

that of the previously inserted forefinger), and the ring tightly closed, leaving, of course, sufficient play for the cord (Fig. 2). The

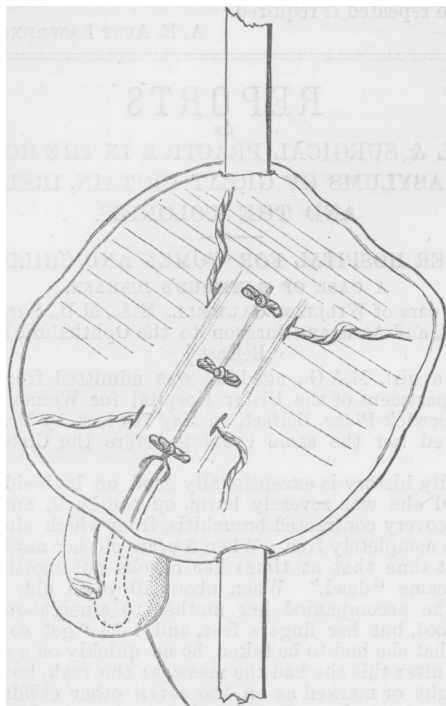


Fig. 2.

stout diagonal sutures through the stump are now tied firmly over the tightly closed-up ring (Fig. 3), and the operation is completed

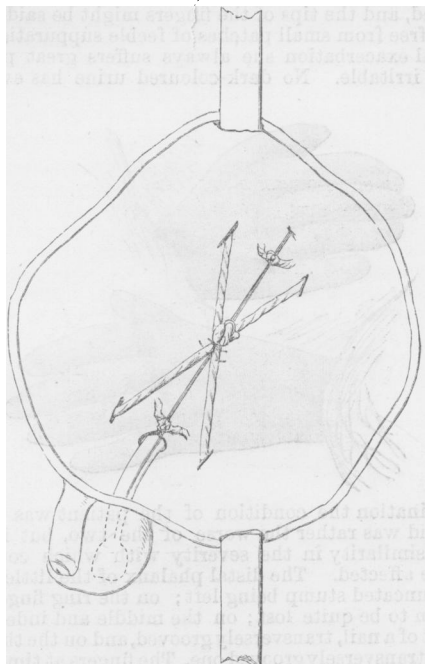


Fig. 3.

in the usual way, great care being taken throughout to stop every vestige of hæmorrhage.

The advantages of the operation are:—

1. The preliminary incision is removed as far as possible from septic sources.
2. An admirable smooth internal pad is obtained (Fig. 4).

3. The two serous surfaces of the stump are applied and united in, say, thirty-six hours.

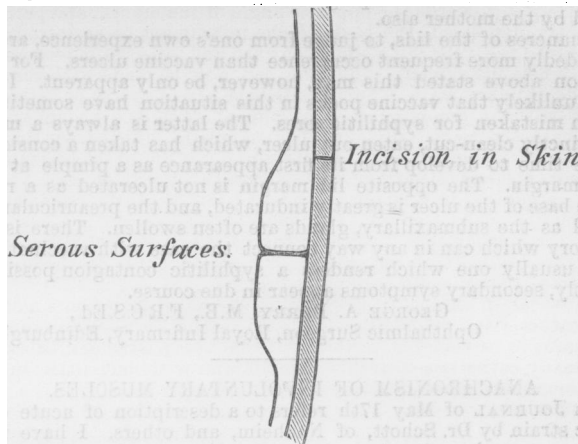


Fig. 4.—Profile View.

I have had several successful cases following this operation, and notably one: a patient who was operated on about two years ago, and into whose abdominal aperture one could, previous to the operation, almost put one's fist, who assures me that he has since put himself to the severe test of ascending the Matterhorn; and another, a lady, operated on about three years ago, who has experienced no return of her trouble. In no case has a truss been worn subsequently to the operation.

MEMORANDA:

MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OBSTETRICAL, THERAPEUTICAL, PATHOLOGICAL, ETC.

NOTE ON VACCINIA OF THE EYELIDS.

I HAVE not been able to find any reference, in the different textbooks on diseases of the eye, to the accidental occurrence of vaccine pocks on the eyelids. I am inclined to think, however, that such an accident is by no means so rare as this would appear to indicate. Possibly a good many cases do not come under the notice of the ophthalmic surgeon at all, but are recognised and treated by the family doctor. I have seen in all five well marked cases. Four of these occurred in women, one was in a man aged 30.¹ In all there was a distinct history of inoculation, or rather of the possibility of inoculation. A child had been vaccinated ten or fourteen days before the patient was seen. In all the pock occurred on the lower lid, but there were also to be found one or more ulcerated patches on the margin of the upper lid where it came into contact with the macerated surface of the primary vaccine ulcer. The swelling was always great, and involved not only the lids, but also the cheek. The base of the ulcer was decidedly harder than the surrounding swelling, but not so distinctly indurated as in the case of chancre of the lid, and the glands were not swollen. There was, comparatively speaking, very little pain; practically no spontaneous pain, and but little tenderness to touch. In no case was the eye affected. The affection never led to any alteration in the position of the lid, and even the cicatrix left was slight, barely perceptible, owing no doubt to the laxity of the skin in this situation.

The main interest in these cases consists in the possibility of the inoculation taking place at all, and in the differential diagnosis between vaccinia and a primary syphilitic sore. As to the manner of inoculation: in three of my five cases this could not be satisfactorily ascertained; in one there was little doubt that a direct transference of lymph took place, owing to the child's arm

¹ In my book on *Diseases of the Eye* there is a sentence in the paragraph devoted to chancres and vaccine pocks of the lids which somehow has got transposed, and which I take this opportunity of correcting. The sentence is as follows: "I have seen it in both adults and children." This should have come after instead of before the next sentence, as it refers to chancres and not to vaccinia.

being often in contact with its mother's face; in another the handkerchief used for wiping the vaccinated arm was admittedly used by the mother also.

Chancres of the lids, to judge from one's own experience, are of decidedly more frequent occurrence than vaccine ulcers. For the reason above stated this may, however, be only apparent. It is not unlikely that vaccine pocks in this situation have sometimes been mistaken for syphilitic sores. The latter is always a more distinctly clean-cut, eaten-out ulcer, which has taken a considerable time to develop from its first appearance as a pimple at the lid margin. The opposite lid margin is not ulcerated as a rule. The base of the ulcer is greatly indurated, and the preauricular, as well as the submaxillary, glands are often swollen. There is no history which can in any way connect the case with vaccination, and usually one which renders a syphilitic contagion possible. Lastly, secondary symptoms appear in due course.

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ANACHRONISM OF INVOLUNTARY MUSCLES.

THE JOURNAL of May 17th refers to a description of acute cardiac strain by Dr. Schott, of Naueheim, and others. I have met cases presenting symptoms corresponding to those described. There is one symptom, however, not alluded to in the annotation which I saw well marked, in one case at least, namely, anachronism of the ventricular contraction. Very many years ago, I myself competed in a running match with a very healthy but stout man. Immediately the competition was over he was seized with a sense of faintness and cardiac distress, which lapsed into an almost chronic condition of some months' duration, but at last ended in perfect recovery. All during this time a distinct reduplication of cardiac impulse and first sound was constantly present. The impulse felt as if it were broken. I accounted for the anachronism by the strain thrown on the right side of the heart by the impediment offered to the pulmonic circulation, which impediment temporarily strained and dilated it, for the subsequent physical signs pointed to this.

We meet, however, with other interesting phenomena of anachronism in other parts of the system, and it is with the idea of pointing more especially to certain such conditions in the genito-urinary apparatus that I offer this memorandum. In the normal act of ejaculation the vesiculæ seminales and vasa deferentia of both sides usually contract together, but sometimes those of one side contract before the other side, or not at all. Next the prostate and bulbo-cavernosus muscle contract and eject the fluid; but here arises an interesting and practical phenomenon, namely, the two latter often contract without a preceding contraction of the vesicles and vasa deferentia. Hence many persons the subjects of irritable prostate are said to suffer from "spermatorrhœa," often when such a disease does not exist, but a prostatorrhœa accompanied by the phase of contractile emission, generally nocturnal, sometimes diurnal. When to this fact we add the further fact that such emitted fluid generally is devoid of spermatozoa, or only a few motionless ones killed perhaps by the chemical alteration in the prostatic juice, we have in part an explanation of the condition looked upon as grave by some, namely, where the disease is supposed to have run riot, and gone on to the stage of alteration in the constitution of the seminal fluid itself.

Again, the bladder often acts irregularly and "stammers," and we have a "hesitating" stream. Finally the muscular fibres of the urethra may fail to dilate evenly, and we have a diverted stream. In almost every part of the body and in the uterus and Fallopian tubes we meet instances of this anachronism.

Crouch End.

JAMES MACMUNN.

THE TREATMENT OF METRORRHAGIA.

THERE is one remedy I should like to add to Dr. Edis's very valuable and practical paper in the JOURNAL of June 7th, and that is simply plugging the cervix uteri with cotton wool. In cases of passive hæmorrhage unaccompanied by local disease, such as we meet with at the climacteric and in anæmic women, and even in some cases where there is local disease, which we do not feel justified in treating just at the moment, I have found the bleeding checked very much by simply passing a thick thread with cotton wool fixed along it right up into the uterus, and lightly packing the cervix uteri with it; it can be easily removed by allowing a portion of the thread to remain in the vagina. I use iodoform wool, and allow the plug to remain from twelve to

twenty-four hours, and almost invariably I find the hæmorrhage lessened. The treatment is simple and devoid of danger and pain, and may be repeated if required.

Clifton.

A. E. AUST LAWRENCE, M.D.

REPORTS

ON MEDICAL & SURGICAL PRACTICE IN THE HOSPITALS AND ASYLUMS OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND THE COLONIES.

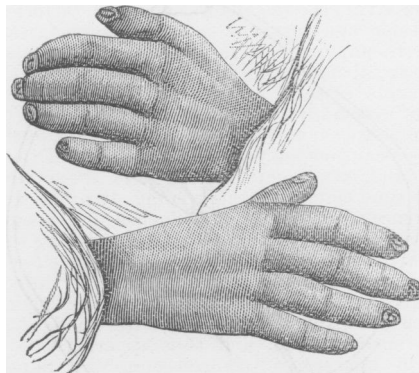
ULSTER HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

A CASE OF RAYNAUD'S DISEASE.

[Under the care of WILLIAM CALWELL, M.A., M.D., Surgeon to the Hospital, and Assistant-Surgeon to the Ophthalmic Hospital, Belfast.]

THIS case, a girl, M.A.G., aged 12, was admitted from the outpatient department of the Ulster Hospital for Women and Children, Fisherwick Place, Belfast, on May 7th last, by Dr. M'Kisack, who showed her the same evening before the Ulster Medical Society.

