting the Shot.—W. J. West, St. Bartholomew's, 38ft. 3in., 1; C. D. Leyden, St. Mary's, 2. Won easily.

120 Yards (Hurdles).—S. Kent, St. Bartholomew's, 1; S. Langton, St. Mary's, 2. Won by a yard. Time, 17 3-5sec.

Long Jump.—R. G. Hogarth, St. Bartholomew's, 21ft. 2in., 1; M. Breton, St. George's, 20ft. 9in., 2; H. C. Barnes, London, 20ft., 3.

220 Yards.—G. S. S. Marshall, Middlesex, 1; H. M. Fletcher, St. Bartholomew's, 2. Won by three yards. Time, 23 2-5sec.

Throwing the Hammer.—C. D. Leyden, St. Mary's, 87ft. 11in., 1; C. Brooks, St. Thomas's, 80ft. 6in., 2; C. W. H. Newington, 80ft., 3.

One Mile.—W. Kent Hughes, St. Bartholomew's, 1; H. W. Roberts, St. George's, 2. A grand race resulted in favour of the holder by a few inches. Time, 4min. 43 sec.

High Jump.—H. O. Davies, St. Bartholomew's, 5ft. 6kin., 1; S. Langton, St.

Time, 4min. 43 sec.

High Jump.—H. O. Davies, St. Bartholomew's, 5ft. 6½in., 1; S. Langton, St. Mary's, 5ft. 5½in., 2.

Quarter of a Mile.—H. M. Fletcher, St. Bartholomew's, 1; A. E. Madge, London, 2. Won by four yards. Time, 54 2-5 sec.

Three Miles.—A. Quennell, St. Bartholomew's, 1; A. W. Maynard. St. Thomas's, 2; J. Young, Guy's, 3. Won anyhow by 80 yards; 50 yards between second and third. Time 15min, 32 1-5 sec.

Thomas s, 2; J. Young, Guys, 3. Won anyhow by 80 yards; 50 yards between second and third. Time, 15min. 32 1-5sec.

A Quarter-mile Handicap, for past and present students, was won by R. Johnson, 18 yards start, after a dead heat with L. Harris-Liston, 10 yards, in 53 2-5sec.; and a One Mile Bicycle Handicap, also for old students, fell to R. E. Murray, 300 yards start; W. Wyllys, 150 yards start, being second. Time, 2 min. 19 sec.

THE Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird will distribute the prizes of the Dental Hospital of London on Wednesday, July 17th, at 8 P.M., at the Hospital, Leicester Square, when a conversazione will be

PROFESSOR AUGUST VOGL, Director of the Institute of Pharmacology and Pharmacognosis, has been elected Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Vienna for the academical year

NATIONAL HEALTH SOCIETY.—A large and interesting meeting of the National Health Society is anticipated to-day (Saturday) in the Town Hall, Westminster, when the Society's certificates gained during the year for proficiency in "Domestic Hygiene," "Sick Nursing," and "First Aid to Injured" will be presented to the candidates by Her Grace the Duchess of Westminster.

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—At the recent annual meeting of this Society, under the presidency of Dr. Charles Warden, it was stated to be in a very flourishing condition; the invested funds amounted to £11,113. During the year £515 5s. was distributed among sixteen annuitants in sums varying from £10 to £40. The sound and satisfactory position of the Society is in a great measure due to the exertions of Dr. Savage, who, to the great regret of the members, has, after five years' service, resigned the office of Secretary, and is succeeded by Dr. R. M. Simon. The members dined together in the evening, the chair being taken by Dr. Marriott, of Leamington, the newly appointed president.

IRISH MEDICAL SCHOOLS' AND GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.-The provincial meeting of the Irish Medical Schools' and Graduates' provincial meeting of the Irish Medical Schools and Graduates Association held at Manchester had a peculiar interest from the fact that the Association owed its origin to a meeting in that city in 1877, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the British Medical Association of that year. Dr. Fegan (Blackheath), presided. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed with the relatives of the late Dr. Robert McDonnell (president elect), and Dr. G. H. Kidd (Dublin), was appointed to succeed him. Association now numbers 580 members. A dinner followed. President was supported by the Mayor of Salford, Drs. Ross, Simpson, Leech, J. W. Watkins (President of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association), Leslie Jones, Tatham, Macnaughton Jones, Walter, Renshaw, etc. The toast of "The Medical Departments of the Public Services" was preposed by Dr. Leslie Jones (Manchester), and responded to by Dr. Stewart (Clifton). Dr. Simpson proposed "The Association," to which Dr. Fegan replied. Other toasts followed.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.—Fellowship Examination.—The following gentlemen have been admitted Fellows of the College:

Mr. B. B. Connolly, Surgeon-Major Medical Staff, and Mr. B. Madigan, Medical Officer Kilrush Workhouse.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen, having passed the qualifying examination in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, have received Certificates entitling them to practise in the same, and have been admitted as Licentiates of the Society on June 13th, 1889:
Bott, William, Queen's College, Birmingham.
Lunn, Percy Trenavin, Middlesex Hospital.

On June 19th:

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Knight, Frederick, University College.
Goldberg, Helene. M.D., Berne University.
Fallows. John, Middlesex Hospital.
Kent, Herbert Harcourt, Middlesex Hospital and Cambridge University.
Boning, Arthur Wilson, University College.
Dickinson. James, Westminster Hospital.
Le Riche, Philip John, University College.
Miller, James Thomas Roger, St. Thomas's Hospital.

On June 20th:

Wright, Joseph, Leeds.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

BALROTHERY UNION, Holmpatrick Dispensary.—Medical Officer. Salary, £145 16s. 8d. per annum, and fees. Applications to Mr. Andrew Derham, Honorary Secretary, Dublin Street, Skerries. Election on July 5th.

BURY DISPENSARY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications by July 12th to the Honorary Secretary.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician. Board and residence. Applications by July 12th to the Secretary.

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DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Medical Tutor. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by July 10th, to the Dean.

DERBYSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon.

Board and washing, and a bonus of £10 for six months. Applications by June 29th to the House-Surgeon.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by July 11th to the Secretary.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Two Assistant House-Surgeons. Board, lodging, and washing. Applications by June 29th to the House-Governor. Governor.

GRANARD UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, and £20 yearly as Superintendent Medical Officer of Health. Age of candidates not to exceed 40 years. Applications to Mr. Wm. Higgins, Clerk of Union. Election on July 4th.

HAVERSTOCK HILL AND MALDEN ROAD PROVIDENT DISPENSARY, N.W.-Medical Officer. A retary, G. G. Browne, Esq. Applications by June 30th to the Honorary Sec-

retary, G. Browne, Esq.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Brompton.—House-Physicians. Applications by July 13th to the Secretary.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT, Golden Square.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by July 4th to the Secretary.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Professor of Dental Surgery and Dental Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary.

LONDON THROAT HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium of £50 per annum. Applications by June 29th to the Secretary of the Medical Committee.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASE OF THE THROAT, Bowdon, Cheshire.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications by July 6th to the Secretary.

ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY, Southampton.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by July 1st to the Secretary. ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by July

13th to the Secretary.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.-Resident Clinical Assistant. Board and residence.

Applications by July 4th to the Secretary.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Demonstrator of Anatomy. Applications by July 1st to the Dean.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Liverpool.—Demonstrator in Physiology. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by July 1st to the Dean of the Medical Faculty.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY, Yorkshire College, Leeds.—Demonstrator of Physiology. Salary, £120. Applications by July 13th to the Registrar of the

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road.—House-Physician. Board and lodging. Applications by July 11th to R. J. Gilbert, Esq., Secretary Superintendent.

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MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BIDDLECOMBE, E. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Royal United Hospital, Bath, vice A. L. Marshall, M.B., M.R.C.S. Brown, A. T., M.B., B.S.Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

Brownlow, Geo. Percy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (of St. Bartholomew's Hospital), appointed Junior Resident Surgeon of the Carnarvon Hospital, Kimberley.

BUTTINGHAM, C. E. S., L.F. P. S. Glas., L.A. H. Dub., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Williton Union (Eastern District, Somerset), vice R. Pairman,

CHAPLIN, T. H. A., M.B.Cantab., appointed House-Physician to the City of London Hospital, Victoria Park, E,

COLMAN, Walter, S., M.B., M.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Registrar and Pathologist to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C.

Cuff, H. E., M.B., B.S.Lond., appointed House-Physician to Guy's Hospital.

