

drocephalus prior to birth which predisposed to the injury to the brain during delivery, but of this there is no proof beyond the fact that the head is, and always has been, of abnormal size, and the injury itself, with subsequent arrest of development in the motor tracts, appears adequate to account for the various manifestations described above.

## MEMORANDA:

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

**CASE OF INFLUENZA WITH CEREBRAL SYMPTOMS.**  
AMONG the many interesting varieties of influenza that have been described, the following peculiar form seems to be of sufficient interest to warrant publication, as it is only by the record of these anomalous forms that the history of the epidemics of 1890 and 1891 can be written with completeness.

On June 3rd S., a fine healthy lad of about 20 years of age, went to work in his garden as usual, but about 3 o'clock in the afternoon while stooping down he felt a violent pain in the head, became giddy, and vomited. After some time he was well enough to go home, and about 5 o'clock on the same day I saw him. He was lying in bed with his head rather drawn back, complaining of violent pain in the frontal region and at the back of the eyes, which were tender to pressure, with stiffness and pain in the neck. Pulse was 60, slow, but high tensioned; tongue large, flabby, and thickly furred; temperature 98.4°. He had been sick several times since the first onset, but he said that in that respect he felt better. The light was painful to him; pupils normal and reacted to light. The day was warm but not hot, and the sky overcast. I treated it as a case of influenza without any rise of temperature.

On the following day there was a good deal of mental confusion, and he seemed to have lost consciousness of events immediately following the attack in the garden. Temperature normal, pulse 70, face flushed and red; the bending back of the head with pain about the neck and frontal region continued. He was given quinine and the symptoms gradually improved, the pulse became softer, the pain in the neck less, but there was some double vision from time to time, and the frontal pain was the last to disappear. In about ten days he was well enough to go for a change of air.

The interesting features of the case are the absence of fever, and the peculiar cerebral symptoms resembling to some degree sunstroke. I suppose one might call it a case of meningitis of influenzal origin, though this seems to be a rare form of the disease.

Sevenoaks.

JAMES E. BLOMFIELD, M.B.Oxon.

### ON THE RELATION BETWEEN INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA.

THE recent epidemic of influenza has been so markedly associated with the occurrence of pneumonia as a sequela, and only too often a fatal sequela, that it should be a matter of the greatest importance to ascertain, if possible, the relationship between the two.

In common with most practitioners I have seen two varieties of the pneumonia of influenza—the splenic form of lobar pneumonia, localised in one lung, of greater or less extent, and a broncho-pneumonia, which appears to be due to an extension of inflammation from the bronchi into the alveoli, and is associated from the first with profound asthenia and a thin plum-coloured expectoration. This form of the disease occurs in patients who are at once greatly prostrated by influenza, which keeps them in bed until the case ends in recovery or death from asthenia. The temperature, as a rule, keeps pretty high, ranging from 100° to 103°, and seems to be a fairly definite ratio to the amount and extension of the pneumonia.

The other and more fatal variety occurs mostly in patients who have had a less sharp attack of influenza, and have insisted upon going out while still feeling weak. Such cases have merely complained of headache and pain in the back or limbs, but have not been troubled with cough or expectoration, while the temperature may not have been raised for

more than twenty-four hours. At the same time, with, may be, a normal temperature, there will nearly always be heard at one or both bases of the lungs some very sticky crepitant *râles* on inspiration. These are exceedingly constant in the early stages of influenza, but from the absence of symptoms pointing to lung complications may easily be overlooked.

It is easily understandable that patients walking about with these *râles* and with the pulmonary condition causing them will be specially liable to get pneumonia if exposed to chill or fatigue, and this fact will go far to explain why it is that so many bad cases of pneumonia have occurred amongst men in the prime of life, who have as they have thought recovered from slight attacks of influenza.

The materials for the production of pneumonia are latent and need only the influence of cold and exposure to burst into the full disease, while the depressing influence of the influenza has too often diminished the powers of resistance and taken away all hopes of recovery.

ROBERT M. SIMON, M.D.,  
Physician, General Hospital, Birmingham.

### PHENACETIN IN INFLUENZA.

I AM enabled to give the fullest corroboration to the testimony borne by Dr. Henry to the excellent effects of phenacetin in epidemic influenza. During the present epidemic I have used it in the early stages of the illness almost to the entire exclusion of other drugs. I usually prescribe it in doses of from five to ten grains, given either in cachets or suspended in milk, with directions that it is to be repeated in an hour if the pains are not fully relieved, and then every four hours till the patient is seen again. As a result it has been my experience that the headache and pain in the eyeballs, back, and limbs have been relieved certainly after the second dose; a satisfactory condition of diaphoresis has been induced; and on my visit the next day the temperature is almost invariably normal, or thereabouts. I should also add that, as a rule, I give at the same time a dose of calomel, followed by a seidlitz powder three hours later. Comparing the results of treatment in the cases in which I have used phenacetin with those of the previous epidemic, in which I relied on antipyrin and salicin, I am fully convinced of the superiority of the former method. The greater rapidity with which the pains are relieved is very striking. I have seen no bad symptoms whatever as the result of the use of the drug, though I always exercise particular caution with regard to the dose in the case of elderly or debilitated patients. In my opinion, both for cases of influenza and as an analgesic in neuralgia and migraine, phenacetin should rank as one of the most valuable of our more recently acquired pharmaceutical preparations.

ARTHUR H. WEISS CLEMON, M.D.

West Kensington.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.—A medical department will be opened at Galveston, in connection with the University of Texas, in the autumn of the present year. The buildings are fitted with all the necessary equipment for the teaching of medicine and surgery and the ancillary sciences. A three years' graded course of instruction will be given, each *annus academicus* to consist of eight months. There will be nine professors "to begin with," who will be paid on the average 3,000 dollars each for the session. "Comparatively young men, possessed of elements of success and capabilities of making reputation for the institution, would, in the main, be preferred." If there are any "comparatively young men" who would not mind exchanging the barren pavements of London for what Johnson would have called "the potentiality of growing rich beyond the dreams of avarice" in the Great West, they might think it worth while to apply to Dr. Thos. D. Woolen, of Austin, Texas, President of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, who would, no doubt, give any information that might be required. It may be mentioned, as a matter not altogether irrelevant to the subject, that Galveston is a growing place, and is believed to have a great commercial future before it.

BEQUEST.—Under the will of the late Miss Nelson, of Wighton, the Cumberland Infirmary is entitled to a legacy of £1,000 free of duty.

was wanted was responsible assistants and those who would do the drudgery, so to speak, of taking notes and investigating cases. Afterwards, what was wanted was true consultants who would come when required to see difficult cases. As to the question of clinical instruction, the Witness stated that there were 12,170 beds, including the sick wards, in all the 24 metropolitan infirmaries. About 50,000 patients would pass through the beds every year; the whole of that was practically wasted, so far as medical education was concerned. The cases were just the kind met with in private practice, whereas hospital patients were not. The students might with very great advantage give their services during a part of the extra year which was now about to be enforced. At the Paddington Infirmary, the only infirmary of modern years wherein had been tried the experiment of clinical teaching, the patients did not object: the system would increase the interest of the medical staff; and would result in the improved treatment. The best scheme was that already adopted by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. There ought to be more medical assistance at the infirmary. The operations performed there were most successful, and the death-rate was only from 2 to 2½ per cent. Venereal cases were not taken in, the guardians paid 16s. a week to the Lock Hospital to receive such cases, and that arrangement answered well. All the sick should be transferred from the workhouse to the infirmary. Pauper nurses were almost inseparable from the workhouse. He desired to draw attention to the extravagance of hospitals in regard to alcohol as compared with the infirmaries.

Mr. HOPKINS, Medical Officer of the Central London Sick Asylum, also gave evidence as to the administration and nursing.

The first witness called on June 22nd was Mr. T. D. MANN (Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board), who, in answer to the CHAIRMAN, said that the Board was created in the year 1867, and consisted of 72 members. The institutions under the control of the Board were three imbecile asylums for harmless pauper imbeciles, five fever hospitals and one convalescent fever hospital, three small-pox ships in the river Thames at Long Reach, and a small-pox hospital on shore at Darent, and there was also the training-ship *Ermouth*. In the fever hospitals there are 2,429 beds, and in the hospital ships 1,150 beds—all for small-pox. Measles and whooping-cough were not taken. If the friends of a patient wished to take him away, the Board had no power forcibly to detain him. The Board looked for payment to the local authorities, who had power to recover from the patients who were in a position to pay. Students came as individuals. There were as many as fifteen at the Eastern Hospital, chiefly from St. Bartholomew's. The teaching was done by the medical superintendents. The staff of the hospitals varied according to the number of patients. Generally speaking the average medical staff of each hospital consisted of a medical superintendent and two or three medical assistants. The medical superintendents received from £400 to £500 a year each with certain allowances. At times their hospitals were overcrowded, but they were able to provide temporary accommodation, mainly by erecting wooden huts in the grounds. The average daily cost of fever patients varied from 2s. 6d. at the Northern Convalescent Hospital to 4s. 4d. at the South-Western.

By Lord THRING: Each hospital was managed by a separate committee, who, as a rule, met fortnightly. The committee appointed the nurses, who were under the control of the matron. They did not train nurses, nor did they give certificates of efficiency.

Mr. WILLIAM TULLETT HOWARD, clerk to the Bethnal Green Guardians, said it was true that the infirmary was very much overcrowded, and the guardians had been considering the advisability of building a new place for the past six or seven years, but they had not succeeded in obtaining a suitable site.

Mr. WILLIAM VALLANCE, clerk to the Whitechapel Board of Guardians for twenty-four years, considered that the present system of Poor-law relief in London adequately met the case of the destitute sick poor. He understood from the relieving officer that the poor preferred the infirmary to the London Hospital, which was quite near, because they objected to being examined by students as well as by the actual doctors.