Her family history is exceptionally good on both sides. When 3 years old she was severely burnt on the back, and during a lengthy recovery contracted bronchitis, from which since she has never been completely free. When 8 years old her mother noticed for the first time that at times her cheeks got mottled and her fingers became "dead." When about 10 years old, one winter morning, she accompanied her mother to a neighbouring small town on foot, but her fingers, feet, and face "got so black and swollen" that she had to be taken home quickly on a car. Some little time after this she had the measles; the rash, however, was not so bright or marked as on the seven other children. Since her first severe attack on the winter's morning she has been continually subject to similar ones, varying, however, in frequency from one in a month to two a week, and she is always unfavourably affected by cold. During this time the nails on the hands have suffered, and the tips of the fingers might be said never to be completely free from small patches of feeble suppuration. During an asphyxial exacerbation she always suffers great pain, and is peevish and irritable. No dark-coloured urine has ever been observed.



On examination the condition of the patient was as follows: The left hand was rather the worse of the two, but it was surprising the similarity in the severity with which corresponding fingers were affected. The distal phalanx of the little finger was absent, a truncated stump being left; on the ring finger this bone did not seem to be quite lost; on the middle and index there was the remnant of a nail, transversely grooved, and on the thumb a long, curved, and transversely grooved one. The fingers at times were cold and black to the middle of the first phalanx, but the paroxysms were very slow, and from the atrophied condition of the pulp on all the fingers, and the general slightly swollen condition, the impression was given that the affection was chronic, and never completely absent. No pulse could be felt at the left wrist, but the brachial was distinguishable. The nails were all present on the toes, but the toes, soles, and heels for days presented the dark asphyxial condition, which at best only partially cleared off. The

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Library and Writing Rooms of the Association are now fitted up for the accommodation of the Members, in commodious apartments, at the offices of the Association, 429, Strand. The rooms are open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Members can have their letters addressed to them at the office.

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 16th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

June, 1890.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1890. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Meetings of the Council will be held on July 16th and October 15th, 1890. 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 24th, 1890.

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.*

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 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.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Infirmary, Bridgwater, on Thursday, July 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Mr. H. H. Kemmis, President-elect, will take the chair on its being vacated by Mr. Hunt. Business: Minutes; Report of Council; Treasurer's Report; Election of Officers; Place of Meeting and President-elect for 1891. President's Address. Papers and communications. The dinner will be at the Clarence Hotel at 5 o'clock. Mr. Kemmis invites gentlemen present on the occasion to adjourn to his house after the dinner. The title of any paper or communication to be brought before the meeting and early notice of the intention of being present at the dinner should be sent to W. M. KELLY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The twelfth annual meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Royal Hospital, Belfast, on Thursday, July 10th. Business: To receive the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's statement. To elect office bearers for the ensuing year. To appoint two members as representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association, and also two members on the Parliamentary Bills Committee. The President (Dr. George Gray) will deliver an address. Dr. J. A. Lindsay will show a Cancerous Liver, and give an account of the case. He will also read the notes of a case of Diabetes Insipidus successfully treated with Valerian. Dr. Dempsey will describe a New Method of Treating Placenta Prævia, and will read notes of a case. Dr. H. O'Neill will read short notes of a case of Paget's Disease of the Nipple, and will show Photographs of the Breast before and after Operation.

Dr. Byers will give a short summary of Fourteen Abdominal Sections, and will show a boy, the subject of Athetosis (Post-hemiplegic Chorea). Dr. E. C. Thompson (Omagh) will read: 1. Notes of Two Recent Ovariotomies; 2. One Case of Trephining the Skull for Sub-cranial Abscess; 3. Successful Removal of a Large Epithelioma from the Dura Mater; and 4. A Case of Excision of the Knee (the last three cases will be exhibited). Gentlemen who wish to read papers show patients, etc., are requested to communicate, as early as convenient, with the Honorary Secretary, JOHN W. BYERS, M.D., Lower Crescent, Belfast.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The fifty-fourth annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Owens College, Manchester, on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1890, at 2 P.M. Council meets at 1.30, before the meeting. Order of business.—The meeting will be constituted by the retiring President (Dr. Davidson), who will then introduce the new President (Dr. Leech). Presidential Address. The Report of the Council and Financial Statement for the past year. Election of Office Bearers—President-Elect, two Vice-Presidents and Honorary Secretary. Election of Representative Members on the Council of the Association and Election of new Council. Selection of a place for next Annual Meeting. Medical and Surgical Communications.—Dr. Milligan: The choice of a Caustic in the Treatment of Granulations of the Middle Ear. Mr. Hare: Seats of Election in Amputation. Dr. Dreschfeld will remark on some unusual Forms of Hysteria in Men. Mr. Hardie: 1. Will remark on Two Cases of Hypospadias in course of Treatment by his Method of Operation. 2. A Case of Dislocation of the Acromio-Clavicular Joint Treated Operatively. Dr. Harris: The Canary Islands as Health and Holiday Resorts (with Limelight Views). Mr. F. A. Southam: A Case of Prostatic Retention of Urine Treated by Suprapubic Prostatectomy. Mr. Thomas Jones will mention a Case of Traumatic Aneurysm of the Femoral Artery in which the External Iliac was Tied. Dr. Charles W. Jones (Peel Causeway), will exhibit and explain his "Therapeutic Pipe," being an improved tobacco pipe, also available for medical indications. Dr. Johnson Martin: On the Cause and Increase of Diphtheritic and Tuberculous Disease and the Best Means of Prevention. A series of Clinical cases will be shown in an adjoining room by Drs. Brooke, Leech, Bury, Lund, Hare, Larmuth and others, from 2 to 4 P.M. Museum—Messrs. Armstrong Brothers will show a variety of Optical Apparatus. Messrs. Weiss and Son and Messrs. Wood and Co. will show a number of Surgical Requisites. Messrs. Jewsbury and Brown, Mottershead and Co., and Woolley and Co. will show an Assortment of New Drugs, Instruments, etc. Luncheon.—The President (Dr. Leech) has kindly undertaken to provide luncheon in the College from 1 to 2 P.M. The annual dinner will be held in the Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, at 6 P.M. Tickets 8s. each (wine not included), for which early application should be made to Dr. Glascott.—CHARLES E. GLASCOTT, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 23, St. John Street, Manchester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Belle Vue Hotel, Malvern, on Friday, June 27th, at 4.15 P.M. Dinner at 6.15. Tickets 5s. each, without wine. Business of the meeting.—To elect officers and Council for ensuing year. President's address. Mr. Lawson Tait. Case of Obscure Abdominal Tumour: Dr. Stanley Haynes. Divided Tendons Cured by Suture Eight weeks after the Injury: Mr. Gostling. Intestinal Obstruction Caused by Prolapsed Spleen. Fatal Case of Fish-bone in Oesophagus: Mr. Fletcher. Pathological Specimens: Dr. Paul Chapman and Mr. Bates.—GEORGE W. CROWE, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8th, at the Sportsman Hotel, Portmadoc, when, in addition to the President's address, papers have been promised by Mr. Malcolm Morris, of London, on the Etiology and Treatment of the Various Forms of Acne; and Dr. F. Imlach, of Liverpool, on Puerperal Fever. Notice of intended papers should be sent on June 28th to the Honorary Secretary, W. JONES-MORRIS, Portmadoc.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.—The annual meeting for the election of officers and committee for the ensuing year will be held at the Holborn Restaurant, at 6.30 P.M., on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1890. The annual dinner will take place subsequently, at 7 P.M., in the Duke's Saloon. Dr. Bridgwater, J.P., Vice-President of the District, will take the chair, supported by Dr. Brodie Sewell, Mr. Macnamara, Dr. C. Rose, Mr. Noble Smith, Dr. H. May, and other members of the Council. Dinner ticket, 7s. 6d. (exclusive of wine). All members desirous of being present will oblige by signifying the same by July 1st, 1890.—GEORGE HENTY, Honorary Secretary, 302, Camden Road, N.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on July 25th. Gentlemen wishing to read papers to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, JAMES ALTHAM, Penrith.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE EAST ANGLIAN AND CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCHES, AND THE NORWICH MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

GENERAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the East Anglian and Cambridge and Huntingdon Branches of the British Medical Association, conjointly with the Norwich Medico-Chirurgical Society, was held at Norwich, under the presidency of Dr. MICHAEL BEVERLEY, on June 19th and 20th. The place of meeting was the Board Room of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, round which are hung the portraits of forty-three local medical worthies from the time of Caius to that of Copeman. Mr. C. Williams, to whose enlightened zeal this interesting collection chiefly owes its existence, presented every visitor with an annotated catalogue of the portraits. Among those present were Sir Peter Eade, Professor G. M. Humphry, Dr. Sydney

Ringer, Mr. Knowsley Thornton, Mr. R. Barwell, Mr. Pearce Gould, Dr. Bateman, Mr. Cadge, Mr. Crosse, Dr. Bradbury (Cambridge), and many others.

Scientific Work of the Meeting.—The following is a brief summary of the scientific work of the meeting. On June 19th the following papers were read:—By Mr. KNOWSLEY THORNTON: Nine Cases of Ectopic or Extrauterine Gestation; by Mr. WM. CADGE: Case of Porro-Cæsarean Operation; by Mr. T. H. MORSE: Gonorrhœal Inflammation of the Uterine Appendages, with specimens; by Dr. SYDNEY RINGER: Soporifics; by Sir PETER EADE, M.D.: Some Sequelæ of Influenza; by Dr. W. A. ELLISTON: Case of Retropharyngeal Abscess; by Dr. W. M. CROWFOOT: Case of Cystic Tumour of the Breast.

At 9.30 A.M. on Friday the hospital and museum were thrown open to the inspection of members, and at 10.30 A.M. the meeting was resumed.

Professor HUMPHRY gave a demonstration on the Pathology of Knock-Knee and Back-Knee, which was followed by the performance, by Mr. WILLIAMS, of the operation of Double Osteotomy for Knock-Knee. Dr. SYDNEY RINGER gave a demonstration of the Action of various Soporifics on the Heart of a Frog; and Dr. LLOYD TUCKEY gave a demonstration on Hypnotism.

President's Address.—At the first meeting of the combined Branches and the Norwich Medico-Chirurgical Society which was held at noon on June 19th, the President, Dr. MICHAEL BEVERLEY, delivered an address on Some Norwich Medical Worthies, which was received with general and prolonged applause.—Dr. SYDNEY RINGER, in proposing a vote of thanks to the President for his address, said that it seemed as if things were reverting to what existed a hundred years ago. There was a time even within his recollection when London threatened to absorb all the talent, but a reaction had now set in, and towns like Birmingham, Norwich, and Manchester had medical men as distinguished as any to be found in England or on the Continent.—Professor HUMPHRY, in seconding the proposition, said he had probably heard more addresses than any one present, and had delivered more than one himself; but never in his life had he heard an address so interesting, so valuable, so full of literary research, and so replete with admirable descriptions of character as well as of surgical ability. No town except London could show such a record of surgical ability as old Norwich. Caius was not only the greatest physician, but the most learned man of his day. He was an example of the fact that in his time medicine and literature went hand in hand, as they had done ever since. It was Caius who, after studying under Vesalius, introduced the study of anatomy into England. He first dissected the human body in this country, and gave to Cambridge the privilege of having two bodies annually to dissect, so that human anatomy was there first studied in England. It was not improbable that Harvey, who was a student at Caius College, laid the foundation of his great knowledge by attending the course of anatomy at Cambridge. Dr. Beverley had said that there were giants in those days. But the generation of giants had been continued. He was not aware that the surgical science of Norwich ever stood higher than it did at present. It was able to meet any town in the country not only in surgery, but in literary ability, as had been evidenced by the address of the President.—Dr. BEVERLEY made a graceful reply, and an adjournment then took place for luncheon, which was provided at buffets in the central hall of the hospital.

Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner took place on the evening of the 19th at Snelling's Room, in Rampant Horse Street. Dr. Beverley was supported by the Mayor, Mr. W. H. Dakin, the Sheriff, Mr. E. Orams, the Deputy Mayor (Mr. F. W. Harmer), the Dean of Norwich, etc. Letters of apology were received from Mr. Hoare, M.P., and Mr. Colman, M.P. After the usual loyal toasts, Sir PETER EADE proposed "The Bishop and Clergy" to which the DEAN OF NORWICH replied.—Dr. BATEMAN proposed "The Members of Parliament of East Anglia, and the toast was acknowledged by Mr. WILLIAMS.—Dr. BEVERLEY proposed "The Mayor and Sheriff." The former, for many years Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of Norwich, had earned the gratitude of the citizens for his zealous promotion of all measures tending to promote the public health, and notably for his efforts to establish an infectious hospital. The Deputy Mayor (Mr. Harmer), who was well known for his scientific attainments, was a descendant of the old Norwich lithomist of that name, and his son, Mr. Sidney Harmer, was a distinguished zoologist and a teacher in the University of Cambridge.—The MAYOR, in responding, said the name of Beverley had for ages been connected with Norwich, and with those things of the

past which they valued most highly. In 1398 Michael Beverley was dean of Middleham College, and trustee to his own namesake, Sir John Howard, the ancestor of his grace the present Duke of Norfolk. In the year 1684 a Michael Beverley was Sheriff of Norwich, and held office two years after Sir Thomas Browne was interred in the chancel of St. Peter Mancroft. The citizens were proud of the President, and of the medical men engaged in Norwich.—The SHERIFF and DEPUTY MAYOR also responded.—Professor HUMPHRY gave what he described as a long and serious toast, "The British Medical Association and East Anglian Cambridge and Huntingdon Branches, and the Norwich Medico-Chirurgical Society, with the Health of the President, Dr. Beverley." Norwich was his mother city, inasmuch that he was there born into the medical profession. He was a pupil of the most earnest and energetic man he had ever met with—John Green Crosse. For three years he lived in that man's house, and he need not say that many memories were awakened within him when he that day went over the old ground and entered the old surgery, where there were still the very bell he used to answer, and the shutters which he used to put up and pull down. He believed he might take credit to himself for being the oldest worker in the Association. For more than half a century he had laboured for it. He began the work fifty-three years ago, under Mr. Crosse, in the surgery of which he had spoken. The Association had its origin mainly in Norwich and mainly from that man. Hardly any other man could have been so competent as he was to have started a thing of the kind. On Sunday evenings especially John Crosse would instruct him to write certain letters to members respecting the work of the Association. These Sunday evenings were well and usefully spent, for that Association, by seeking to promote the well being of man, promoted the glory of God; it also had as its object the scotching of that greatest curse of men, that foulest because most insidious work of the devil—jealousy and ill-feeling towards professional brethren. One of the great objects of the Association had been to bring medical men together, to make them put their knees under the common table, and to bring their hearts together above it, to cease to look at one another as opponents, and to regard one another as fellow-workers in the one great object of doing good on earth. With regard to the President, he need only say that while this or any other Branch of the Association could produce so good a man as Dr. Beverley to take the lead there would be no fear that it would fail, but it would surely go on with the great and high work it had to do.—The PRESIDENT having replied, the toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr. CADGE, and responded to by Mr. RICHARD BARWELL and Mr. A. P. GOULD. Mr. CROSSE proposed "The Readers of Papers," to which Dr. S. RINGER and Mr. KNOWSLEY THORNTON replied; and the concluding toast, "The Secretaries," proposed by Dr. ELLISTON, was acknowledged by Dr. BARNES, the PRESIDENT (on behalf of Dr. Anningson), and Mr. D. D. DAY.

Mrs. Beverley's Garden Party.—On Friday, June 20th, all the medical visitors, together with several hundreds of the principal citizens of Norwich, and many of the county gentry, were invited by Dr. and Mrs. Beverley to a garden party at Brundall. Nearly 700 invitations were issued, and most of them were accepted. Dr. Beverley's gardens at Brundall are deservedly famous throughout the district for their extent and varied loveliness. Each guest was presented with an artistically drawn plan of the gardens enriched with a picture of the "wishing spring," and of specimens of Roman pottery discovered at Brundall. The charming hospitality and social *savoir faire* of the host and hostess, and their untiring exertions for the comfort and entertainment of all their guests made the party a great success, and the occasion will remain as an *albo dies notanda lapillo* in the memories of those who had the privilege to be present.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Council of the Branch was held on June 19th at 11 A.M. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Dr. BARNES.

New Members.—Twelve gentlemen were elected members of the Association and of the Branch and twenty-four, already members of the Association, were elected members of the Branch.

Report of Council.—The report of the Council stated that the membership of the Branch had considerably increased, 36 new members having been elected, making the total number now 231. Very successful meetings had been held at Sudbury, Braintree, and Haverhill, and special acknowledgment was made of the manner in which the President, Dr. J. Sinclair Holden, had dis-

charged the duties of his office, and of the generous reception he had given the Branch at Sudbury. Thanks were also due to Messrs. Tandy and Hargrave for their hospitality to the Essex division of the Branch at Haverhill. A special meeting had been held at Norwich to consider Dr. Rentoul's proposed "Public Medical Service" with the result that the scheme was declared to be under present circumstances impracticable.

Election of Officers.—Mr. T. W. Crosse and Dr. W. A. Elliston were re-elected representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association, and Dr. Mead was re-elected its representative on the Parliamentary Bills Committee. The retiring President, Dr. J. Sinclair Holden, was elected a Vice-President of the Branch.

New President.—The CHAIRMAN then introduced the new President of the Branch, Dr. BEVERLEY, who is also President of the Norwich Medico-Chirurgical Society.

Invitation to Cambridge.—During the meeting the members of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch invited the members of the East Anglian Branch to visit them next year at Cambridge. This invitation was cordially accepted.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on June 19th, Mr. F. M. BECKETT, of Ely, President, being in the chair.

Next Annual Meeting.—A report of the Council was read recommending that a meeting should be held conjointly with the East Anglian Branch next year. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: 1. "That the East Anglian Branch be invited to hold a conjoint meeting with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch at Cambridge in the summer of 1891." 2. "That the details of the proposed meeting be left to the Council." 3. "That the Council of the Branch ascertain whether the South Midland Branch could modify their arrangements so as also to join the meeting."

Election of Officers.—Mr. D. B. Balding, of Royston, was re-elected Representative on the Parliamentary Bills Committee. Dr. Anningson, of Cambridge, was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Representative on the Council of the Association.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

THE third general meeting of this Branch during the present session was held at the Bell Medical Library, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 29, Mr. VINCENT JACKSON, the President, in the chair.

New Member.—Dr. Alfred Griffiths Greenway was elected a member of the Branch.

Fracture of Patella.—Mr. VINCENT JACKSON exhibited a young man who had been successfully operated upon for a transverse fracture of the left patella, by subcutaneously transfixing the soft parts immediately above the upper fragment, also the ligamentum patellæ just below the lower fragment, with strong steel pins, and after the edges of the divided fragments had been accurately approximated, they were retained so by wiring the free portions of the steel pins together. At the present time—nine months since the operation—the objective evidence of a fracture having occurred was *nil*, and the movements of the joint were also completely restored, the man being able to kneel with the left knee as well as with the right.

Traumatic Aneurysm of the Left Brachial Artery.—Mr. VINCENT JACKSON also exhibited a man aged 46, whose left brachial artery had been ligatured in the middle third a fortnight before for a traumatic aneurysm at the bend of the elbow, which was now quite cured and the arm wound healed. The artery was wounded some months before admission by a chip of sharp steel.

Glass Vaginal Tube and Female Catheter.—Mr. VINCENT JACKSON showed a glass female catheter and a glass vaginal tube which had recently been made at his suggestion. It could be used with the nozzle of any douche or indiarubber syringe. It was grooved externally in such a way that the return current was ample and free. The lateral apertures (there was no central aperture) were so made that the stream was directed laterally and forward, and not backward.

Mediastinal Sarcoma.—Dr. II. H. BROWN showed a mediastinal tumour which had occupied the entire mediastinum, from the external notch to the pericardium, the upper two-thirds of which were invaded by the growth. It corresponded in breadth to the sternum, and extended backwards to the spine, surrounding the trachea and roots of the lungs. In the lungs were numerous

small secondary nodules, scattered over their under surfaces. Similar though smaller nodules, varying in size from a small pea to a military tubercle, were found in the kidneys. There were none elsewhere. The trachea and œsophagus were completely unobstructed, and the innominate veins and superior cava, though embedded in the growth, were not perceptibly diminished in calibre. Microscopically the tumour was found to be a round-celled sarcoma.

Malignant Tumour of Thyroid.—Dr. II. H. BROWN showed this specimen taken from a man aged 51. The left lobe of the thyroid was replaced by a cystic tumour of an oblong shape, which measured 5 inches from above down, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ in breadth and thickness. It weighed 15 ounces. Microscopically it was proved to be a small spindle-celled sarcoma.

Complications of Labour in 2,000 Consecutive Pregnancies.—Mr. JOHN T. HARTILL read a paper on this subject.

Insanitary Cesspools in Rural Districts and their Remedy.—Dr. REED read a paper on this subject and exhibited a model, showing a plan suggested by him as a remedy adaptable to most of the cesspits at present existing. It was inexpensive, and he had found it answer well in practice.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

THE forty-sixth annual meeting of this Branch was held at Guildford, on Wednesday, June 11th, Mr. C. J. SELLS, of Guildford, in the chair.