GREEN, H. W. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, vice T. A. Ward, M.B., C.M.Edin.,

GRIFFITHS, C. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital, vice B. R. T. Trevelyan, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

HASTINGS, E. B., M.R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Officer at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, vice J. Scott Battams, M.R.C.S., resigned.

HOSEGOOD, S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., elected Assistant Medical Officer to the St. Marylebone Infirmary, vice W. P. Peake, resigned.
 INGLE, A. C., M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer to the Cambridge Union, vice R. N. Ingle, M.D., L.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.

Johnson, H. J., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Third Assistant Medical Officer to the Gloucester County Asylum, vice H. B. Shaw, M.B., B.C., resigned. LLEWELLIN, J., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Williton Union (Stogursey District). Somerset, vice R. Pairman, M.D., resigned.
MEARES, A. L. D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to Guy's Hos-

MORRIS, C. A., M.B., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Chelsea Dispensary, vice W. L. Barker, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned. Moss, E., M.B., B.S.Lond., appointed House-Physician to Guy's Hospital

SILK, J. F., M.D.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Anæsthetist to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C.

SYREE, A. H., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Wilts County Asylum, vice G. S. Samuelson, M.B., M.S., resigned.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INEBRIETY, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 4 P.M.—Chevalier Max Proskowetz de Proskow-Marstorff:
On Russian Inebriety. Dr. T. D. Crothers: On Inebriate Trance in Criminal Jurisprudence. Dr. L. D. Mason: On Provision for Pauper Inebriates.

WEDNESDAY.

THE COLLEGE OF STATE MEDICINE, 4 P.M.—Professor G. T. Brown, C.B.:

Parasitism in Animals in Relation to Health.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown. Dr. Matthews Duncan: Note on a Peculiar Laceration of the Vagina in Labour. Dr. M. Handfield-Jones: Chorea in Pregnancy.

PRIDAY.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (annual general meeting), 8:30 p.m. Patients and Card Specimens, 8 p.m.—Mr.
Werner: Microscopical Preparations illustrating Subconjunctival Cysticercus. Mr. Hartridge: Ophthalmoscopic Drawing of Peculiar Appearance at the Macula. Papers.—Dr. Buzzard: On a Method of Employing Electricity in Ocular Paralysis. Dr. Emrys Jones: On a case of Cavernous Angioma of the Orbit. Mr. Lang: On the Pathology of Congenital Cysts with Microphthalmos. Mr. Snell: Two cases of Sarcoma of the Ciliary Region. Mr. Berry: Traumatic Keratalgia. Election of Office-bearers.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcement.

BIRTHS.

Brand.—At Invery, Driffield, East Yorks, on the 24th instant, the wife of Alex. Theodore Brand, M.D., of a daughter.

Horder.—On the 23rd instant, at 29, Charles Street, Cardiff, the wife of T. Garrett Horder, M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.Ed., of a son.

WHITELEGGE.—On June 13th, at 13, Belgrave Square, Nottingham, the wife of Arthur Whitelegge, M.D., of a son.

WOOD.—On June 3rd, the wife of E. Stanley Wood, L.K.Q.C.P.and L.M., and M.R.C.S.Eng., Clarence House, Pontypool, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ROWLAND—STRATFORD.—On June 26th, at St. Mary's, Kingston, Southsea, Ernest D. Rowland, to Edith E. Stratford Stratford, youngest child of the late Chas. A. Stratford, Esq., Royal Navy.

SERVAES—HARGRAVE.—On June 26th, at Emmanuel Church, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, by the Rev. B. Irvine, M.A., Francis C. Servaes, M.A., M.B.Cantab., etc., of 124, Prince's Road, Liverpool, to Bertha Hargrave, eldest dughter of Mrs. Brameld, and stepdaughter of Dr. Brameld, of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorkshire.

Yorkshire.

THOMAS—Low.—On June 20th, at St. Agnes, Kennington Park, by the Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Dover, M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. C. S. Wallace, Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Lavender Hill at the Rev. H. M. M. Evans, of St. Agnes, Arthur William Thomas, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., of Berwyn, Bolingsbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common, to Agnes Marianne, fifth daughter of Andrew Low, of The Brackens, Wandsworth Common.

DEATHS.

INGHAM.—On the 16th instant, at Haworth, Yorks, Amos Ingham, M.D., in the 62nd year of his age.