Mr. F. M. CORNER, M.R.C.S., said he had been resident in Poplar for thirty-four years, and had been surgeon to the Poplar Hospital for Accidents the whole of that period, and he was now senior surgeon to the institution. He had also held the post of medical officer of health for twelve years. Undoubtedly there was a feeling among medical practitioners that the out-patient departments were abused, but he did not think, in the East of London at any rate, that there was a tendency at the hospitals to encourage the attendance of patients suffering from only trivial ailments. As to the cheap dispensaries, they had multiplied very largely indeed during the last ten or fifteen years. He had no serious objection to such dispensaries: in fact, he thought they did a great deal of good, because prior to their establishment poor persons were in the habit of going to druggists for medicine. He did not think, however, that for the very small fees paid—6d. for consultation and medicine—the poor always got justice done to their cases. There had been a conference of medical men in the East End, and the opinion generally expressed was that if they would only unite and come to some common understanding they would be able to obtain higher fees. The hospital accommodation of the district was not sufficient to meet the requirements. At the Poplar Hospital there were forty beds, and no women's ward, but accommodation was about to be doubled, and a female ward would be provided. He thought there should be some controlling body with reference to the establishment of new hospitals. No students attended the Poplar Hospital, although there was a very large out-patient department. He believed, however, when the extensions contemplated were carried out, that students would be admitted.

Mr. T. BEATTIE CAMPBELL, Secretary of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, stated that the hospital was founded in 1816, and had thirty beds. It was not connected with Charing Cross Hospital, but the authorities there sent eye cases to them. The new out-patient cases last year were 9,172. They did not keep a register of attendances, but, taking an average, he should think the attendances last year numbered 56,000. The expenditure last year was £2,169, and income £2,272. The accounts were audited by chartered accountants. The institution was managed by a committee of twenty. The staff was honorary, and no letters were required from the patients. Patients were questioned as to their circumstances, and if found able to pay they were not treated, but it was a very rare thing to have to turn anyone away. There were four nurses and a matron who received £50 a year and board and lodging. Cases were received from all parts of England. The hospital was largely used by medical men in practice, by students, and also by medical officers of the army and navy. The number of students last year was 58.

The Committee then adjourned until Monday.

## 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 8th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

June, 1891.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

### NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1891.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on July 8th and October 21st, 1891. 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 30th, 1891.

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.*

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.**—The fifty-fifth annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Town Hall, Birkenhead, on Wednesday, July 1st, 1891, at 2.30 P.M. Agenda: Inaugural address by the President, Dr. Vacher on the Limitation of Epidemic Diseases in England and Wales during the last Twenty-four Years. Report of Council and Financial Statement. Election of Office Bearers. Election of New Council. Choice of place for holding next annual meeting. Dr. Rentoul has given notice of the following motions: Proxy Voting. That the following additions be made to the Laws of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association: Rule 7. "At any General or Special Meetings of the Branch, votes to be given either personally, or by proxy, who shall be appointed in writing under the hand of the appointer. No person shall be appointed a proxy who is not a member, and the instrument appointing him shall be deposited with the Branch Secretary, at his address, not less than forty-eight hours before the time of holding the meeting at which he proposes to vote." That in Rule 4 after the words "Annual Meeting" the words "by a majority of the members present" be omitted. That in Rule 7 after the words "the voting paper properly filled up shall be handed in" the next word "personally" be omitted. That in Rule 8 and in other rules, after the words "by a majority of three-fourths" the words "those present" be omitted. Branch Parliamentary Bills Committee: That a Branch Parliamentary Bills Committee be formed; that such Committee consist of the President, President-Elect, Branch Secretary and members of the Branch, such number of elected members of Committee to be in the proportion of one to every one hundred members of the Branch; that these be elected at the annual Branch meeting by a majority of votes, and that each candidate for election be nominated by five members of the Branch, the nomination paper, duly signed, being forwarded to the Branch Secretary on or before the 31st of May of each year. Publication of Notices of Motion: That 14 days' notice be given in the JOURNAL of the Association of all motions to be brought up for consideration at any general or special meeting of the Branch. Payment of Fares; Parliamentary Bills Committee: That this Branch recommends that, at the annual meeting of the Association a resolution providing for the payment of first-class railway fare to each member of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, thus following the Rule which provides for the payment of first-class railway fare to members of the Council of the Association, be passed. Addition to the Editorial Reference Committee: That this Branch recommends that, at the annual meeting of the Association a resolution providing for the appointing and payment of an additional member to the "Editorial Reference Committee of the Journal," such member to be, and to be distinctly representative of those, in general medical practice, be passed. Additional Direct Representation: That this meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association beg to urge upon the Lord President and the Honourable Members of the Privy Council the urgent necessity of exercising the powers vested in the Privy Council by Section 19 of the Medical Act 1886, by directing that the registered medical practitioners in each of the three divisions of the United Kingdom be given the power of returning an additional direct representative for each of the three divisions as provided for by Section 8, Sub-section 1, paragraph (c) of the above Act, and that such power be given before November, 1891, when the next quinquennial election of direct representatives takes place. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Honorary Secretary to the Privy Council. Medical and Surgical Communications: Mr. M. Banks, on the Neglect of the Actual Caution. Mr. Stanmore Bishop, on the Treatment of the Intestine in Strangulated Hernia. Dr. Brooke will read a Paper on the Modern Conception of Eczema. Mr. Lee will read a Paper on Some Aural Sequelae of Influenza. Surgeon-Major Blood will read a Paper on a Series of Cataract Extractions with a description of "Couching" as practised in India. Mr. Johnson Martin, on the Present Epidemic of Pulmonic Fever. Dr. Milligan will give an Analysis of 300 Cases of Suppurative Disease of the Middle Ear, with some remarks upon treatment. Luncheon: A light luncheon, kindly provided by the members of the Branch and profession resident in Birkenhead and district, will be served in the Large Committee Room, Town Hall, from 1 to 2.30 P.M. Dinner: Arrangements have been made for a dinner in Berry's Grand Restaurant, 75 and 77, Argyle Street, Birkenhead, at 5.30 P.M. Tickets, wine not included, ss. each. Excursions: To R.M.S. *Majestic*, the latest Atlantic liner and armed cruiser, the tender *Magnolia* will leave the Birkenhead stage at 2.5 P.M., prompt; Bidston Observatory, carriages will leave the Town Hall at 3 P.M.; Messrs. Laird's Shipbuilding Yards, H.M.S. *Royal Oak* in progress, visitors will leave the Town Hall at 3.30 P.M.—CHARLES E. GLASCOTT, Honorary Secretary, 23, St. John Street, Manchester.

**ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.**—A joint meeting of the Northern Counties and Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Branches will be held at the Gordon Arms Hotel, Elgin, on Saturday, June 27th, 1891, at 2.50 P.M. Business: (1) Minutes, etc. (2) General. A visit to Elgin Cathedral and Gray's Hospital will be made by those arriving by

early train. An excursion has been arranged to visit Pluscarden Priory, starting from Gray's Hospital, Elgin, at 12.15 P.M., and returning to Gordon Arms Hotel, at 2.50 P.M. Fare for excursion and luncheon, 4s. 6d. per head. Dinner will be served in the Gordon Arms Hotel, Elgin, at 3 P.M. Price (exclusive of wine, but inclusive of attendance) 4s. per head. Train Arrangements: For the convenience of members a saloon carriage will be attached to the 6.50 A.M. train from Aberdeen, reaching Elgin at 9.44 A.M.; also, to the train leaving Elgin at 5.45, reaching Aberdeen at 9.40 P.M. Fares for the return journey, going *via* Highland and returning *via* Coast route, 14s. Members leaving Aberdeen by 9.30 A.M. train can take part in excursion and dinner. Members are invited to bring medical friends with them.—J. MCKENZIE BOOTH and C. THISELTON URQUHART, Honorary Secretaries.

**BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at Maryport on the afternoon of Thursday, July 16th. The Presidential Address will be delivered by Dr. Crerar, "On Natural Analogy, considered in relation to Diseases produced by Micro-organisms, with special application to the Effectual and Speedy Cure of Influenza." Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, etc., are requested to communicate with JAMES ALTHAM, Honorary Secretary, Penrith.

**STIRLING, KINROSS, AND CLACKMANNAN BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Bridge of Allan, on Tuesday, June 30th, and will be followed by the annual dinner. Further particulars will be announced by circular later.—C. J. LEWIS and J. PEAKE, Honorary Secretaries.

**GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.**—Notice is hereby given that the summer meeting of the above Branch will be held at Bridge of Allan on Wednesday, July 8th. It is proposed that the members of the Branch should be afforded an opportunity of visiting Dunblane and other places of interest in the neighbourhood under the leadership of Dr. Haldane, President of the Branch. Dinner will be served in the evening in the Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan.—FREDLAND FERGUS, Honorary Secretary Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Worcester Infirmary on Friday, June 26th, at 3.30 P.M. Business of the meeting: 1. To elect officers and Council for the ensuing year; 2, the President's Address; 3, Dr. Rentoul's proposed Resolutions on Hospital-patients Reform. The annual dinner will be at the Star Hotel at 5.30 P.M.—GEO. W. CROWE, Honorary Secretary.

**OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held at Witney, on Friday, July 31st. Gentlemen are requested to send notice to the Honorary Secretary of papers, etc., on or before July 17th.—W. LEWIS MORGAN, Honorary Secretary, 42, Broad Street, Oxford.

**NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Thursday, July 16th. Dr. Thompson (Omagh) will read Notes of a Successful Case of Abdominal Section for Intussusception, and will show the patient; and also Notes of the Removal of a Large Uterine Polypus Adherent to the Walls of the Vagina. Gentlemen wishing to read papers or to bring any other business before the meeting will kindly communicate, as early as convenient, with the Honorary Secretary, JOHN W. BYERS, M.D., Lower Crescent, Belfast.

### CONJOINT MEETING OF THE EAST ANGLIAN, CAMBS AND HUNTS AND SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCHES.