Report of Council.—The report stated in 1875, when the meeting was held at Guildford before, the Branch consisted of only 286 members; now there were 508, the largest number hitherto registered. At the last annual meeting there were 494 members. During the year 30 new members had been elected; 10 had resigned, 3 had gone away, 2 had been struck off in arrears, and 2 had died. The total loss to the Branch therefore was 17, and the gain 30. The net increase for the year, therefore, was 13. One of the members deceased, Dr. Lochée, of Canterbury, was President of the Association when the annual meeting was held there in 1861, and he was afterwards made a Vice-President for life. He was a constant attendant at the East Kent District meetings, till the infirmities of age compelled his absence. The financial condition of the Branch continued to be most satisfactory. In the abstract of accounts a new item appeared for the first time in the receipts, viz., the sum received by the Honorary Secretary from the Honorary Treasurer of the Association for payment of railway fare to the meetings of the Council. The establishment of a Public Medical Service for England having been brought under the notice of the Council by Dr. Rentoul, they reluctantly came to the conclusion, after a most exhaustive discussion, that the proposals which Dr. Rentoul had so ably put forward were impracticable. The Council was strongly of opinion that the provincial hospitals and dispensaries should be included in the inquiry now being held on hospital management. With regard to the very unsatisfactory and almost strained relations which existed between the War Office and the Army Medical Department, the Council thought it the duty of every member of the profession, and especially of those belonging to the British Medical Association, to bring the subject under the notice of their respective representatives in Parliament, with the object of inducing Government to perform an act of justice to a meritorious branch of the public service. Thanks were due to the Hon. Secretaries of the Districts, who, as usual had organised their meetings with success, and added many names to the list of members. A feeling had been expressed in some quarters that the men of the present day did not seem to be possessed with the same amount of enthusiasm and energy, in regard to these meetings, as influenced the older members who established them and carried them on with success. The Council mentioned this statement for the consideration and meditation of the Honorary Secretaries and their Districts. In conclusion the Council congratulated the members on the continued prosperity of the Association. Notwithstanding the liberality of the Council and the Treasurer (Dr. Holman), the resources of the Association had never been so great.

Financial Report.—The financial report showed a balance in hand of £151 3s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Officers and Council.—Mr. G. Rigden, of Canterbury, was unanimously chosen President-elect for 1891-2. The following officers were declared duly elected for 1891-2: *Members of Council:* Dr. Adeney, Tunbridge Wells; Dr. Bagshawe, St. Leonards; Dr. Bowles, Folkestone; Dr. A. Buchanan, Chatham; L. Buckell, Chichester; C. W. Chaldecott, Dorking; Dr. T. Eastes, Folkestone

E. H. Galton, Brixton Hill; Dr. Gogarty, Canterbury; A. H. B. H. Hallows, Maidstone; F. B. Hallows, Redhill; Dr. Hayman, Eastbourne; Dr. C. Holman, Reigate; Dr. Johnson, Tunbridge Wells; Dr. W. Moore, Burgess Hill; A. Napper, Guildford; Dr. Oldman, Bletchingley; T. F. Raven, Broadstairs; Dr. R. Roberts, Eastbourne; Dr. Stowers, Finsbury Square; E. W. Thurston, Ashford; J. S. Turner, Upper Norwood; J. L. Worship, Riverhead; Dr. C. E. Hoar, Maidstone; S. G. Sloman, jun., Farnham.

Representatives of Branch on Council of Association.—For Surrey, Dr. J. H. Galton; for Sussex, Mr. G. F. Hodgson; for Kent, Dr. C. Parsons, Honorary Secretary.

Honorary Secretary.—Dr. Parsons, of Dover, was unanimously requested to continue in office.

Representative on Parliamentary Bills Committee.—Mr. E. H. Galton, of Brixton Hill, was re-elected.

Next Annual Meeting.—It was resolved to hold the Annual Meeting in 1891 at Canterbury.

Resolutions.—1. "This Branch having always persistently opposed the payment of the railway fares of the Branch representatives from the funds of the Association, it is resolved that the sum received by the Honorary Secretary for this purpose from the Treasurer of the Association be given to the British Medical Benevolent Fund, and that the donation be further increased to 10 guineas from the funds of the Branch." 2. "That a donation of 20 guineas be made to the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom to the permanent endowment fund for the fifty pensioners of the College." 3. "That this Branch offer a humble petition to the House of Lords requesting that the inquiry into the subject of hospital management be extended to provincial hospitals and dispensaries."

Votes of Thanks.—Votes of thanks for their services during the past year were passed to the President, Dr. Hayman, the two Vice-Presidents, Dr. Hargood, and Mr. Ewart, of Eastbourne; to the Council of the Branch, and to the auditors and scrutineers, Messrs. Osborn and Long, of Dover.

Dinner.—Forty-three members and visitors dined together after a pleasant drive to Brookwood Asylum, and a visit to the chief objects of interest in the town of Guildford.

SYDNEY AND NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

THE tenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at Sydney on Friday, March 7th, Dr. FIASCHI, President, in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. Jarvie Hood, Williams, Crago, Knaggs, W. Chisholm, Jenkins, Ellis, Quaife, W. J. O'Reilly, A. F. O'Reilly, Cohen, Graham, M'Donagh, Marano, Chambers, Worrall, Rennie, Cotton, Wright, Brady, A. F. Hanksin, Hodgson, Scott-Skirving, Lyden, West, Shand, Megginson, Kendall, and Clubbe. Dr. McClelland and Mr. Storey were present as visitors.

New Members.—The minutes of the previous annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the PRESIDENT announced that Dr. Douglas and Dr. Ford Hughes had been elected members of the Branch.

President's Address.—Dr. FIASCHI, the retiring President, then delivered an address, in which he reviewed the work of the Branch during the previous twelve months. Five Council and nine general meetings had been held, papers had been read on most of the branches of medical science, and many interesting exhibits had been shown. Three members, Drs. Nott, James Smith, and P. M'Donagh, had died, and three had resigned. Fourteen new members had been elected, making a total of 129 members now on the roll, the largest number yet recorded. These facts showed that, on the attainment of its eleventh year of life, the Branch was showing signs of vigorous development. The meetings had been well attended, and the questions mooted had been well discussed in a spirit of "more breezy and healthier criticism" than used to prevail in the early years of their existence. The President then proceeded to speak of the medical mind as an instrument. In this delicate instrument there was, first, the part that received the statement of the patient; the photographic plate should not beat it in sensitiveness and promptness. "A faint abnormal sound, a slight blur in the speech of your patient, a difference in the complexion—may be a paleness, a yellowness, or a mere general greasy look; the innumerable differences of the pulse under the touch, the boggy or hardness of a tissue, the fluctuation, the wave—a peculiar odour even—might be all the clue that in some cases might help to a correct diagnosis." No sooner was the impression received than a process of sorting set in; the valuable evidence was retained, the useless cast out, just

as the miner's cradle retained the golden dust, and allowed the sand to be washed out. A French professor of agriculture had these words printed in his lecture room: "There is nothing certain in agriculture." The same remark applied to medical treatment; not a week passed but every practitioner had cause to verify the glorious uncertainty of medicine. Judgment must there again use its most delicate balancing to find the treatment best adapted to the individual case. This point determined, the steady pressure of the will was required to overcome the difficulties that prevented the thorough carrying out of the treatment. Another power was still needed to guide and regulate this complex machinery, namely, "the unquenchable flame that is not love of gain nor of self-aggrandisement, but a mixture of professional pride, of sense of duty, and of philanthropical spirit." Like other instruments, the medical mind could work only under certain conditions which differed according to individuals, etc. One detrimental influence was, however, more or less common to them all, namely, overwork, which was the besetting sin of most practitioners in Australia. The treatment for this was, first, economy of power in work, quantity being sacrificed for quality; and secondly, the intellectual refreshment and communion with fellow-workers, as in the meetings of the two medical societies of Sydney. The President concluded his address with a few well-chosen words expressive of the mingled pleasure and regret with which he relinquished his office.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to the President for his address was proposed by Dr. CHAMBERS, seconded by Dr. KNAGGS, and carried by acclamation.

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet, which was read by Dr. CRAGO, showed that there was a balance of £152 16s. 10d. to the credit of the Branch. On the proposition of Dr. ELLIS, seconded by Dr. W. CHISHOLM, the balance sheet was adopted.

Officers and Council.—The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and members of Council for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were elected:—*President:* G. T. Hanksin, M.R.C.S. *Vice-President:* R. Scot-Skirving, M.B., C.M. Edin. *Honorary Treasurer:* W. H. Crago, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. *Honorary Secretary:* Ralph Worrall, M.D., Ch.M., Qu. U. Irel. *Auditors:* H. A. Ellis, M.B., Ch.B. Dub., and C. P. B. Clubbe, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. *Members of Council:* J. Chambers, F.R.C.P. Edin., W. W. J. O'Reilly, M.D., Ch.M. Irel., F. H. Quaife, M.D., C.M. Glasg., S. T. Knaggs, M.D. Aberd. and Syd., T. H. Fiaschi, M.D. Pisa, E. J. Jenkins, M.A., M.D. Oxon., M.R.C.P. Lond.

NORTHERN COUNTIES (SCOTLAND) BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Royal Hotel, Inverness, on June 12th, under the presidency of Dr. WHYTE, Elgin.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT delivered an address on "Anæsthetics," contrasting the value and effects of ether and chloroform, giving preference to the latter, and laying great stress on the necessity of the administration being committed to the sole charge of an assistant.—A general discussion on the subject followed, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the President.

New Member.—Dr. Walter de Watteville, Kingussie, was admitted a member of the Association and Branch.

Officers and Council.—*President:* Dr. Grant, Grantown. *President-Elect:* Dr. Turner, Keith. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. Whyte, Elgin, and Dr. Duguid, Buckie. *Secretary and Treasurer:* Dr. J. W. N. Mackay, Elgin. *Council:* Drs. McNee, Mann, Aiken, Finlayson, G. H. Mackay, and Simpson. *Representative to the Council and Parliamentary Bills Committee:* Dr. Ogilvie Grant, Inverness.

Next Meeting.—It was resolved that the next meeting should be held at Elgin, and the Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Branch, with a view to a joint meeting.

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together, Dr. Whyte, who was in the chair, being supported by the Provost of Inverness, Dr. Mackay, Inspector-General of Hospitals, and Dr. Robert Grant, Brigade-Surgeon, Inverness.

STIRLING, KINROSS, AND CLACKMANNAN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Castle Campbell Hotel, Dollar, on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 17th. Dr. STRACHAN presided, and there were also present Dr. Leslie, Linton, Spence, Peake, Currie, Oswald, Mackintosh, and Lewis. Apologies for absence were received from Drs. Haldane, Galbraith,

Wickham, Cribbes, and Kirkwood. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Council and Financial Statement.—The Council for 1889-90 presented its report, and the Treasurer, Dr. SPENCE, read the annual statement of the finances of the Branch, which showed a balance of £3 5s. to the credit of the Branch.

Officers and Council.—The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—*President:* Dr. Haldane. *Vice-President:* Dr. Lewis. *Honorary Treasurer:* Dr. Spence. *Honorary Secretaries:* Drs. Lewis and Peake. *Members of Council:* Drs. Strachan, Currie, Wickham, and Macpherson. Dr. Strachan was chosen to represent the Branch on the Council of the Association and on the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

Case.—Dr. PEAKE showed a case of extensive Burn of the Abdomen, Thigh, Arm, etc., healed over after 18 months by repeated skin grafting.