LAX.-On June 22nd, at Ormskirk, Lancashire, William Lax, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., aged 83 years.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

MONDAY..........10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal Free (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; Hospital for Women; Royal Orthopædic; St. Mark's; London.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women pital for Wcmen.

TUESDAY.......10 a.m.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 p.m.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic; St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); St. Mary's.—2 p.m.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton; Central London Ophthalmic; London; Westminster.—2.30 p.m.: St. Mark's; West London.—4 p.m.: St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).

WEDNESDAY....10 A.M.: National Orthopædie; Royal London Ophthalmie—11 A.M.: St. Mary's (Orthopædie).—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: Royal Westminster Ophthalmie; St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's.—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmie; Great Northern Central; London; Royal Free; University College; Westminster.—2.30 P.M.: St. Peter's; Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children.—3 to 4 P.M.: King's College.

THURSDAY......10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—l P.M.: St. George's.—

1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department);
Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic:—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; Charing Cross;
Hospital for Diseases of the Throat; Hospital for Women;
London; University.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women; North-West London.

FRIDAY9 A.M.: Metropolitan; St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).

-10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal Free (Ophthalmic Department).—1.15 P.M.: St. George's (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; Each London Hospital for Children; King's College; London; St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).—2.30 P.M.: West London

SATURDAY.......9 A.M.: Reval Free (Department for Diseases of Women).—

10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic,—1 P.M.: King's College.

—1.30 P.M.: Royal Westminster Ophthalmic; St. Bartholomew's: St. Thiomas's.—2 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton;

Central London Ophthalmic; Charing Cross; London; Middlenge, Paul Evan, University dlesex; Royal Free; University.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN .- M. Tu. W. and F., 1.30.

Great Northern Central.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye. Tu. F., 10; Ear, M. F., 2.30; Diseases of he Skin, W., 2.30; Diseases of the Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental Cases, W., 2.

Guy's.—Medical and Surgical, dai ly, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. 1; Skin, Tu., 1; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 1.30.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Olstetric, Tu. Th. S., 1.30; o.p., W. F., 1.30; Eye. M. Th., 1.30; Ophthalmic Department, W., 2; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, F., 1.30; Dental, M. Th., 9.30.

LONDON.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESE W. — Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., W. 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4, Th. 9.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.

NATIONAL ORTHOP.EDIC.—M. Tu. Th. F., 2.

NORTH-WEST LONDON.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, Tu., 2; Dental, F. 9.

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ROYAL FREE,—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Diseases of Women, Tu. S., 9; Eye, M. F., 9; Dental, Th. 9.

St. Bartholomew's.—Medical and Surgical daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, W. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopædic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.

St. George's.—Medical and Surgical. M. T. F. S., 12; Obstetric, Th. 2; o.p., Eye, W. S. 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2; Throat, Th., 2; Orthopædic, W., 2; Dental, Tu., S., 9.

St. Mark's Hospital.-Fistula and Diseases of Rectum. males. W., 8.45: females, Th., 8.45.

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ST. Mary's.—Medical and Surgical. daily, 1.45, o.p., 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Orthopædic, W., 10; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electro-therapeutics, 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., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. W. Th., F. 1.30; O., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Throat, Tu. F. 1.30; Children, S., 1.30; Dental, Tu. F. 10; O., Children, S., 1.30; Dental, Tu.

University College.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetrics, M. Th., 1.30; Tu., W. F., 2; Eye, Tu. F., 2; Ear, M. F., 9; Skin, W., 1.45, S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 1.30; Dental, W., 9.30.

Westminster.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, W., 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 MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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

ANSWERS.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES.

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Temperance question published suitable for reading to a village audience, and referring more especially to the medical aspects of drink, etc.

*** Temperance Physiology. Rev. J. Guthrie. Cantor Lectures. Dr. B. W. Richardson. The Case for Total Abstinence. By W. J. Lacey. To be had from

J. W. Leng, National Temperance Publication Depôt, 33, Paternoster Row,

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

SHORTHAND FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

DR. GEORGE HERSCHELL (5, West Street, Finsbury Circus, E.C.) writes:
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It use shorthand very extensively in taking notes of my cases, and find that it materially shortens my work.