#### GENERAL MEETING.

A CONJOINT annual meeting of the East Anglian, Cambs and Hunts and South Midland Branches was held at Cambridge in the New Museums, which were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the University, under the presidency of Dr. ALEX HILL, Master of Downing, on June 18th and 19th, 1891. Among those present were Sir Geo. Paget, K.C.B., Sir Peter Eade, Sir Geo. M. Humphry, Dr. Beverley (Norwich), Mr. G. H. Percival (Northampton), Mr. Howard Marsh, Dr. Roberts Thomson (President-elect of the British Medical Association), Dr. Bridgwater (Harrow), Dr. Bradbury, Professor Gamgee, Dr. Gaskell, Professor Roy, and many others.

*President's Address.*—On the afternoon of June 18th the PRESIDENT gave his presidential address upon Imagined Disease in the new anatomical theatre, which will be published.—Sir GEO. PAGET, in returning thanks to the President for his very able and instructive address, related many examples seen by himself of such affections as the President had drawn attention to, and gave in addition one or two cases in which the "evil eye" had induced inhibitory disturbances of the central nervous system, which were difficult, if not impossible, to dispel from the mind of the patient.—Sir PETER EADE seconded the vote, which was unanimously, and amidst much applause, agreed to.

*Skeleton of True Dwarf.*—Professor Sir GEO. M. HUMPHRY gave an account of a dwarf's skeleton which he had procured in Paris, and which he believed to be the only specimen of a true dwarf in this country. The different parts of the skeleton were in due proportion to one another, and all the bones

of natural shape, the want of growth being uniform throughout the whole skeleton. Although in Africa a race of dwarfs existed, yet in no known instance had it been possible to propagate a race of dwarfs in Europe, the children of the dwarfs of Charles I being of average size. Sir George contrasted this skeleton with that of a rickety dwarf, and pointed out that the latter differed from the former in the disproportion existing between the limbs and trunks and limbs, and in the bending of the bones and in the spreading out of the bones at the epiphyseal lines; these characters sufficed to distinguish between the true and false dwarfs. He also remarked upon the strength, intelligence, and determination of character, especially in depraved sentiments, usual to these rickety dwarfs.

*Prognosis in Surgical Tuberculosis.*—Mr. HOWARD MARSH discussed this subject. After a brief reference to the etiology of tubercle and the conditions necessary for the maintenance and healthy growth of the tubercle bacillus in the tissues, he pointed out the unfavourable prognosis now so frequently given in any case of local tuberculosis and the prevalence of the idea, which he maintained was not based on fact, that all cases of local tuberculous disease tended to get gradually worse, and ultimately affected the whole system, and thus caused death. On the contrary, his own experience had shown him that local tubercle, especially that occurring in children and in persons for a time below par yielded with satisfactory results to appropriate treatment, and that many a child who suffered from local tuberculosis at the age of 5 had, at the age of 10, completely recovered, and afterwards remained entirely free. He related several instances of spinal caries, strumous hip and knee joint, and although the disease was pronounced when brought under the influence of treatment, yet by complete and absolute fixation of the parts affected, or by rest in bed with fixation, aseptic evacuation of pus whenever it formed, and attention to the general health, the great majority of the cases yielded; and in the course of from 6 to 18 months the parts had usually completely recovered. No such result could be obtained by any other method where there was no removal of the parts affected.—Sir GEORGE HUMPHRY said he was glad to find that Mr. Marsh had undertaken to dispel an idea so prevalent amongst medical men and especially medical students that tubercle was such a serious malady, and that it called for immediate and radical measures for its elimination.

*Surgical Dressings.*—Mr. G. H. PERCIVAL (Northampton) next introduced the subject of surgical dressings for discussion. He first dwelt upon the dangers that might and did arise from insanitary surroundings, and then rapidly reviewed the various forms of dressings now in vogue. The most satisfactory antiseptic substance that he had as yet procured was "salufer" (silico-fluoride of sodium), which combined all the good properties of an antiseptic without any of their obvious drawbacks. As an antiseptic powder he found "salol" to be the best. He related some experiments which he had conducted during the last few months on the relative value of antiseptic substances, and his results were confirmatory of the above statements.

*Chlorosis, etc.*—Dr. BURTON-FANNING introduced a discussion on Chlorosis, basing his remarks on 100 cases which he had observed.—Dr. W. J. BERLEIGH-ROBINSON made a few remarks on the Diagnosis of some Uterine Tumours, after which the discussion closed.

*Annual Dinner.*—The annual dinner was held by the invitation of the President in Downing College Hall. Among the guests present were Dr. Roberts Thomson, Mr. J. W. Clarke, the Registrar, Mr. Howard Marsh, Dr. Bridgwater, Dr. Parker (Bristol), Mr. Langley (Cambridge), and many others.—After the usual loyal toasts, Mr. HOBSON, of Bishop Stortford, proposed "The University," and the REGISTRARY replied. The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The British Medical Association," and Dr. ROBERTS THOMSON responded; and after giving an account of some of the work done by the Association, and after alluding to the very satisfactory state of the finances, he said that Bournemouth, at the coming meeting of the Association, would do all in its power to give a royal welcome to all the members.—Sir GEO. HUMPHRY proposed "The East Anglian and South Midland Branches," and spoke of the advantages accruing from an occasional combined meeting of neighbouring Branches, and hoped that they would be

encouraged.—Dr. BEVERLEY responded, and expressed the pleasure it gave to the members of the Branches to meet in Cambridge.—Mr. PERCIVAL (Northampton) proposed "The Cambs and Hunts Branch," and the CHAIRMAN responded.—Sir GEO. PAGET proposed "Our Guests," and Dr. BRIDGWATER replied.—Mr. STEAR proposed "The Secretaries," and Mr. EVANS replied on behalf of the Secretaries of the three Branches.

*Demonstrations, etc.*—The following clinical demonstrations were given in Addenbrooke's Hospital:—By Dr. BRADBURY: (1) Pseudohypertrophic Muscular Paralysis; (2) Almost Complete Recovery from Myelitis; and other Cases. By Dr. CARVER: Case of Talipes Equino-varus associated with Arrest of Development of the Tibia and of the Os Calcis; and other cases. By Dr. MACALISTER: (1) A Case of Lupus treated with Tuberculin; (2) Cases of Intestinal Inflammation treated with  $\beta$ -naphthol; (3) Certain Cases of Difficult Diagnosis. By Mr. LAURENCE HUMPHRY: (1) Locomotor Ataxy with Charcot's Joints; (2) Bulbar Paralysis of Sudden Onset; (3) Cortical Thrombosis in a Child. Mr. WHERRY: (1) A Case of Hip Joint Disease in a Child, the Eyeball having been previously removed for Tubercle of the Retina; (2) Ligature of the Carotid for the Cure of Arterio-venous Communication in the Cavernous Sinus. By Dr. JOSEPH GRIFFITHS: Cases Illustrating the Effects of Epidermis Grafting on Large Ulcers. The following specimens were exhibited in the Anatomy Schools:—By Professor ALEXANDER MACALISTER, F.R.S.: Specimens illustrative of the Growth of Epiphyses. By Mr. THOMAS H. MORSE: Specimens from Cases of Abdominal Surgery—(1) The Vermiform Appendix; (2) Hæmato-salpinx; (3) Extrauterine Fœtation. By the PRESIDENT: Sections of Various Parts of the Central Nervous System Stained by a New Method. A demonstration was given in the Chemical Laboratory, by HENRY ROBINSON, M.A., On Methods Recently Introduced for the Examination for Sanitary Purposes of Water and Air. The following demonstrations were given in the Pathological Laboratory:—By J. G. ADAMI, M.A., M.B.: The Action of the Medium of Growth in Modifying the Colour produced by the Bacillus of Blue Pus. By E. H. HANKIN, B.A.: Protective Proteids. By E. LLOYD JONES, M.A., M.B.: Method of Taking the Specific Gravity of the Blood for Clinical Purposes. By GEORGE WHERRY, M.A., M.B., M.C., F.R.C.S.: (1) A Kidney Removed by Laparotomy for Calculous Pyelitis; (2) Casts of Teeth in Congenital Syphilis to Show the Remarkable Bite. Demonstrations were given in the Physiological Laboratory:—By Dr. GASKELL, F.R.S., and Dr. SHORE: The Physiological Action of Chloroform, with Experiments; and by J. N. LANGLEY, M.A., F.R.S., and A. S. GRÜNBAUM: Sections showing the Degeneration which follows Removal of Half the Brain in the Dog.

*Festivities.*—On Friday, June 19th, Professor Sir George M. Humphry invited all the members to lunch in the Hall of King's College. Covers were laid for over 200. Dr. Mann gave an organ recital in King's College Chapel after lunch.

*Garden Party.*—The President and Mrs. Hill entertained the members and their friends at a garden party in the Lodge of Downing College. For the entertainment of the members and their friends the services of Mr. Ben Greet's company had been procured. In the recess in the Fellows' Garden the company played "the garden scenes from *Twelfth Night*." The President and Mrs. Hill may be congratulated on the success of their hospitable efforts for the entertainment of their guests.

#### CAMBS AND HUNTS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Old Anatomical Museum, Cambridge, on June 18th, at 3 p.m., previous to a conjoint meeting of the East Anglian, South Midland, and Cambs and Hunts Branches; Dr. BECKETT, President, in the chair.

*Election of Officers.*—Mr. Balding (Royston) was re-elected representative of the Branch on the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association. Dr. Joseph Griffiths was elected Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year. Dr. Anningson was elected member of the Council of the Branch. Mr. Stear (Saffron Walden) was elected representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen were admitted



members of the Branch: Mr. W. J. Middleton (Harston), Mr. F. L. Nicholls (Fulbourn), Mr. H. S. Shelmendine (Waterbeach); and the following as members of the Association and Branch: Henry Gervis, M.A., M.B., M.C.Cantab., Arnold Ingle, M.A., M.B.Cantab., Howard Marsh, F.R.C.S., London.

#### SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch was held at Cambridge, in conjunction with the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon and East Anglian Branches, on June 18th and 19th, under the presidency of Dr. ALEX HILL, Master of Downing. Prior to the general combined meeting a short preliminary meeting of the South Midland Branch was held for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business. Dr. Bower (Bedford) vacated the chair in favour of Mr. GEO. H. PERCIVAL (Northampton), President-elect. Thirteen members were present. The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and confirmed.

*Hon. Treasurer's Report.*—The HON. TREASURER presented his annual report, showing a balance in favour of the Branch of £23.

*Hon. Secretary's Report.*—The HON. SECRETARY reported that one member had died, two had withdrawn, and six new ones had joined, namely, C. J. Deyns (Fenny Stratford), Robert H. Elliott (Bedford Infirmary), as members of the Association and Branch: J. S. Johnson (Sharnbrook), D. L. Hamilton (Great Missenden), Reginald Farrar (Stamford), and Rolf Creasy (Winslow), members of the Branch only.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were elected office-bearers: *President-elect for 1892-3*: Mr. T. S. Maguire (Stony Stratford). *Committee of Management*: Dr. Buszard, Mr. Moxon, Mr. Spurgin, Mr. Terry, Mr. Crew, Dr. Goldsmith, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. W. H. Bull. *Representative on General Council*: Mr. J. Hughes Hemming. *Representative on Parliamentary Bills Committee*: Mr. J. Hughes Hemming. The Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary were re-elected.

*Autumnal Meeting.*—It was decided that this should be held at Northampton, as the annual meeting, due there in the ordinary course, was being held in Cambridge.

*Annual Meeting, 1892-3.*—It was resolved that the annual meeting, 1892-3, should be held somewhere in Buckinghamshire.

#### MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held on Thursday, June 18th, at the Infirmary, Derby, under the presidency of Dr. GREAVES.

*Officers and Council.*—Mr. Sympton and Dr. Handford were elected representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association, and Dr. Charles Harrison on the Parliamentary Bills Committee. Mr. Hodges was elected Vice-President for Leicestershire, and Dr. Harrison Vice-President for Lincolnshire. On the Branch Council the following were elected:—Dr. Stewart and Dr. Cattle, Nottinghamshire; Dr. Benthall and Dr. Scriven, Derbyshire; Mr. Bond and Mr. Douglas, Leicestershire; Mr. Sutton and Dr. Mansel Sympton, Lincolnshire. Dr. L. W. Marshall (Nottingham) was chosen President-elect. The Honorary Secretaries and the Treasurer were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Sharp, who resigned; Mr. J. A. Southern was appointed in his place.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sharp, who has acted as District Secretary for Derbyshire for ten years.

*The Annual Meeting of the Association in 1892.*—The following gentlemen were appointed to form a deputation to the Council at the meeting at Bournemouth to invite the Association to Nottingham in 1892:—Mr. G. H. Grimoldby (Grimsby), Dr. C. Harrison (Lincoln), Dr. Newman (Stamford), Mr. Shipman (Grantham), Mr. Thimbleby (Spilsby), Mr. Pilcher (Boston), Mr. Appleby (Newark), Dr. Mutch (Sneinton), Drs. Stewart, Ransom, and Hunter, and Mr. Powell (Nottingham), Messrs. Bond, Douglas, Franklin, Hodges, and Dr. Pope (Leicester), Mr. Willan (Melton Mowbray), Mr. Johnston (Belper), Drs. Greaves and Ogle, and Messrs. J. Wright Baker, Rice, and Sharp (Derby), with the President-elect, Dr. L. W. Marshall, and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. A. Carline. Dr. MARSHALL proposed and Dr. STEWART seconded the nomination of Mr. Joseph White, Consulting Surgeon to the General Hospital, Nottingham.—Mr. J.

WRIGHT BAKER and Dr. SCRIVEN supported the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

*President's Address.*—Dr. GREAVES gave an address, which took in the subject of the New Royal Infirmary at Derby, Koch's treatment for tuberculosis, a teaching university for London students, the new Factory and Workshops Bill, and the influenza.

*Communications.*—The following papers were presented: Dr. HANDFORD: Antiseptic Treatment of Diseases of the Stomach.—Dr. MANSEL SYMPSON: A case of Diabetes Mellitus, with Remarks on its Treatment by Salicylate of Soda.—Mr. T. HENDERSON: Aural Vertigo: Notes of a Case.—Mr. E. COLLIER GREEN: The Old and the Proposed New Infirmary at Derby.

*Luncheon and Dinner.*—The President entertained the members at luncheon in the Infirmary, and, after the meeting, the dinner was held at the Midland Hotel.

*New Members.*—At the meeting of the Branch Council held on the same day, the admission of the following gentlemen—who were already members of the Association and had been admitted members of the Branch by the President and Secretary—was confirmed: Dr. T. H. Dickson, Mr. C. W. J. Bell, Dr. Palemon Best, Dr. J. H. Higgins; and Mr. J. Wright Baker was re-elected a member of the Branch.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

THE fifty-second annual meeting of the Branch was held on May 29th, 1891, at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport. Before the meeting the President-elect, Dr. JOHN ROLSTON, entertained the members at luncheon at his residence, Clarendon House, Stoke. The general meeting was held at 2 P.M., and was attended by nearly seventy members and a few visitors. The chair was taken by Mr. W. PEARSE, Vice-President.

*Letter from the President.*—The minutes of the last annual meeting at Ilfracombe, and of the intermediate meetings at Exeter and Newton Abbott, having been taken as read, the PRESIDENT called on the Honorary Secretary to read a letter from the President, Dr. Slade-King, wishing the members of the South-Western Branch to be told "that it is a reluctant obedience to medical advice which alone prevents me from attending this annual meeting, and which deprives me of the opportunity of tendering to them in person my grateful thanks for the constant and cordial manner in which they have supported me during my year of office as President."

*Installation of New President.*—The CHAIRMAN then formally introduced Dr. John Rolston, the President-elect, who, after taking the chair, moved that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Dr. Slade-King for his valuable services as President during the past year, coupled with the expression of sincere regret for his recent severe illness, and earnest hopes for his complete restoration to health; and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Dr. Slade-King. This resolution was seconded by Dr. Deas, and carried by acclamation.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT then delivered an address dealing with various matters of interest connected with medical education, medical science and practice, and public health, concluding with an account of the medical institutions and sanitary arrangements of the town of Devonport. He remarked that twenty years had passed since the parent Association held its thirty-ninth annual meeting in the three towns, and that he was the only one left in actual practice of those who took an active part in that meeting.—Mr. TOSSWILL proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President for his address. This was seconded by Mr. PEARSE, and carried by acclamation.

*Report of Council.*—The HONORARY SECRETARY then read the annual report of the Branch Council, which stated that the Branch now numbered 231 members, being an increase of 12 during the past year. Twenty-four new members had been enrolled, of whom 17 were already members of the parent Association; 4 had died, 6 had left the district, and 2 had resigned. Since the Branch last met in Devonport, eight years ago, the number of members had increased by one-fourth. Among the members who had died were two former Presidents, Dr. Thompson, of Bideford, and Dr. Lewis Shapter, of Exeter. The admirable way in which the latter presided over the meeting at Exeter in 1884, and his scholarly address

on that occasion would be fresh in the memory of members, and his early death was a great loss to the profession in the West and to the Branch. The annual meeting at Ilfracombe was very successful, the arrangements for the meeting and for the excursions being admirably planned. Two successful intermediate meetings were held on October 17th at Exeter and on March 4th at Newton Abbott. The Midwives Bill had been under the consideration of the Council. The general feeling was that, while a higher standard of knowledge among midwives, and means for registering those duly qualified, were very desirable, any legislation on the subject would have to be very carefully limited, so as to avoid the risk of forming a class of women who, under the name of registered midwives, might practically act as registered medical practitioners. The financial position of the Branch continued to be very satisfactory. The balance in hand was £52 2s. 7d., as compared with £39 14s. 7d. at the date of the last annual meeting. The annual meeting in 1892 would be held in Exeter, and the Council suggested for nomination as President-elect, Mr. Louis H. Toss will, M.B., Exeter.—On the motion of Mr. SOMERS (Broadclyst), seconded by Dr. MORTIMER (Exeter), the report of the Council was approved and adopted.

*Next Annual Meeting.*—Mr. THOMPSON (Launceston) proposed that the next annual meeting be held in Exeter, and that Mr. L. H. Toss will be the President-elect. This was seconded by Dr. ALEXANDER (Paignton), and unanimously agreed to.

*Officers and Council.*—On the motion of Dr. WOODMAN (Exeter), seconded by Mr. THOM (Devonport), Dr. John Rolston and Dr. P. Maury Deas were elected as representative members on the Council of the Association.—It was proposed by Mr. HARRIS (Exeter), seconded by Mr. M. H. BULTEEL (Stonehouse), and agreed to, that the following be elected to fill the vacancies on the Branch Council: A. De Winter Baker (Dawlish); H. Davy, M.D. (Exeter); A. W. Kempe, M.D. (Exeter); A. C. Roper (Exeter); L. H. Toss will, M.B. (Exeter); C. H. Wade (Chudleigh).—On the motion of Mr. F. WEBB (Dawlish), seconded by Dr. WOODMAN, Dr. P. Maury Deas was re-elected Honorary Secretary, and also representative member on the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association.