Health Conditions in School Life.—Dr. STRACHAN read a paper in which he insisted that sound and vigorous health was of the first importance in education, as upon it depended development, which determined the future brain power of the pupil. Learning supplied the tools but the brain was the workman, and according to organic strength was intellectual power and vigour. All time during the day which could be spared from necessary class work should be utilised for exercise in the open air. He suggested the introduction of plants in the classroom as a means, in addition to ventilation, of purifying the air. There was a general agreement among educational authorities that with insufficient nourishment ordinary school work was apt to be excessive and injurious, and he pointed out that this might be from want of appetite as well as want of food. With regard to exercise, he argued in favour of spontaneity, as also of a sufficient daily allowance at all seasons. He suggested that the usual Midsummer and Christmas holidays might be considerably curtailed and the time thus saved be distributed as additional playtime throughout the year. The fallacy of regarding physical exercise as a corrective of the evil effects of excessive brainwork was also alluded to. In regard to school work, he pointed out the weakening effect upon psychical action of emotional excitement, as fear, anxiety, etc., and urged the importance of avoiding such in school children. He concluded by referring to the danger of slight ailments being converted into serious illness by indiscreet usage at school, and to the evils resulting from strain upon the system during the period of functional development, especially in girls.—A discussion followed in which Drs. PEAKE, CURRIE, and LESLIE took part, and Dr. Strachan received a unanimous vote of thanks for his paper.

Exhibition of Instruments.—Messrs. J. Gardner and Sons, Edinburgh, then exhibited a collection of Gynæcological, Electrical, and Surgical Instruments.

Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner was held after the meeting.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

Emphysema and Tuberculosis.—*Renal Epithelioma.*—*Sulphur Vapour in Whooping-cough.*—*Laparotomy.*—*Oxygen Inhalations in Diphtheria.*—*Asphyxia from Pressing Down the Tongue.*—*General News.*

Dr. POTAIN, in a recent clinical lecture on emphysema and tuberculosis, demonstrated that the two conditions are sometimes co-existent. Dr. Peter believes that emphysema is favourable to the development of phthisis, inasmuch as nutrition then becomes imperfect. In 1875 Dr. Gallard showed that tuberculosis may lead to emphysema; since then Hérard and Grancher have confirmed this. Emphysema may succeed tuberculosis or precede it. In the former case it is more limited, in the latter it is often accompanied by chronic pneumonia.

At the Paris Surgical Society M. Terrillon gave an account of a case of epithelioma of the kidney. He had removed the tumour two years previously, and the patient remained well. M. Quenu has performed the same operation with equally good results.

In the *Bulletin de Thérapeutique* Dr. Weisgerer records three cases of whooping-cough treated by sulphur vapour. He uses Deschieu's bougie, No. 1, which burns ten grammes of sulphur in an hour. This treatment has been adopted at the Hôpital de la

Charité, but the cases have not been published. Dr. Weisgerer placed the children in a room measuring about eighteen cubic mètres, and ten grammes of sulphur were burned. The vapour caused a slight sensation of pricking in the eyes and throat, which, however, the children bore very well. The treatment is repeated night and morning. The fits of coughing are greatly relieved after a day or two of treatment, then disappear, often giving place to a cough, which occurs once or twice in the course of twenty-four hours.

M. Thérard relates the following case: During the confinement of a woman with rickety pelvis the foetal head could not be felt, nor the foetal *bruit* heard. M. Thérard believed the uterus to be ruptured. He tried to effect podalic version, but it was impossible to extricate the head. He then performed embryotomy; but even then the head could not be extracted. Laparotomy was then done, and M. Thérard observed that round the cervix there was a fibrous ring, which proceeded from the vaginal insertion. As antiseptic precautions had not been observed the peritoneum was washed out. The sutures used for the peritoneum were steeped in brandy; the edges of the wound were kept together by strips of plaster. Chloroform was not used, but the patient did not suffer much and soon recovered.

M. Bouchut, in 1868, demonstrated that in diphtheria there is acute leucocythemia. This theory was attacked by MM. Cuffer and Sanné, but confirmed by Binault in his thesis on "Les Altérations du Sang dans la Diphthérie." In a recent thesis M. Gonthier has again treated this question, taking as a basis the researches of Brown-Séguard and d'Arsonval, who have shown that from the watery vapour that issues from the lungs of healthy human beings and all mammals a poisonous fluid is obtained. In diphtheria the breathing passages are obstructed, and this pulmonary excretion possibly condensed and elimination prevented, and in consequence of this there is insufficient ventilation of the lungs. M. Gonthier cites several cases of diphtheria which were successfully treated with oxygen inhalations.

M. Vergel has recently reported a case in which syncope and convulsions were caused by depressing the tongue. The child, 18 months old, was suffering from croup. In order to examine the throat, the tongue was pressed down with a spoon, when syncope ensued. This was followed by a convulsion, and the child remained during ten hours in a torpid state, from which it slowly recovered. Bouchut has reported two cases of death from pressing down the tongue; thus to avoid such accidents this should be done during expiration, otherwise even in adults spasm of the glottis may occur.

A bronze medal has been awarded by the French Government to Dr. Rondet, for his sanitary labours during the typhoid fever epidemic at Neuville-sur-Seine.

A philanthropic society called the "L'Œuvre de Ten Bron," organised at the Grand Hotel an evening entertainment, consisting of a lecture and a concert, for the benefit of their funds, which are to be devoted to the treatment of tuberculous patients by air impregnated with salt. M. Verneuil presided.

The Baroness Mohrenheim gave a *matinée musicale* at the Russian Embassy for the benefit of the Paris Ambulance. M. Jules Simon described the development of this organisation. Several well-known amateurs and distinguished professional artistes contributed to the success of the *matinée*.

VIENNA.

Orexin.—*Extirpation of the Vesiculæ Seminales.*—*Tests for Albumen in the Urine.*—*Parenchymatous Injections of Iodoform in Gûtre.*—*Mental Disorder following Operations on the Eye.*—*Professor Dittel's Jubilee.*

Dr. F. PENZOLDT, in the *Therapeutische Monatshefte*, describes the muriate of phenyl-hydrochinazolin or orexin (*ὄρεξις*, appetite) as a remedy which improves all the functions of the stomach, and especially increases the appetite. The drug, which is easily soluble in water, has a bitter, burning taste. It is a crystallised salt, and has only a very slight toxic effect in warm-blooded animals. The poisonous dose in man seems to begin at 25 grammes. In healthy persons slight disturbances, such as nausea, giddiness, or heat, only occurred after the use of 1 gramme *pro dosi*. After half a gramme there was a striking and rapid increase of appetite. In a healthy man one-fourth of a gramme accelerated the digestion of white bread by half an hour, that of meat by 28 minutes; half a gramme accelerated the digestion of meat by one hour. Experi-

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

FIRST EXAMINATION FOR MEDICAL AND SURGICAL DEGREES, EASTER TERM, 1890.—Chemistry and Physics. The following were examined and approved:

Allan, Caius	Grummitt, Caius	Pearce, Trin.
Ambrose, A. C., Down	Hanson, R. J. E., Trin.	Reece, Down
Ascherson, Pemb.	Hayward, Caius	Renshaw, J. A. K., Trin.
Bagshawe, Caius	Hey, Trin.	Sheppard, Christ's
Bartram, Joh.	Heywood, Emman.	Smith, J., Jesus
Clarke, Caius	Irving, Caius	Somers, Pemb.
Cooper, Emman.	Jackson, T. L., Joh.	Stead, Caius
Cundy, Trin.	Kingsford, Joh.	Storrs, K. S., Emman.
Dashwood, C. E., Magd.	Lees, Caius	Sugden, Caius
Davies, L. G.	Macnamara, Pet.	Thomson, C. A. H., Christ's
Duckworth, Jesus	Marriott, E. B., Clare	Thorman, Caius
Dunn, C. F., Cath.	Maxwell, Corp.	Tyson, Caius
Evans, Trin.	May, H. J., Caius	Villy, Joh.
Fison, Corp.	Michael, H. Selw.	Vinter, C. H. S., Caius
Fowler, H. R., H. Selw.	Mills, Clare	Watson, F. J., Trin.
Garrad, Clare	Milsome, Trin.	Wicks, Caius
Godson, F. A., Joh.	Pead, Pemb.	Woodhouse, King's
Grosvenor, Trin.		

There were ninety-three candidates.

SECOND EXAMINATION.—Pharmaceutical Chemistry. The following were examined and approved:

Anderson, Pemb.	Guinness, Caius	Miller, Queen's
Barker, Emman.	Hadow, Caius	Milward, Clare
Barrett, Caius	Harrison, T. L., Joh.	Ogilvie, Christ's
Bedford, Trin.	Hayne, Caius	Phillips, Caius
Bousfield, Caius	Henderson, Joh.	Powell, Ll., Trin.
Bower, Trin.	Hutchinson, F. A. S., Trin.	Roper, Christ's
Crofton-Atkins, Clare	Jackson, G. C., Joh.	Rotherham, Trin.
Colby, King's	Johnson, M. B., Trin. H.	Savage, Caius
Cowie, Joh.	King, T. P., Joh.	Sell, Caius
Devereux, N., H. Selw.	Lees, B. H., Joh.	Smallwood, Caius
Dodgson, Emman.	Long, S. H., Caius	Smith, H., Trin.
Fothergill, Queen's	Marriott, C. E., Clare	Smith, E. A. C., Caius
Grosvenor, Clare		Taylor, Caius
Guest, Emman.		

There were fifty-six candidates.

THIRD EXAMINATION.—Part I. The following were examined and approved:

Attfield, Pet.	Greaves, Caius	Rouillard, Caius
Batten, Trin.	King's	Shaw, King's
Beaumont, W. H., Down	Hall, J. B., Pemb.	Simmons, W. W., Joh.
Bennetts, Caius	Hall, R. H., Pemb.	Smith, H. Austen, Trin.
Bradley, Caius	Hardy, Jesus	Smith, H. E., Caius
Burton, F. W., Joh.	Harrison, S. N., Trin.	Stubbs, Trin.
Buss, Sid.	Head, Trin.	Sutton, Clare
Carruthers, A. E., Christ's	Lea, J. Caius	Swayne, Trin.
Cowell, Joh.	Long, D. S., Caius	Thomas, R. S., Jesus
Earl, H., Cav.	Low, F. C., Caius	Treadgold, Down
Fosbery	Molson, J. E., Emman.	Waggett, Pemb.
Fyfe, Caius	Molteno, Clare	Wellford, Trin.
Gillam, H. Cav.	Panting, King's	White, C. P., Clare
Gillett, Sid.	Peck, M. S., Christ's	Wilks, Caius
Gimson, H. Cav.	Pebick, Down	Winslow, W., Caius
Grabham, Joh.	Richardson, J. C., Caius	

Part II. The following were examined and approved:

Barclay-Smith, Down	Durham, Christ's	Russell, J. W., Trin. H.
Bindloss, Joh.	Fletcher, Trin.	Scott, T. W., Caius
Burton, F. W., Joh.	Poster, Trin.	Smith, H. Austen, Trin.
Creswell, H. Cav.	Hanson, Caius	Swayne, Trin.
Daggett, Caius	Long, Caius	Trevithick, Trin.
Dalton, Trin.	Muir, Trin.	Tuppen, Caius
De Jersey, W. B., Pemb.	Nix, H. W., Caius	Wickham, G. H., Caius
Dixon, H. Cav.	Pilcher, Clare	Williams, E. C., Christ's
Dumergue, Corpus	Rouillard, Caius	Yeoman, Caius

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. MEETING OF CONVOCATION.