When at school I learnt Odell's system, but, on becoming a medical student, I studied Pitman's, and took notes of most of the lectures delivered in my years at St. Thomas's Hospital. But although I could read them perfectly well at the time, I found that after a year or so, when I had more or less for gotten the subject matter of the lectures, I could only with great difficulty decipher them. The reason of this is not far to seek. In Pitman's system all the vowels are omitted in rapid writing, and their value is denoted by the position you write the word in, whether above, on, or below the line. As you have a choice of twelve vowels without the knowledge of the context, it is quite a matter of chance whether you succeed in deciphering the word, one outline sometimes standing for several words. In slow writing you have to put in the vowels after you have completed the outline of the consonants. It stands to reason, therefore, that Pitman's system is all very well for newspaper reporters, who have to translate their notes into longhand within a few hours of the time of taking the notes, but is comparatively useless to a medical student who requires to keep his notes in their original form for future redected.

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In my search for an ideal system, I learnt both the Sloan-Duployan and Barton's A. B. C. system, both of them an advance on Pitman's. But I have now abandoned these, and have learnt "Script Phonography," the most modern development of shorthand, and with which I am perfectly satisfied, as it is as legible as longhand for any length of time, whilst being really faster than Pitman in its reporting style. It differs from Pitman in two most important particulars: 1. It has the immense advantage of having both vowels and consonants written in the outline, and in their natural order. 2. It is written on the natural slope of longhand.

It is a significant fact that several of the most prominent teachers of Pitman's system have abandoned it, and taken to Script.

I will say no more, as I have trespassed too much upon your space. Fuller information on the subject can be obtained of the Script Phonography Company, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.

THE SITTING POSTURE IN CIVILISED RACES.

The Sitting Posture in Civilised Races.

Men of certain races adopt certain attitudes when sitting. The New York Medical Record maintains that the cross-legged attitude of Orientals, with the thighs abducted and the legs crossed, represents a fextal posture, consistent with a low degree of ethnical evolution. "In the higher and tenser civilisation, however, which has unfolded beneath the stars and stripes, and the ennobling influences of the spoils system in politics, there is nothing fextal in the posture, but directly the reverse. The adductors of the thighs are brought into play, a nobler group of muscles, and one whose superactivity must, we take it, mean a higher physical development of man. The conditions of life in America made of Brother Jonathan a man with a short trunk, small waist, and long legs, anatomical proportions exactly suited to a comfortable sedentation with the thighs crossed." In this position, we are informed, the centre of gravity is thrown forward, so that it corresponds more nearly with the tuberosities of the ischia, enabling the sitter to gain a firmer hold upon the seat. Besides this, the weight of the crossing leg doubles the pressure of the foot upon the floor, and this again helps to prevent slipping forward. Our contemporary, in insisting upon an undoubted truth, the different sitting attitudes of various races, has not taken into account one essen-

tial factor in sitting, namely, that which is sat upon. In nations where chairs are not in vogue, men cannot sit down in the same manner as the natives of more civilised lands, who always sit in a chair or its equivalent in natives of more civilised lands, who always is in a chair or its equivalent in furniture, whenever possible, and who, when no furniture is at hand, prefer to sit on ledges of rock or grassy slopes. The cross-legged attitude is naturally adopted by well-bred persons who use chairs, as it is the most comfortable position for keeping the head and body upright. The parting of the knees is ungraceful, and encourages the sitter to lean forwards and rest one or both bonders his thicks. hands on his thighs.

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A CANDIDATE'S DEFINITION.

F.R.C.S. writes: I was examining at a certain northern university last week, when we elicited the following from a luminary for his degree: Q. What do you understand by "surgical kidney?" A. A kidney a surgeon has been oper-

A CASE OF "DIVERS' PARALYSIS:" A WARNING.

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MR. JOHN J. WEAVER (House-Surgeon, The Infirmary, Southport) writes: A powerfully-built man, at least 6 ft. 3 in. in height, from Trinidad, and tattooed on both forearms, is going the round of the hospitals just now.

He was admitted into this infirmary on May 29th, stating that he had not previously been under any treatment for his disease. On my discovering that he had recently been in the Manchester Infirmary, he at once, at his own request, left this infirmary after being here only five days. I have since discovered that his case was reported by Dr. C. J. Nixon, of Dublin (in the Medical Press and Circular for May 1st, 1889), under whose care the man only stayed two days.

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The man's statement to me as to the length of his illness differs by a month and a half from what he seems to have told Dr. Nixon, and I therefore think the history of the case, unless it could be independently confirmed,

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