*Vaccination.*—Mr. G. JACKSON (Plymouth), in accordance with notice given, moved: "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that all vaccinations should be made in four places, statistics clearly showing the superiority of the protection obtained against small-pox by those who have four well-defined marks as compared with those who have only one or two such marks."—Dr. WOODMAN seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

*Communications.*—Mr. J. M. ACKLAND (Exeter) showed a specimen of a large Buccal Concretion removed with two teeth.—The HONORARY SECRETARY showed and explained for Mr. M. H. BULTEEL (Stonehouse) a Tarnier's Couveuse, and read notes by Mr. Bulteel on the usefulness of the apparatus, and some improvement devised by himself.—Mr. J. D. HARRIS showed (with comments) a Papilloma removed from the vocal cord.—Mr. J. ELLIOT SQUARE (Plymouth) described the present greatly improved condition of a patient from whom he removed a Papilloma of the vocal cord, in December, 1889.—Mr. G. JACKSON (Plymouth) showed, with notes, an Exostosis removed from the ear.—Mr. F. EVERARD ROW (Devonport) showed (1) water-colour drawing of a case of Lymphosarcoma; (2) Vesical Calculus.—Mr. W. G. NASH (South Devon Hospital, Plymouth) exhibited the following specimens: (1) Renal Calculi removed by nephrolithotomy; (2) Vesical Calculi removed by suprapubic lithotomy; (3) very large Biliary Calculus with large number of smaller ones removed *post mortem*.

*Excursion.*—At the close of the meeting members, by invitation of the President, embarked on board a steamer and had an enjoyable cruise up Hamoaze, etc.

*Annual Dinner.*—The annual dinner was held in the evening at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and was attended by about 50 members and some guests invited by the President, among whom were Lord St. Levan, Mayor of Devonport, Deputy-Surgeon-General Will, Fleet-Surgeon Ellis, R.N., etc. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read on behalf of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Vice-Admiral Sir W. H. Grubbe, Major-General Sir R. Harrison, Inspector-General Mortimer, etc.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### PARIS.

*Sanitary Improvement of Communes.—Students' Dinner.—Disinfection Service.—Medicine Chests for Schools.*

THE Comité d'Hygiène et de Salubrité de la Seine has passed a resolution that when the faulty sanitary condition of a commune makes improvements imperative, or when it is not provided with a sufficient quantity of drinking water, the commune, after notice from the sanitary council of the department, shall be held responsible for the necessary work. If three months after the notice has been issued the improvements have not been carried out, the Government will have the work done at the sole charge of the commune.

The banquet of the Association Générale des Etudiants de Paris took place recently, under the presidency of the Minister of Public Instruction. Representatives of the political press were invited. The medical press were not treated with so much consideration; this omission has been much commented on.

The Paris Municipal Council have decided that notifications of the working of the disinfection service will be placarded on the walls. The prefect of the police and the prefect of the Seine work hand in hand to perfect this service. Misunderstandings between the two prefects were apprehended at the outset.

All the Paris communal schools are now provided with a medicine chest (*boîte à secours*); printed instructions how to use the contents will be distributed to every school.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

"BARNES'S BOUNDARY LINE" OR "BANDL'S RING."

SIR,—In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 20th is a letter from Dr. T. A. Helme in which he explains the difficulty in some cases of turning as arising from the contraction ring at the lower segment of the uterus. I believe he is right in his view; but when he calls this ring "Bandl's ring," it is right to remind him that I described this ring under the description of the "boundary line between the middle and lower zones of the uterus" in 1847-57; that it was afterwards called "Braune's os internum," 1872; Bandl's ring 1876, and more recently "Schroeder's contraction ring." By the right of priority it should be called "Barnes's ring." But I go further, and affirm that these and other writers, although recognising this fundamental fact of a "definite boundary line," and attaching their names to it, as if they had made the discovery, have failed to grasp its full significance.

All this is set forth in a memoir read and illustrated before the British Medical Association in 1887, and printed in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL in March, 1888. It is the old tale:—

Sic vos non vobis.....

Tulit alter honores.

—I am, etc.,

ROBERT BARNES.

### PUBLIC HEALTH QUALIFICATIONS.

SIR,—In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of July 19th, 1890, I ventured to suggest two questions which required to be answered: they were (1) What subjects should be included in Public Medicine? (2) Should every registrable medical qualification include a knowledge of Public Medicine?

With regard to the first question, I ventured to point out that it was a mistake to try to make the medical officer of health a sanitary engineer or an analytical chemist, which seemed to be the aim of the Universities. I suggested that if any profession should be intruded upon it was that of the veterinary, and at the last meeting of the Medical Council I observe that it recommends that the candidate for a Public Health diploma shall produce evidence "that he has had, and has availed himself of, the opportunity of seeing the chief groups of diseases affecting the lower animals, and capable of transmission to man." That is somewhat indefinite. What the medical officer of health requires is a knowledge of the causes, symptoms, and progress of the diseases of ani-

—After some further discussion, the clause was put to the vote, and lost by 25. A clause to bring all laundries except domestic laundries under the operation of the Bill, moved by Mr. RANDELL, was lost by 9 votes.—Mr. RANDELL moved also a new clause extending the application of Section 27 of the principal Act which relates to certificates of fitness to workshops in like manner as it applies to factories.—Dr. FARQUHARSON, in supporting the clause, mentioned that it was defeated in Grand Committee by only 1 vote. He had, he said, heard on all sides from factory surgeons that there was great necessity for such a provision. These workshops were often placed in localities of bad sanitary condition, and so constructed as to be unfit for ordinary occupation. He was informed that children with a large variety of disabling physical conditions, such as heart disease and diseases of the chest, after being deliberately rejected by factory surgeons, were passed on by their parents into workshops where there was no check of any kind, greatly lessening their prospects of health or longevity.—Mr. MATTHEWS said this matter was fully discussed in Committee. The distinction between a factory and a workshop was that in a factory there was necessarily a great deal of machinery, involving great strain on the attention, and the faculties of a child or young person were far more severely taxed there than in a workshop. Under the existing law relating to these matters the Secretary of State had the power to require medical certificates of the fitness of children for employment in workshops in cases in which it might be deemed necessary.—Mr. BRYDON thought that young persons employed in workshops really needed more protection in the way of medical inspection than those employed in factories.—Mr. MUNDELLA said he should like to hear of one instance in which the Home Secretary had applied the Factory Acts to a workshop. It was a notorious fact that children who had been medically rejected as unfit to work in factories had straightway been sent to labour in workshops, where the conditions in regard to health were frequently very bad. If the clause was not pressed, he hoped the Home Secretary would take a serious and comprehensive view of the matter, and would do something to protect the children in workshops, and to prevent the abuse to which he had referred.—The clause was by leave withdrawn.—On Clause 20, relating to the certificate of birth in case of children and young persons under 16, on the motion of Mr. MATTHEWS, words were agreed to providing that the certified copy of the entry of a birth should on request be supplied without charge by every superintendent registrar and registrar of births, deaths, and marriages.—The Bill was further discussed and amended, and ultimately read a third time.

Monday, June 22nd.

*Ventilation of the House.*—On the motion of Mr. PLUNKET, a Select Committee was appointed to inquire into the ventilation of the House. Dr. Farquharson, Sir Guyer Hunter, Mr. R. Power, Sir H. Roscoe, and Mr. Plunket were nominated members of the Committee.

*The British Institute of Preventive Medicine.*—Sir M. HICKS-BEACH, in reply to Sir H. ROSCOE, said the amendment of the proposed memorandum of association referred to by the hon. member—by which it was made clear that the grant of the licence now asked for would not in any way imply approval by the Board of Trade of experiments upon living animals, or of any application to the Home Secretary for a licence for that purpose—was no doubt an important change in the proposals of the institute, and would probably meet the objection stated to the deputation which lately waited upon him. There were, however, one or two other points requiring consideration, but he hoped shortly to be able to arrive at a decision on the subject.

*The Vaccination Laws.*—Replying to a question by Mr. MORTON, as to the case of the woman Cook, fined for objecting to the removal of vaccine lymph from her child's arm, the HOME SECRETARY said she was sentenced to pay a fine of 1s. and 41 3s. 6d. costs, to be levied by distress, and in default seven days' imprisonment, without hard labour. He would consider the report of the justices, and he would decide whether any action should and could be taken.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

SECOND EXAMINATION FOR MEDICAL AND SURGICAL DEGREES. EASTER TERM, 1891.—The following have passed in Pharmaceutical Chemistry:

DS. Bond	Jackson, T. L., Joh.	Sedgwick, Clare
Bowring, Caius	Lance, King's	DS. Seligman, Caius
Brown, W. L., Joh.	Leach	Sheppard, Christ's
DS. Bunsted, Joh.	Lowe, Jesus	Smith, J., Jesus
Burnett, Joh.	Maturin, Caius	Stead, Caius
Mag. Cundy, Trin.	McCardie, Caius	Mag. Stewart, C. B., Chr.
Dashwood, Magd.	DS. Moore, Joh.	Storrs, K. S., Emman.
Edwards, C. D., Joh.	Muriel, Down.	Thompson, Christ's
Evans, Trin.	Myers, Caius	DS. Thornely, Clare
Godson, F. A., Joh.	Peate, Trin.	Tyrell, Clare
Hanson, R. J. E., Trin.	Renshaw, J. A. K., Trin.	Verdon, Jesus
Hey, Trin.	Robinson, Emman.	Watson, F. J., Trin.
DS. Hutchinson, Trin. H.	DS. Russell, Emman.	DS. Williams, H. F. B., Cai.
DS. Hyde, Clare	Salt, Caius	Wills, Caius

HONORARY DEGREES.—The following are the speeches delivered by the Public Orator in presenting to the Vice-Chancellor Lord Walsingham, F.R.S., Professor Flower, F.R.S., and Dr. Metchnikoff, of Paris, on whom honorary degrees were conferred on June 16th:

Dignissime domine, domine Procancelarie, et tota Academia:—Mulum in summo Seneschallo nostro nuper amisimus: qui duodeviginti annos amplissimo illo functus officio, aureo nunnismate carmini heroico Latino per annos complures donato, et insignem litterarum humaniorum amorem et eximiam erga Academiam benevolentiam testabatur. Carmen autem adiectis hodie præmio illius ornatum, carmen Timoleontis in laudem conscriptum, qui olim Crimisi (ut meministis) ad

riparum progressus militibus suis omine tristi attonitis egregie ostendit apii coronam non mortuorum modo sepulcris sed etiam ante omnia victorum frontibus esse idoneam. Ergo Seneschalli a nobis abrepti sepulcro corona nostra quantalacumque non sine reverentia imposita, hodie successorum eius illustrem, certaminum complurium victorem, libenter coronamus. Olim Etonæ, postea Cantabrigiæ, in ludo campestris spectandus, sæpenumero erat (ut Græce dicam) εἰς τῶν ὀδῶκα. Suo igitur in foro iuventuti Academicæ iudex nullus erit benignior, nullus gratiosior. Idem, avium ferarum venator acerrimus, quot in campis quantas strages edidit. Scientiarum amore instinctus, quot terras longinquas obivit. Etiam papilionum genera minutissima, microlepidoptera nominata, curiositate subtilissima perscrutatus est, rerum naturam in minimis quoque maximum esse arbitratus. Musea vera nostra rerum naturæ illustrandæ dedicata, quot et quantis muneribus ornavit. Nuper autem, cum id agebatur ut Academicæ inter studia etiam agri culturæ locus tribueretur, Academicæ consiliis quanta cum dignitate, quanta cum comitate interfuit. Ergo scientia illa, senectutis inter voluptates a Tullio laudata, patriæ totius ad communem fructum, etiam iuventutis nostræ inter studia fortasse aliquando numerabitur. Quæ de re ut Tullii verbis utar, 'possum persequi permulta oblectamenta rerum rusticarum, sed ea ipsa quæ dixi sentio fuisse longiora.' Duco ad vos Regiæ societatis socium, virum præclare de Academia et adhuc meritum et in posterum sine dubio meritum, Baronem Walsingham.

Quod ε sapientibus septum unus dixisse fertur, ἀρχὴν ἀνδρα δεῖζει, de hoc certe viro, per honorum cursum satis longum probato, verum esse constat. Regio Chirurgorum in Collegio, primum Museo conservando præpositus, deinde physiologiam et comparativam quæ dicitur anatomiam professus, deinceps Musei Britannici ædificio novo rerum naturæ studiis dedicato præfectus est. Idem societas et zoologicæ, et anthropologicæ, et Britannicæ, maxima cum laude præfuit. In Museis autem ordinandis quam perspicax; in scientiarum studiis populo toti commendandis quam discretus; hominum in diversis generibus capitis mensura inter sese distinguendis quam subtilis; maris denique in monstris immensis describendis quam minutus. Ergo, velut alter Neptunus, intra regni sui fines etiam 'immania cete' suo sibi iure vindicat: idem, anthropologicæ quoque in studiis versatus, ne barbaras quidem gentes contempsit, sed, velut alter Chremes, homo est; humani nil a se alienum putat. Duco ad vos Regiæ societatis socium, virum honoribus plurimis merito cumulatum, Wilelmum Henricum Flower.

Sequitur deinceps vir, qui scientiarum in provinciis duabus, et in zoologia et in bacteriologia quæ dicitur, famam insignem est adeptus. Primum Ponti Euxini in litore septentrionali zoologiam professus, multa de morphologia animalium, quæ invertebrata nominantur, accuratissime disseruit. Deinde Parisiis rerum naturæ investigatori celeberrimo adiutor datus, eis potissimum causis perscrutandis operam dedit, per quas genere ab humano morborum impetus hostiles possent propulsari. Nam, velut hominum in mentibus virtutes et vitia inter sese confligunt, non aliter animantium in corporibus contra pestium exercitus copiae quædam sanitatis et salutis ministræ concertare perhibentur. Mentis quidem certamen olim in carmine heroico, Psychomachia nominato, Prudentius narravit. Inter eos autem qui corporis certamen experimentis exquisitis nuper explicaverunt, locum insignem sibi vindicat vir quidam summa morum modestia præditus, qui, velut vates sacer, proelium illud sibi sumpsit celebrandum, in quo tot cellulæ vagantes, quasi milites procurantes, morborum semina maligna corripunt, correpta comprimunt, compressa extinguunt. Talium virorum auxilio febrium cohortes paulatim profligantur, et generis humani salutis novum indies affertur incrementum. Merito igitur titulo nostro hodie coronatur ε salutis humanæ ministris unus, Elias Metchnikoff.

DEGREES.—At the Congregation on June 18th the following medical and surgical degrees were conferred:

M.D.: L. Humphry, Trinity; W. A. Foxwell, St. John's; C. E. Dumbleton, Peterhouse; W. K. Sibley, Pembroke; G. F. A. England, Caius; W. H. Goddard, Caius; G. H. Milnes, Downing.  
M.B. and B.C.: A. H. Smith Hallidie, King's; S. Lewis, St. John's; W. R. Carter, R. H. Hall, C. Latter, Pembroke; H. K. Anderson, C. S. Bennetts, G. Calthrop, H. T. Crosby, J. Lea, H. W. Nix, J. C. R. Richardson, E. E. N. Surridge, J. H. Wilks, Caius; A. Miller, Queen's; S. G. Felce, Jesus; G. Wilkinson, Emmanuel; W. L. W. Russ, Sidney; W. H. Beaumont, C. S. Pethick, A. F. Richards, Downing; R. S. Earl, I. Fisher, K. C. Gimson, C. G. Roberts, H. Savory.  
M.B. only: E. H. R. Watts, St. John's.

### UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

PRACTICE OF MEDICINE CHAIR.—For the Practice of Medicine Chair in the University of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Dr. Smith-Shand, the patron of which is the Crown as represented by the Marquis of Lothian, K.T., Secretary of State for Scotland, the following have already been mentioned as candidates: Angus Fraser, M.A., M.D., Senior Physician and Clinical Lecturer, Royal Infirmary; Alex. Macgregor, M.D., Assistant to Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Junior Physician Sick Children's Hospital; P. Blaikie Smith, M.D., Physician and Clinical Lecturer, Royal Infirmary; D. W. Finlay, M.D., Physician to the Middlesex Hospital; and Dr. G. S. Middleton, Assistant to Professor Gairdner of Glasgow.

DEATH OF MR. A. EDMOND.—Mr. Alexander Edmond, of Garthdee, Aberdeen, member of the University Court and holder of many public offices in Aberdeen, died at his residence on June 18th from an attack of influenza complicated by pneumonia.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentleman, having passed the necessary examinations, and having conformed to the by-laws and regulations, was, at an

extraordinary meeting of the Council on Thursday, June 25th, admitted a Member of the College, namely :—  
Brown, F. J., L.S.A., Bradford Street, Bolton.

## OBITUARY.

SIR PRESCOTT G. HEWETT, BART., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.,  
Sergeant-Surgeon to Her Majesty : Surgeon-in-Ordinary to the  
Prince of Wales.

THE death of the great surgeon who was borne to his rest last Thursday leaves a gap in the ranks of the profession which cannot soon be filled up. It is true that he died full of years and honours, true that he had retired from the active pursuits of the profession, yet he had preserved his vitality so thoroughly, and when he did come amongst us worked, spoke, and moved so like his old self, that his friends till a few months ago used to quote him among the examples of vigorous old age in which the present time is so rich, and prophesied for him many more years of vigour.

Sir P. Hewett was a member of a good old family, and was in all respects—by education, habits and disposition—a gentleman of the old school. His connection with St. George's Hospital was no recent one, for an older member of the same family, Dr. Cornwallis Hewett, Downing Professor of Medicine at Cambridge, held the office of physician to that hospital from 1825 to 1833. The subject of this notice was born in 1812, and received a good education, which was completed at Paris, where he studied art, and acquired that exquisite talent, especially in water-colour drawing, which was afterwards to be a source of such refreshment to himself in the intervals of severe labour, and of so much delight to his friends. He soon, however, turned to the study of medicine, and was zealous in his attendance in the dissecting room, so that when he returned to London, though a junior student, he was a far more expert dissector and a far more competent anatomist than most of his teachers. He was originally destined for the Indian service, for his family had several members in the East and had influence there; and he was on the point of accepting an appointment in India, when overtures were made to him to connect himself, as demonstrator of anatomy, with the school of St. George's Hospital.

At this period the great prosperity which that school had attained under the personal superintendence of Sir B. Brodie, and by the help of his immense reputation, was dying out in the hands of less vigorous and capable successors, and also in consequence of the opposition of the school of medicine founded by Dr. J. A. Wilson and Mr. Samuel Lane, a school which carried on a rivalry with the one which Sir B. Brodie founded in Kinnerton Street until the foundation of St. Mary's Hospital provided the officers and students of "Lane's school" with a hospital to which they could attach themselves. The effects, however, of the rivalry between these two schools, and of the contests which took place between their respective officers for posts on the hospital staff, continued long to trouble the quiet of St. George's Hospital, and in these troubles Mr. Hewett, as a favourite pupil and an intimate friend of Sir B. Brodie, of course had to take his share, though the frankness of his nature and his innate kindness and moderation preserved him from the bitterness to which such antagonism led in men not endowed with the same inward spiritual grace. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that the board room of St. George's in those days was not a school of good manners, and that the officers of the hospital were far from exhibiting towards each other those offices of friendship and mutual esteem which colleagues should always display. It is a pleasant proof of the advance of our times in humanity and kindness that not at that hospital only, but at others where division and mutual exasperation were far more violent and more scandalous, all such scenes are now not only unknown, but would be regarded as intolerable, and only fit for an age of duelling and prizefighting. Through all these scenes, as we have said, Mr. Hewett bore himself like a gentleman who has indeed been forced to take part in a friend's quarrel, but who takes care so to act and speak as to earn the respect of both sides.