The Reconstruction of the University.—A meeting of Convocation was held on June 24th. The chairman, Mr. F. J. Wood, LL.D., said he could not state anything very definite as to the new Charter, but all that he knew on the subject was favourable. University College and King's College had substantially accepted the basis of the draft Charter that had been prepared. A committee of the Senate was then engaged in considering and discussing the question, and would report to a meeting of the Senate to be held on the following day (Wednesday). A long discussion took place on a resolution moved by Mr. T. Tyler, and eventually the following amendment, moved by Dr. Silvanus P. Thompson, was adopted: "That this House, though extremely desirous not to embarrass the Senate in its efforts to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the problem of reconstruction, hereby expresses its strong opinion that it ought to be consulted as to the scheme of

reconstruction before that scheme is finally embodied in a draft of a new Charter." A further resolution, moved by Mr. Tyler, to the effect that there should be an avoidance of any provisions which may place great or predominant power in the hands of persons who are not graduates of this University, was carried.

Election of Members of Senate.—The chairman declared the result of the poll for the vacant seats on the Senate to be as follows: For Sir P. Magnus, 990 votes; Dr. Bristowe, 626; Mr. Bennett, 274; Dr. O'Reilly, 180. The three first names were, therefore, nominated on the list.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At the Convocation on Tuesday, June 24th, 1890, the following were recommended for the Degree of Doctor in Medicine for practitioners of fifteen years' standing:

Hale, C. D. B., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng.; Lloyd, M., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng.; Manser, R., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; Pendavis, W. F., L.R.C.P. Ed., M.R.C.S.Eng.; Dyer, H. G., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. Mr. C. W. Chapman, M.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., has passed the professional part of the examination, and will be recommended for the Degree of M.D. when he has satisfied the examiners in Arts.

The following were recommended for the Degree of M.D.:

Alden, S. J., M.B., B.S.; Aubrey, A. R., M.B., M.R.C.S.; Baigent, W., M.B., B.S.; Baine, L. A., M.B., B.S.; Baker, J. B., M.B., M.R.C.S.Eng.; L.R.C.P.Ed.; Bontor, S. A., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.; Dalgliesh, J. W., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.; Davis, N., M.B., B.S.; Dimmock, A. F., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; East, C. H., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; Hare, F. W. E., M.B., M.R.C.S.; Pogson, J. W. B., M.B., B.S.; Revely, J. S., M.B., M.R.C.S.; Simmons, E. W., M.B., M.R.C.S.; Stokes, J., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

The following was recommended for the Degree of Master in Surgery (M.S.):

Ridley, G. W., M.B., F.R.C.S.

The following were recommended for the Degree of Bachelor in Medicine (M.B.):

Angus, H. B., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Brodie, F. C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., Middlesex Hospital; Craggs, R. F., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dalgliesh, C. A., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Gott, H., Yorkshire College, Leeds; Hignens, O. E., M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., St. Mary's Hospital; Hutton, J. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Middlesex Hospital; Poole, K. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., London Hospital; Preston, L. L., M.R.C.S., Middlesex Hospital; Scott, W. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Guy's Hospital; Smith, H., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Warde, A. W. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Ware, G. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., Middlesex Hospital; Wood, G. E. M., University College Hospital.

The following were recommended for the Degree of Bachelor in Surgery (B.S.):

Angus, H. B., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Atkinson, W. A., M.B., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Cox, B., M.B., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Craggs, R. F., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dalgliesh, C. A., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Davis, I., M.B., Middlesex Hospital; Gott, H., Yorkshire College, Leeds; Hutton, J. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Middlesex Hospital; Poole, K. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., London Hospital; Preston, L. L., M.R.C.S., Middlesex Hospital; Scott, W. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Guy's Hospital; Smith, H., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Warde, A. W. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Ware, G. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., Middlesex Hospital.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

THE final examinations for degrees in medicine at Glasgow University begin on July 7th, and continue till the 23rd of the same month. Three days are devoted to written examination, and the remaining time is occupied with oral examination. The clinical examinations are at present being conducted in the Western Infirmary.

ERRATUM.—In the Pass List of the Final Fellowship Examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, in the JOURNAL of June 14th, p. 1405, Dr. J. Dundas Grant should have been described as M.D., not M.B.

PRESENTATION.—On Friday last Dr. F. T. P. Newell, house-surgeon at the Meath Hospital, Dublin, was the recipient of two presentations on his retiring from his office, having been appointed to a city Poor-law dispensary. The medical board gave a handsome clock, and the hospital officers a writing desk. Sir George Owens occupied the chair, and testified to Dr. Newell's efficiency and popularity.

DONATIONS.—At the annual meeting of the Sydenham District Medical Society, held at the Crystal Palace on June 19th, the sum of ten guineas was presented to the British Medical Benevolent Fund. Twenty guineas was also presented to the "Pensioners' Permanent Endowment Fund" at Epsom College. Both charities have received previous donations from the Sydenham District Medical Society.

MEDICAL NEWS.

THERE are said to be 40,321 medical practitioners in Japan. The population is estimated at about forty millions.

STEPS are being taken by the Russian Health Society to organise a hygienic exhibition in Russia.

DR. THIÉRY, Prosector in the Paris Faculty of Medicine, has been commissioned by the French Government to study the condition of surgical education in England, Sweden, and Russia.

DR. CADET DE GASSICOURT has been elected a member of the French Academy in the section of medical pathology, in the place of the late Professor Damaschino.

OF the forty-two medical members of the French Chamber of Deputies, only one (Dr. Bourgeois, deputy for La Vendée) sits on the right or Conservative side of the House.

THE second annual meeting of the American Pædiatric Society was held in New York on June 3rd and 4th, under the presidency of Dr. J. Lewis Smith.

DR. BERTHERAUD, director of the *Journal de Médecine et de Pharmacie*, published at Algiers, recently met his death by accidental drowning.

SOME cases of yellow fever are said to have occurred at Malaga. The disease was imported by a vessel coming from an infected port.

INFLUENZA IN STYRIA.—Some genuine cases of epidemic influenza having recently occurred in the district of Judenburg, in Upper Styria, a searching medical inquiry is to be held.

A NEW Italian journal entitled *Il Sordomuto* (the Deafmute) has been started by Dr. G. Longhi, founder of the "Ototherapeutic" Institute at Milan. It is to be published monthly.

THE QUEEN has granted a suite of apartments in Hampton Court Palace, formerly occupied by Lady Torrens, to Mrs. Keith, widow of Surgeon-Major Keith, lately on the staff of the Duke of Connaught.

THE first case of yellow fever observed in the United States is reported to have been admitted into the Chandeleur Marine Hospital in Louisiana. It occurred on board a vessel thirty-eight days out from Rio de Janeiro.

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"—The American Association of Genito-urinary Surgeons has changed its name, and is henceforth to be known by the surprising and ponderous title of "The American Andrological and Syphilographical Association."

THE police authorities of Vienna are making an exhaustive inquiry into a number of questions bearing on the regulation of prostitution. The professors of syphilology and dermatology are taking an active part in the investigation.

DR. W. SCHULEK, Professor of Ophthalmology at Buda-Pesth, has been elected Rector Magnificus of that University for the coming year. The College of Professors at Vienna has chosen Professor Zuckerkandl to be Dean of the Medical Faculty next year.

PROFESSOR TRICHMANN, of Cracow, has announced his intention of sending his well-known collection of injected anatomical preparations to the exhibition to be held in connection with the forthcoming International Medical Congress at Berlin.

At a meeting of the Berlin Municipal Council on June 12th it was decided that a convalescent home for lying-in women should be established at the expense of the city. A sum of 140,000 marks (£7,000) was voted for the purpose.

THE increase of insanity in Berlin has made it necessary that a new public lunatic asylum should be established. The building, which is to accommodate 1,000 patients, will be situated in the easterly suburb of Lichtenberg. The City of Berlin already maintains an asylum with about 1,200 inmates at Dalldorf.

IN the University of Berlin the academic year will henceforth be divided into a winter and a summer *Halbjahr* (half year), the term "semester" hitherto in general use being proscribed, probably in deference to the ultra-Teutonic spirit which is at present insisting on the expurgation of the German language from all taint of foreign influence.

A NEW and most agreeable way of commemorating the dead has been found by Mr. H. L. Higginson, who has presented a field of twenty-seven acres on the banks of the river Charles to Harvard University for athletic recreation. The field is to be called "The Soldier's Field," and is to be a perpetual memorial of seven friends of the donor who died during, or as a result of, the war of the Rebellion.

THE University of Louvain has added a course of medical ethics to the ordinary programme of professional study. When a similar proposal was before the Belgian Parliament some time ago, it was objected by several deputies that medical students had quite enough to learn already without being burthened with additional subjects of study. Other enlightened representatives of the people affected to believe that "deontology" (the French term for medical ethics) must be a misprint for "odontology."

BECHTEREW (*Medizinskoje Obosrenje*, 1890, No. 4) points out that destruction of different parts of the nervous system does not give the same results in newly born animals which are born blind as in those which are fully grown. For example, destruction of the motor area of the cortex or of the cerebellum give no results. These variations are probably due to the fact that in these animals the pyramidal bundles are not fully developed at birth. In animals born with the power of sight, the results of operations on the brain are the same in the newly born as in the fully grown.

THE FRENCH SOCIETY FOR THE HELP OF THE WOUNDED.—The French Société de Secours aux Blessés held its general meeting on June 12th, under the presidency of Marshal MacMahon. Since the war of 1870 the Society has distributed £128,000 among soldiers and sailors wounded in war. It has increased its ambulance material to the value of £4,000, and has organised temporary hospitals, railway station hospitals, and ambulance services on a footing ready for war. It has trained numbers of lady nurses, bearers, etc. The Society has now 42,000 members, and the yearly subscriptions amount to £4,000.

TUBERCULOUS CATTLE.—The following official statistics relating to the public slaughterhouse of Augsburg may be interesting:—During 1889, of 23,592 calves slaughtered, only one (an animal 3 weeks old) was found to be tuberculous. Of 13,679 head of older cattle, 612, or 4.4 per cent., were tuberculous. Of 8,537 oxen, 167, or 1.94 per cent., were tuberculous; while of 5,008 cows, 445, or 8.88 per cent., were affected with that disease. In 4 cases, or almost 1 per cent. of the cows, the udder was the seat of tuberculosis. In 67 of the 612 cases in which disease was discovered, the flesh was declared unfit for food on account of generalised tuberculosis and destroyed.

SOME GERMAN UNIVERSITIES.—The number of students in the University of Greifswald this summer semester is 902, being the largest number ever on its books. Of these, 421 are students of medicine, 274 of theology, 98 of philosophy, and 95 of law, while 24 are allowed to attend particular lectures without having matriculated in any faculty. At Erlangen the number of students is 1,012, being the first time it has exceeded 1,000. The theological faculty used to be the most numerously attended, but this year medicine heads the list. At Marburg there are 1,003 students, this being also the first time the number of 1,000 has been exceeded. There are 269 students in the medical faculty.