Meanwhile, his services to the school founded on his intimate knowledge of anatomy, and his clear and graphic exposition of its details to his pupils, were daily strengthening his hold on the support of his colleagues and the estimation of the governing body of the hospital. When Mr. H. C. Johnson and Mr. Tatum retired from the teaching of anatomy, Mr. Hewett undertook the lectureship, and his superintendence of the school was the occasion and the main cause of the revival of its popularity and efficiency. He also presided over the pathological museum and *post-mortem* room, and in his capacity of curator he organised a system of preserving the *post-mortem* records of the hospital which has remained in force during the whole of the intervening period (now more than forty-five years), and which has made that hospital a model for others to follow, and has endowed it with a collection of pathological experience perhaps unrivalled in the medical world.

As assistant-surgeon he worked with the same vigour which he brought into all that he undertook, and his talent for organisation was further displayed in the admirable arrangements which he devised for the hospital register—a department in which he was aided by the late Dr. Barclay—and which he further developed in after years by introducing tables for the preservation of the continuous experience of the hospital in amputations, operations for strangulated hernia, and compound fractures. The first set of tables especially have been found of the greatest value both in reference to hospital hygiene and surgical practice. Two papers dealing with 500 cases were published by Mr. Holmes in the *St. George's Hospital Reports*, and a third by Mr. Dent and Mr. Bull, carrying on the series to 900 cases, in the last (73rd) volume of the *Med.-Chir. Trans.*, resumes the whole subject.

Mr. Hewett was now on the high road to professional fame and success, but he did not find it an easy one. He had many years to wait for promotion to the full staff of the hospital, and had to exercise equal patience before his merits, distinguished as they were, were rewarded by an extensive private practice. Still his success, though slow, was evidently sure. He had many influential friends, for his admirable qualities as a surgeon were accompanied by a kindness of heart and an unwearied energy in the service of those under his charge which endeared him to all his patients, gentle or simple.

On the retirement of Mr. Caesar Hawkins from hospital practice, in the year 1867, Mr. Hewett became full surgeon, but before this time he had won for himself a position in leading London practice only a little inferior to that of his friend Sir J. Paget, and henceforward his progress was rapid. He was introduced to the Royal family, and was appointed Surgeon-in-Ordinary to the Prince of Wales, then to the Queen, and on Sir W. Fergusson's death, Sergeant-Surgeon-Extraordinary, and finally Sergeant-Surgeon, in the place of Mr. Caesar Hawkins.

In 1882 he was made a baronet, and retired from London practice to Horsham, in Sussex, where, though he was still at the service of his old patients on emergencies and paid periodical visits to London for professional purposes, he gave up most of his time to country pursuits, which he loved, and to painting, which he loved still more. His life here was an eminently happy one. Few men of his age could match him in activity and vigour, nor would any one who met him then for the first time have suspected that he had already passed the limit of three score years and ten.

He delighted in the society of his family and of his old friends, and had everything about him that should attend an honoured and beloved old age. Shortly before his death, however, troubles came thick upon him. The illness of his only son was a grievous trial to him, and soon afterwards it became evident to those about him that his own end was approaching. He bore his sorrows, however, with the patience and the unfaltering courage which he had displayed in all the former trials of his life, and endured uncomplainingly the terrible agonies of a disease which he must have known to be mortal, though for the comfort of his family he professed to make light of them, and to refer them to a temporary cause.

We have sketched at some length the public career of Sir Prescott Hewett, since it conveys substantial encouragement

within their area, and in a word to assume their proper position as a power intermediate between the small local authorities and the Local Government Board.

#### MEAT INSPECTION IN GLASGOW.

THE whole question of meat inspection in Glasgow, supposed to have been settled a year ago, has been again raised, owing to certain prosecutions for the possession of unsound meat intended for sale, the circumstances of which have seemed to suggest that Glasgow is considered the proper place to send diseased meat from all parts of the country, as it there runs a chance of escaping the eye of an inspector and being sold for public consumption. The arrangements for inspection are peculiar. The Corporation possesses a dead meat market, and it is understood that all meat consigned there is inspected before being exposed for sale. This being the understanding, cattle dealers may send in unsound carcasses without risk of prosecution. If the meat is found unsound it is simply condemned and destroyed. It is, however, plain that on this system much bad meat may escape detection by even an experienced inspector, and, there being no risk of prosecution, the temptation to dress up carcasses in the hope that they will escape detection must be considerable. That this is so is proved by the fact that within eight months 312 carcasses were condemned in the Corporation market, and no prosecution in accordance with the understanding followed. If risk of prosecution had existed probably much of that amount would never have been sent in. Meat may be consigned to private markets. Unsound meat exposed in them for sale is apt to be pounced upon by a sanitary inspector, and, in that case, a prosecution follows. If a dealer sends unsound meat to one of these it may escape detection, but if it does not he is sure of being prosecuted.

The proprietors of some private markets have asked the authorities to appoint an inspector, to whom they would be willing to submit all consignments before exposing them for sale. This the authorities have refused to do, on the ground that every meat salesman might prefer a similar request, which would necessitate a whole army of inspectors. An important suggestion was made at a recent prosecution by the presiding stipendiary magistrate, namely, that a clearing-house should be established, through which all dead meat entering the city should pass. In consequence a committee of magistrates and of markets commissioners has been appointed to go into the whole case. It is likely that, as a result of their conference, some satisfactory solution of the difficulty will be found.

#### HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN twenty-eight of the largest English towns, including London, 5,859 births and 4,161 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday, June 20th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had declined from 30.9 to 23.8 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, further fell to 23.1 during the week under notice. The rates in the several towns ranged from 14.2 in Plymouth, 15.1 in Leeds, 15.3 in Brighton, and 16.0 in Derby to 27.7 in Blackburn, 28.3 in Liverpool, 30.8 in Bolton, and 30.9 in Wolverhampton. In the twenty-seven provincial towns the mean death-rate was 23.1 per 1,000, and slightly exceeded the rate recorded in London, which was 23.0 per 1,000. The 4,161 deaths registered during the week under notice in the twenty-eight towns included 325 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, against 359 and 313 in the preceding two weeks; of these, 111 resulted from whooping-cough, 59 from measles, 43 from diarrhoea, 38 from scarlet fever, 37 from "fever" (principally enteric), 36 from diphtheria, and 1 from small-pox. These 325 deaths were equal to an annual rate of 1.8 per 1,000; in London the zymotic rate was 1.8, and corresponded with the mean rate in the twenty-seven provincial towns, among which it ranged from 0.5 in Brighton, in Norwich, and in Birkenhead, and 0.7 in Bristol and in Nottingham to 2.4 in Salford, 2.5 in Manchester, 2.6 in Leicester, and 2.9 in Bradford and in Liverpool. Measles caused the highest proportional fatality in Portsmouth and Huddersfield; scarlet fever in Derby, Bradford, and Wolverhampton; and whooping-cough in Salford, Sheffield, Sunderland, Manchester, and Leicester. The mortality from "fever" showed no marked excess in any of the twenty-eight towns. Of the 36 deaths from diphtheria in these towns, 28 occurred in London and 2 in Portsmouth. One fatal case of small-pox was recorded in London, but not one in any of the twenty-seven provincial towns; 4 small-pox patients were under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylum Hospitals on Saturday, June 20th. The number of scarlet fever patients in the Metropolitan Asylum Hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital on the same date was 872, against numbers declining from 927 to 859 at the end of the preceding two weeks; 84 new cases were admitted during the week, against 88, 66, and 61 in the previous three weeks. The death-rate from diseases of the respiratory organs in London was equal to 5.4 per 1,000, and considerably exceeded the average.

#### HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, June 20th, 873 births and 597 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 25.3 and 24.2 per 1,000 in the preceding two weeks, further declined to 23.2 during the week under notice, and almost corresponded with the mean rate during the same period in the twenty-eight large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the lowest rates were recorded in Perth and Greenock, and the highest in Glasgow and Dundee. The 597 deaths registered in these towns included 67 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, equal to an annual rate of 2.6 per 1,000, which exceeded by 0.8 the mean zymotic death-rate during the same period in the large English towns. The highest zymotic death-rates were recorded in Glasgow and Paisley. The 275 deaths registered in Glasgow included 18 from measles, 9 from whooping-cough, and 4 from "fever." Three fatal cases of diphtheria were recorded in Edinburgh, and 4 of measles in Paisley. The death-rate from diseases of the respiratory organs in these towns was equal to 5.6 per 1,000, against 5.4 in London.

#### HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

IN sixteen of the principal town districts of Ireland, the deaths registered during the week ending Saturday, June 20th, were equal to an annual rate of 24.1 per 1,000. The lowest rates were recorded in Wexford and Dundalk, and the highest rates in Sligo and Galway. The death-rate from the principal zymotic diseases averaged 1.4 per 1,000. The 183 deaths registered in Dublin were equal to an annual rate of 27.0 per 1,000 (against 18.8 and 20.1 in the preceding two weeks), the rate for the same period being 23.3 in London and 24.9 in Edinburgh. The 183 deaths in Dublin included 9 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases (equal to an annual rate of 1.3 per 1,000), of which 4 resulted from diarrhoea, 3 from whooping-cough, and 2 from enteric fever.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

MR. MORTON SMALE has been elected dental surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital.

THE Russian Government is said to be contemplating the taking over of all the pharmacies in the empire.

THE third Italian Chemico-Pharmaceutical Congress will be held at Venice on August 2nd to the 7th.

THE Emperor of Japan has named Dr. Hide Miyake, Professor in the Medical Faculty of the Imperial University of Tokyo, a Member of the House of Peers.

THE prizes and scholarships awarded during the present session of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School will be distributed on Tuesday next, at 3 P.M., by the Right Hon. Earl Spencer, K.G.

MR. A. A. KANTHACK, B.A., B.Sc.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., at present a member of the Leprosy Commission in India, has been appointed John Lucas Walker Student in Pathology in succession to Mr. J. G. Adami, elected Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge.