EPSOM COLLEGE.—The successes of the students of Epsom College at the matriculation and preliminary scientific examinations of the University of London has long been a credit to their teaching. The head master now enables all boys who seek to enter the medical profession by other avenues than the London matriculation and M.B. degree, which is beyond the reach of many, to receive while remaining at college similar advantages to those which are given in the preliminary scientific form to those who have succeeded in matriculating. They will be taught chemistry and physics—subjects of serious difficulty to students of moderate ability when away from the form work of school; and ground will be broken in physiological and biological studies—subjects which are regularly taught in the college. This preparation will enable all to pass the first examination of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons at the earliest possible date after entering at a metropolitan hospital. This departure at Epsom College appears to us a most excellent arrangement.

NEW HOSPITAL AT BERLIN.—The City of Berlin, which already maintains two general hospitals (Friedrichshain, with 720, and Moabit, with 600 beds), has now established a third general hospital (Urban) in the south of Berlin. The new institution, which was opened on June 10th, is built in the pavilion system, and cost 3½ millions of marks (£175,000). The director of the medical division is Professor Alb. Fränkl, and Dr. Werner Körte is head of the surgical department. The total number of beds is 570, of which 75 are for children. There is a special pavilion with 16 beds for cases of diphtheria. The hospital, which is fitted up in accordance with the most advanced modern ideas as to hygienic requirements and the comfort of the patients, is lighted throughout by electricity. Two independent systems of electric illumination are provided, so that if one goes wrong the other may be available. Gaslight is not used in the establishment. The electric light "plant" alone cost 160,000 marks (£8,000). This is said to be the first hospital in which the electric light has been employed as the sole illuminating power.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.—The English and Dutch railway companies concerned in the route to Berlin *via* Queensborough and Flushing announce a reduction in fares to all members of the Congress taking return tickets. To obtain this concession it is necessary that intending members should forward the fee of £1 to Dr. Max Bartels, Berlin, S.W., Leipzigerstrasse 75, so that they may receive their tickets of membership beforehand. First-class return tickets will cost £6 16s.; second class, £4 19s.; for those wishing to extend their stay in Germany beyond thirty days a so-called circular ticket may be obtained, at three or four days' notice, which will be available for forty-five or sixty days. These tickets may be obtained through Messrs. Brasch and Rothenstein, 1, New Basinghall Street, London, E.C., or Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, Ludgate Circus, E.C. Messrs. Cook have in course of preparation a special circular containing information regarding routes, etc., both for the Congress and the British Medical Association meeting at Birmingham.

ADULTERATION IN PARIS.—During 1889 the total number of samples of various kinds analysed in the Municipal Laboratory of Paris was 18,773. Of 7,107 specimens of wine only 2,791 were good; of 1,292 samples of beer, on the other hand, only 8 were watered or adulterated with salicylic acid. Of 3,795 specimens of milk 403 were watered or deprived of their cream; of 333 samples of butter 66 contained foreign fats. Of 1,183 samples of peppers and spices 298 were adulterated. Of 167 toys about one-third were coloured with forbidden substances. Of 215 specimens of tin and pottery ware 97 contained lead. Of 244 wall papers 155 were coloured with poisonous materials. The examination of spirits and liqueurs showed that 53 samples of Kirsch were artificial, and 45 specimens of spirits "of bad quality." It is satisfactory to find that pharmacy at least keeps itself unspotted from the almost universal corruption of the commercial world; of 78 specimens of drugs and medicinal preparations examined all were genuine. The number of visits paid to markets, etc., was 43,179, with the result that in 164 cases articles of food exposed for sale were ordered to be destroyed.

AFTER CARE OF THE INSANE.—Some interesting facts were stated at the annual meeting of the Association for the After-care of the Insane held at 83, Lancaster Gate, on Monday last. The Earl of Meith presided, and, among others, Drs. Hack Tuke, H. Rayner, G. H. Savage, Norman Kerr, and Clavey Shaw took part in the proceedings. During the past year 59 applications for assistance on behalf of patients discharged from asylums had been accepted. Of these mental convalescents, 30 had been placed in cottage homes where they were treated as members of the family. In each case a lady residing in the neighbourhood had undertaken to see that the resident convalescent was properly treated. Other persons had been aided with clothing or money. In view of the excellent work of this society, it is gratifying to observe that during the year 8 superintendents of asylums had become members. The boarding out of this class of convalescents in cottage homes has proved eminently satisfactory, and there is great need for largely increased funds to carry on and extend these valuable operations. Subscriptions can be sent to Mr. Thornhill Roxby, Arden Lea, Walthamstow.

THIRTEEN SHOULDER-PRESENTATIONS IN ONE PATIENT.—Dr. Eustache, of Lille, describes in the *Nouvelles Archives d'Obstétrique et de Gynécologie*, 1889, p. 239, the case of a patient who was de-

livered fourteen times, the shoulder presenting in every case excepting the first, where the presentation was normal. He could not trace the cause of malpresentation to hydramnios, twin-conception, small size of the fetus, or pelvic deformity. He rather believed that the cause in this case lay in a severe laceration of the cervix which occurred during the first labour, and appears to have fixed the uterus to the brim of the pelvis, and caused relaxation of its walls. The patient, when under Dr. Eustache's observation during her last labour, was 40 years of age. Gery has published the history of a woman where the arm presented in nine consecutive labours, and a succession of transverse presentations is not rare in maternity departments in districts where women bear many children, but Dr. Eustache's case is the most extreme of its kind ever recorded. Dr. Eustache suspected so strongly ("*faute de mieux*," he writes) that the laceration was the cause of the cross births, that, had the woman been younger, he would unhesitatingly have advised Emmet's operation as a prophylactic measure against future difficult labours.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.—The annual distribution of prizes to the successful students of the past year took place on June 25th in a large tent, which was erected in the grounds of the hospital. The proceedings began by the reading of a report of the Dean, from which it appeared that the school was in a very flourishing condition, the number of students having increased considerably since last June and that the successes at the various examinations had been as numerous as usual. Reference was made to the new college for the residence of students, which appears to have met a distinct want, for nearly all the rooms are let. The new Dental School has also attracted many students, who seem fully to appreciate the opportunities afforded for learning dentistry. The medals and prizes were distributed by Mr. Samuel Hoare, M.P. The Treasurer's gold medal for medicine was awarded to A. Ellis Durham, and the Treasurer's gold medal for surgery to F. W. Hall. J. H. Bryant was *proxime accessit* to the gold medal for medicine. The list of prizes is too long for insertion here, but more than £600 worth of prizes were awarded, including entrance scholarships in arts of 100 guineas and 50 guineas, and entrance scholarships in science of 125 guineas and 50 guineas. The proceedings ended with a vote of thanks to Mr. Hoare, moved by the Treasurer, and supported by Dr. Pavy, the senior physician, and Mr. Durham, the senior surgeon. The wards (as far as possible), the museums, school buildings, college, and chapel were open from 3 to 5.30 p.m. In the museum there was a most interesting exhibition of specimens added to it during the past year. The college attracted a large share of attention and looked very pretty with its red brick quadrangle and the boxes of flowers in the windows. The large dining hall, smoking room, and reading room were especially admired. Afternoon tea was provided in the college and the grounds. In the evening the Guy's Hospital biennial dinner was held at the Holborn Restaurant, Dr. Thomas Stevenson in the chair. About 200 old Guy's men dined together and spent a most enjoyable evening.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

- ALCESTER UNION, Warwickshire Parishes.—Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by July 8th to the Clerk.
- AMPTHILL UNION.—Medical Officer for No. 1 District. Salary £100 per annum. Applications to the Clerk of the Board of Guardians, Ampthill.
- COOTEHILL UNION, Cootehill Dispensary District.—Medical Officer. Salary, £95 per annum, including £15 as Medical Officer of Health, with usual registration and vaccination fees. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, Henry Brown, J.P., by June 28th.
- DROITWICH UNION.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £85 per annum. Election on July 9th.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Assistant House Surgeon, with surgical qualification. No salary; washing provided. Applications to the House-Governor, J. D. M. Coghill, M.D., by June 28th.
- GORDON HOSPITAL FOR FISTULA AND OTHER DISEASES OF THE RECTUM.—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by July 12th to the Secretary, 278, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.
- HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.—House-Physicians. Applications by July 2nd to the Secretary, Henry Dobbin.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.—House-Physician; doubly qualified. Appointment for six months. Salary, £30 with board, etc. Applications to the Secretary, David Cannon, by July 2nd.
- LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon. Applications marked "Private" to the Treasurer, by June 28th.
- LINCOLN ODD FELLOWS' MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—Junior Medical Officer from August to December. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum (out door). Applications to Secretary, William Coulson, 12, North Parade, Lincoln.
- LONDON THROAT HOSPITAL, 204, Great Portland Street, W.—House-Surgeon. Applications by June 30th to the Honorary Secretary of the Medical Committee, W. R. A. Stewart.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT.—Resident Medical Officer at Bowden, Cheshire. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications by July 20th to C. W. Hunt, Secretary.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer for the Fever Hospital at Mossall; double qualifications; not less than 25 years of age. Remuneration, £250 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by July 5th to the Chairman of the Board.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUM BOARD, EASTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, The Grove, Homerton.—Clinical Assistant for a period of three months; board, furnished apartments, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent at the Hospital.

NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.—Medical Officer of Health for the Riding; qualified to practise medicine, surgery, and midwifery. Remuneration, a fixed fee of £100 per annum, and 5 guineas per day (to include expenses) for every day's services, with leave to hold other appointments. Applications to William C. Trevor, Deputy Clerk of the County Council, Clerk of the Peace Office, Northallerton, before June 30th.

REDRUTH SANITARY AUTHORITY.—Medical Officer of Health. Appointment for three years. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 3rd to the Clerk, Thurstan C. Peter, Union Office, Redruth.

SHEFFIELD PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary Medical Staff, Public Hospital, Sheffield, by July 11th.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon; double qualifications. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, washing, and lodging. Applications to the Assistant Secretary, W. H. Cornish, New Mills, Stroud, by July 10th.

SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmunds.—Dispenser, fully qualified, age between 25 and 35 years. Salary, £40 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Committee, at the Hospital, by July 1st.

WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT MEDICAL INSTITUTE.—Practitioner, doubly qualified, good Accoucheur and well up in the routine of general practice. Salary, £280 per annum (exclusive of accouchement fees), with dwelling, surgery, etc. Applications to George Bayes, Jackson's Lane, Wellingborough, by July 2nd.

ZETLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.—Medical Officer for the county and district, to reside in the county, with liberty to engage in private practice. Applications, stating qualifications and salary, to be lodged with the County Clerk at Lerwick by June 30th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BERRY, Frederick C., B.A., M.D., reappointed Medical Officer to the No. 12 District of the Southmolton Union.

BRODIE, G. C., F.R.C.S., appointed a Clinical Assistant to the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

BRODRICK, H. E., M.D., Durh., B.S., M.R.C.S., reappointed Medical Officer for the Borrowby District of the Northallerton Union.

BUTLER, Charles, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the West Sussex, East Hants and Chichester General Infirmary and Dispensary, *vice* T. Valentine, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.

CUMMING, Alexander, M.D., appointed Extra-Physician to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, *vice* R. Mackenzie Johnston, M.D.

DAVEY, R. S., M.D. St. And., M.R.C.S., reappointed Medical Officer for the 2nd Division, St. James's District of the Dover Union.

DAVIES, Arthur Templer, B.A., M.B. Cantab., M.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Physician to the Eastern Dispensary, Leman Street, Whitechapel, *vice* Dr. R. H. Temple.

DIXON, Walter, M.B. Edin., and C.M., reappointed Medical Officer for the 2nd Division, Hougham District of the Dover Union.

DUNCAN, Percy James, M.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Registrar, Charing Cross Hospital, *vice* Dr. F. W. Mott.

GEORGE, C. F., M.R.C.S., L.M., L.S.A., reappointed Medical Officer for the Blyborough District of the Gainsborough Union.

HALL, F. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Physician to Guy's Hospital.

HALL, J. C., M.B., B.Ch., Irel., appointed Medical Officer to the Monaghan Infirmary.

HICKMAN, H. V., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed a House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

HILL, Hedley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the County and County of the Borough of Carmarthen Infirmary, *vice* T. C. Creswick Williams.

HOWDEN, James C., M.D. Edin., reappointed Medical Superintendent of the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Montrose.

JESSOP, Edward, M.R.C.S., appointed a Clinical Assistant to the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

JESSOP, Thomas R., F.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Leeds General Infirmary.

KEY, Andrew, M.D., L.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Surgeon to the Montrose Infirmary.

LONG, Arthur, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., reappointed Medical Officer for the St. James and Hougham Districts of the Dover Union.

LUFF, A. P., M.D., B.S. Lond., M.R.C.P., appointed Physician to the Out-patient Department of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, *vice* Dr. Pearce, deceased.

MCBRIDE, William, M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Crossmaglen Dispensary District.

MILNER, Ernest A., M.B., C.M. Ed., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Metropolitan Asylum, Leavesden, near Watford, *vice* C. T. Ewart, M.D.

MUTER, John, F.R.S. Edin., F.I.C., F.C.S. Lond., reappointed Public Analyst to the County of Lincolnshire.

NISBET, F. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed a House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

PAGET, P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed a House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

RANDALL, Philip Nicholas, M.B. Lond., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer to the Chatham Hospital.

SILK, J. Frederick W., M.D. Lond., appointed Anaesthetist to the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

SPICER, Robert H. S., M.D., L.R.C.P., reappointed Medical Officer to the No. 3 District of the Southmolton Union.

STANSFIELD, F. W., M.B., Ch.B., appointed Second Assistant Surgeon to the Derby Amalgamated Friendly Societies Medical Association, *vice* Dr. Curll.

STOKER, Ernest Wilson, L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., Retunda, reappointed Resident Medical Officer of Health to the North London Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Mount Vernon, Hampstead.

STONE, Valentine, M.D. St. And., F.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Medical Officer to the Montrose Infirmary.

SYREÉ, Anton Hugh, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the City of London Lunatic Asylum, Stone, Dartford, *vice* Thomas Duncan Greenlees.

TATE, Thomas Marshall, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., etc., appointed Registrar. Compounder of Medicine and Assistant, to County Down Infirmary, *vice* George W. O'Flaherty, appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent, Down Asylum.

THOMSON, W. Arnold, F.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Bray and Hurley Districts of the Cookham Union, *vice* Dr. Curwen, resigned, also on the staff of the Maidenhead Hospital.

THOMSON, Malcolm E., L.R.C.P. Edin., reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Hardingsstone Urban Sanitary Authority.

TODD, Frederick, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., appointed Dental Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, *vice* Haster Harris.

WARD, Edward, M.A. Cantab., M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Leeds General Infirmary, *vice* T. R. Jessop.

WATTS, William Frederick, reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Dewsbury.

WHYTE, H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Officer for the new Branch of the Seamen's Hospital Society at the Royal Victoria and Albert Docks.

WINGRAVE, V. Wyatt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Registrar and Anaesthetist to the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, *vice* Walter Fowler, F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Surgeon.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

WEDNESDAY.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown by Dr William Duncan and others. Dr. Boxall: Fever in Childbed. Dr. Hurry: Case of Symmetrical Erysipelas followed by Premature Labour; Eclampsia *Post Partum*. Dr. Lewers: On Plugging the Uterus in Severe Cases of *Post-Partum* Haemorrhage.

FRIDAY.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 8.30 P.M.—Annual General Meeting. Patients and card specimens at 8 P.M. Mr. Brailey: Result of Operation for Immature Cataract. Mr. Stanford Morton: 1. Foreign Body beneath Semilunar Fold; 2. Aneurysms of Retinal Arteries. Mr. Spicer: Congenital Dislocation of Lenses. Papers.—Dr. Bronner: Concussion of the Eyeball giving rise to Acute Local Symptoms of Congenital Syphilis. Dr. Sharkey: On Graefe's Sign. Dr. Rockliffe: 1. Cephalic Tetanus following Penetrating Wounds of the Orbit; 2. Pyæmic Panophthalmitis. Dr. Berry: 1. Operative Treatment of Scleral Wounds; 2. Extraction of Foreign Body from Orbit. Mr. Edgar Browne: Cases of Symbblepharon treated by Skin Flap. Mr. Snell: 1. Paralysis of Convergence; 2. Cellulitis of Orbit. 9.30 P.M.—Election of Officers.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

GREVES.—On June 5th, at Rodney House, Bournemouth, W., the wife of Hyla Greves, M.D., M.R.C.P., of a son.

HART.—At 29, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, on June 22nd, the wife of D. Berry Hart, M.D., F.R.C.P. Ed., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LEWIS—COLE.—On June 24th, at St. Augustine's Church, Queen's Gate, by the Rev. C. P. Price, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Canon Thomas Williams, and the Rev. T. Hitchens, Edward John Lewis, M.B. (Cantab.), F.R.C.S., of Hamilton Terrace, N.W., to Georgina Ada, daughter of the late H. T. Cole, Q.C., M.P.

SCOTT-TEBB—DALTON.—On June 19th, at the Parish Church, St. Giles, Camberwell, by the Rev. W. Fisher, vicar of Alford, Surrey, assisted by the Rev. E. Swain, William Scott-Tebb, M.A., M.D. Cantab., of Charlcombe, Bournemouth, only son of William Tebb, Esq., of Rede Hall, Burstow, Surrey, to Mary Maxwell, second daughter of Henry Maxwell Dalton, of the Glebe House, Champion Hill, Surrey.

DEATH.

PALMER.—At Barton-under-Needwood, died Mary Louisa, wife of Clement Palmer. Aged 42.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AND OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- CANCER, Brompton (Free).** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 2. *Operation Days.*—Tu. S., 2.
- CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC.** *Operation Days.*—Daily, 2.
- CHARING CROSS.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9. Throat and Ear, F., 9.30. *Operation Days.*—M., 3; Th. 2.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operation Days.*—M. Th., 2.30.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.** *Operation Day.*—F., 2.
- GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Wed. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, Tu. Th., 2.30; Ear, M. F., 2.30; Diseases of the Skin, W., 2.30; Diseases of the Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental Cases, W., 2. *Operation Day.*—W., 2.
- GUY'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 1; Dental, daily, 9; Throat, F., 1. *Operation Days.*—(Ophthalmic), M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 1.30.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Chelsea.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 10. *Operation Days.*—M. Th., 2.
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- LONDON.** *Hours of Attendance.*—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. *Operation Days.*—M. Tu. W. Th. S., 2.
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- ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1. *Operation Day.*—M. 2.
- ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1. *Operation Days.*—Daily.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—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. *Operation Days.*—M. Tu. W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu. Th., 2.
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- SAMARITAN FREE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operation Day.*—W., 2.30.
- THROAT, Golden Square.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1.30; Tu. and F., 6.30. *Operation Day.*—Th., 2.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetrics, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; Ear, M. Th., 9; Skin, W., 1.45, S., 9.15; Throat, M. Th., 9; Dental, W., 9.30. *Operation Days.*—W. Th., 1.30; S., 2.
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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.

Queries, answers, and communications relating to subjects to which special departments of the JOURNAL are devoted, will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

DECIMUS asks information about Bruges: its climate in winter and summer cost of living for family of four; educational advantages, etc.?

DR. JOHN PHILLIPS (Edgbaston) asks to be recommended a home for incurables for epileptic patients, and if it is possible to get one in by part payment? The family are poor, but will not take parish relief, they can afford to pay a small sum.

AN OLD BATON.

M.B. AND C.M. (Perth) writes: Some years ago, at the sale of the surgical effects of a deceased medical man I picked up, amongst other things, a baton possessing the following characteristics: In length it measures 21 inches, and in circumference $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. About three inches from the top the wood is notched circularly five times, the four rings being painted a bright red colour, the rest of the baton blue.

Can any of your readers kindly inform me what is the significance of this baton; is it representative of any old surgical guild or corporation, obsolete or extant?

PUERPERAL ECLAMPSIA.

DR. STUART NAIRNE (Glasgow) writes: A lady, married, aged 22, is seven months pregnant. She has a puffy swelling of the face; body swelled, feet and legs slightly œdematous. She has a violent convulsion at 11 A.M., and becomes unconscious, with contracted pupils, squinting, biting of the tongue, and frothing at the mouth. On examination the child was pronounced to be dead and the patient herself dying.

The convulsions continued, and increased in severity, left-handed rotation being observable, and opisthotonos becoming more marked with each convulsion. At 7 P.M. the os uteri, which was found absolutely closed, was dilated slightly with great difficulty, on account of rigidity of the parts. The dilatation caused some degree of uneasiness. At 8.30 P.M., after a severe fit, respiration and circulation apparently ceased, and she was thought to be dead. She slowly came round, however, with a fluttering pulse and stertorous breathing.

The urine was drawn off. There was only about two tablespoonfuls, and it was found to be albuminous. Her mother, it was noted, died in childbed.

Cases like these are constantly occurring. We have them always with us—very frequently in a great city—and I submit this one as a typically bad case for the purpose of obtaining more light. I should like to ask two questions, namely: (1) What would be the prognosis in such a case? and (2) What would be reasonable treatment? There must be a great number of men who can make practical suggestions on these points, and I hope they will favour us with them.

TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS OF THE TONGUE.

PERPLEXED asks of any member the most successful treatment for chronic ulceration of the tongue, no doubt syphilitic. Perchloride of mercury, arsenic, and iodide of potassium have been given internally, and solutions of chromic acid, chlorate of potash, and borax applied locally; but with this treatment at intervals only has the condition apparently been benefited during the last three years since it first was noticed. Although there is more or less a thickish brown fur over the dorsum, the tongue otherwise is healthy, except at each side of the base where the ulceration exists. There is no other evidence of syphilis. The patient's age is 35, and he is in robust health.

ANSWERS.

LEX.—We consider £5 5s. a very reasonable charge.

THE SPINAL CORD IN INFLUENZA.

DR. A. HANBURY FRERE.—Professor F. Foà's paper "On the Alterations of the Spinal Cord in Influenza," was published in *Il Politecnico* of June 8th. No mention is made of treatment.

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