PRESENTATIONS.—The members of the Halifax centre of the St. John Ambulance Association have shown their appreciation of Dr. Macaulay's services by presenting him—the ladies with a silver reading-lamp and two silver flower vases; and the gentlemen with a marble timepiece, both with suitable inscriptions.—Mr. Marshall has received from the lady pupils of the Hastings centre a pair of field glasses in recognition of his services.

HYPNOTISM IN FRANCE.—The Society of Hypnotology will meet in Paris on July 20th, under the presidency of Dr. Dumontpallier. The business to be done will include the organisation of a second international congress of hypnotism to be held in 1892. Among the subjects proposed for discussion are the following: The Relations of Hysteria to Hypnotism; Criminal Suggestions and Penal Responsibility; the Reality of Maternal Impressions on the Fœtus. Notice of communications, etc., should be sent to Dr. Bérillon, 40 bis, Rue de Rivoli, Paris.

THE ninth annual dinner of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society took place at the Criterion restaurant on Wednesday, June 10th, the President, Mr. T. Gunton Alderton, being in the chair. There were fifty-three members and guests present, among the latter of whom were Sir Thomas Crawford, K.C.B., and the Presidents of the Obstetrical and Harveian Societies. The list of toasts was a short one. Dr. Andrew was to have proposed that of "The Society," but in his unavoidable absence at the last moment this duty was undertaken by Mr. Howard Marsh. Mr. Keetley,



in giving the health of "The Visitors," was both humorous and to the point. Dr. Thudichum proposed "The Officers of the Society," and the Treasurer, Dr. C. Wells, and the two Secretaries, Mr. Leonard Mark and Dr. S. Eccles, each replied. The success of the evening was contributed to by some very pleasant glee singing, which came alternately with the toasts.

THE annual meeting of the Invalid Children's Aid Association was held last week under the presidency of the Earl of Aberdeen. This is a very excellent society, which is steadily increasing the area of its work. It attempts to fill in those deficiencies in our organisation for dealing with sick children which are not met by the hospitals or the convalescent homes. In many ways—by visiting children at their own homes, by assisting in their nursing, by providing instruments and helping to obtain holidays in the country—it is quietly accomplishing a very large amount of good.

LONDON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN.—Lord Reay presented on June 23rd the prizes and certificates to the students of the London School of Medicine for Women. The entrance scholarship for October, 1890, given by the executive council, value £30, was awarded to Miss Hull, the Stuart Mill scholarship to Miss Bentham, and the Helen Prideaux scholarship to Miss Adela McCulloch Knight, M.B.Lond. Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., gave an account of the successes gained by the students, which included two gold medals at the University of London, and the first place in the M.B. examination of the Royal University of Ireland.

THE AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.—Few, if any, societies enrolled for charitable purposes have a more worthy object in view than that which endeavours to provide for the after-care of the insane. The annual meeting of the Association was held a few days ago, under the chairmanship of Mr. Dudley Fortescue, who was able to show a good record of work done during the preceding year. Dr. Henry Rayner read a short paper on the After-care of Men; and we cordially commend the work and aims of the Association—the only one, we believe, in the United Kingdom—as worthy of more extended support and patronage.

A FATAL MISTAKE.—Another of those fatal misadventures which unfortunately are only too common is reported from the Dewsbury Workhouse, where an inmate died owing to carbolic acid having been given him in mistake for cough mixture. The jury made some recommendations with regard to the labelling of bottles containing poison, but it cannot be too distinctly stated that no amount of special labels will afford any real protection against accidents of this kind. The only safeguard is to have a specially shaped bottle to be used only for poisons; fluted bottles are often thus employed, but triangular bottles would probably afford the maximum of safety, and we should be glad to see the use of such bottles made compulsory under heavy penalties.

PUBLIC MORTUARIES AS THEY SHOULD NOT BE.—At a recent inquest held at Worcester a strange description of the condition of the public mortuary was given by a medical witness, who had been directed by the coroner to make a *post-mortem* examination. The witness, Mr. Webb, stated that the mortuary was damp, the roof leaky, and the water supply out of order. There was no soap, and the only towel was too filthy for use. The only approach to the door was across grass. The slab upon which the body was laid was not properly constructed for the purpose, and more trestles were wanted. Mr. Webb's complaint was endorsed by the jury, and will doubtless receive attention from the corporation, but such a disgraceful state of matters ought never to have arisen.

A REVOLUTIONARY WRITER.—Mr. J. B. Bailey, Librarian of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, is publishing by subscription with Messrs. Percival and Co., of King Street, Covent Garden, a reprint of two rare medical pamphlets written by the revolutionist Marat during his residence in London. The pamphlets are about as rare as pamphlets can be, since only one copy of each is known to exist. The one is an *Essay on Gleets*, in which an "effectual method of cure" is suggested. It was dedicated to "the Worshipful Company of Surgeons in London," and was published in 1775. The other, dated 1776, entitled *An Inquiry into the Nature, Cause, and Cure of a Singular Disease of the Eyes hitherto unknown, and*

*yet common, produced by the use of certain Mercurial Preparations*, was dedicated to the Royal Society.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS' UNION.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at the offices, 29, Threadneedle Street, E.C., on Wednesday, June 17th. Present: Mr. George Brown (Chairman), Messrs. Campbell Boyd, J. Dawson, M.D., W. E. Dawson, Hugh Woods, M.D., H. C. Shaw, F. H. Alderson, M.D., and W. Piercy Fox. The following registered medical practitioners were elected members of the Association: G. Abbott (Preston), R. H. Barkwell, J. Batteson, J. M. Carvell, T. Cary, J. L. Chambers, W. Cock, H. H. Eagle, J. Edwards (Liverpool), A. Great-Rex, J. Jackson, J. P. Llewellyn, A. S. Loftus, B. O'Regan, J. Parrott, W. J. Pook, S. Powell, H. M. Rainsford, A. H. Sandiland, J. Savage, E. Spratt, R. J. Swan, S. G. Vinter, W. D. Waterhouse, and A. P. Woodforde. The following gentlemen were elected District Secretaries: Claude A. P. Truman, L.R.C.S.I., etc., for Reading; James Edwards, M.R.C.S., etc., for Liverpool. Messrs. George Brown, W. E. Dawson, and Campbell Boyd were nominated as delegates from the Society to give evidence before the Lords' Committee on the Management, etc., of Metropolitan Medical Charities. It was resolved to hold a general meeting of members of the Union at Exeter Hall (Council Room) on Tuesday, July 7th, at 4 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the general question of hospital management, etc., especially in regard to the out-patient departments and the reforms which are called for in the interests of general practitioners. The meeting will be open to all general practitioners on presentation of visiting card.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OBSTETRICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The above Society met on June 20th at Hull, Dr. Braithwaite, President, in the chair. Professor Wallace (Liverpool) read a note on the Diagnosis of Kidney Tumours; Mr. Craven (Hull) and Professor Hare and Dr. Donald (Manchester) also spoke. Dr. Pigeon (Hull) read the notes of a case of Uterine Myoma unimproved by twenty applications of the battery after Apostoli's method; remarks were made by Professor Sinclair (Manchester), Dr. Braithwaite (Leeds), and Professor Wallace. Professor A. H. Young (Owens College) gave a demonstration on Recent Observations on the Development of the Placenta, illustrated by microscopic sections of the developing placenta in rodents by Dr. Robinson; he showed that in the deciduate placenta of rabbits only a single thin layer of endothelium exists between the blood of the foetus and that of the mother. Dr. Lowson (Hull) read a paper on Inflammatory Disease of the Ovaries and Tubes, introducing a discussion on the question, Do the great majority of diseases of the uterine appendages get quite well without operation? He gave the details of several cases in which death had occurred owing to an operation not being performed, and others of a similar nature whose lives had been saved by operation; he exhibited numerous specimens of diseased appendages. Dr. Braithwaite, Mr. Craven, Dr. Wallace, and Dr. Sinclair joined in the discussion.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

BALTINGLASS UNION.—Medical Officer for Workhouse and Fever Hospital. Salary, £120 per annum, and £15 yearly as Consulting Sanitary Officer. Applications to Mr. I. R. Dagg, Clerk of the Union. Election on June 27th.

BALTINGLASS UNION (Baltinglass Dispensary).—Medical Officer. Salary, £155 per annum, and fees. Applications to Mr. Peter Douglas, Honorary Secretary, Saundersville, Baltinglass. Election on July 3rd.

BEDFORD GENERAL INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon, double qualifications. Salary, £100 per annum, with apartments, board and washing. Applications to the Secretary, by July 1st.

BLOOMSBURY DISPENSARY, 22, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.—Dispenser; must hold a dispensing diploma. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Medical Committee by July 5th.

BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum. Must devote his whole time to the duties. Applications, endorsed "Medical Officer," to T. Loftus, Town Clerk, by July 6th.

CAMBRIDGE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to the Secretary, 20, Mawson Road, Cambridge.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Fulham Road, S.W.—Anæsthetist. Applications, on forms to be obtained at the hospital, to A. C. Davis, Secretary, by June 30th.

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CAITHNESS.**—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum, with £50 for travelling and other expenses; must devote his whole time to his duties, and reside in Wick. Applications to James Brims, County Clerk, Thurso, by July 1st.

**COUNTY DONEGAL INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon and Registrar. Salary, £50 per annum, with apartments and rations. Applications to the Rev. J. S. McClintock, Honorary Secretary, before June 30th.

**DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon; appointment for six months. Salary, £10 for the first six months, and if re-elected £25 for second six months, with apartments, board, and washing provided. Applications to the House-Surgeon by June 27th.

**DORSET COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Assistant Medical Officer for the Second Asylum. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.

**DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to V. K. Cooker, Honorary Secretary, by July 3rd.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Residence, board and washing provided, no salary; appointment for six months. Applications to Dr. J. D. M. Coghill, House Governor, by June 27th.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Assistant Surgeon. Appointment for three years, honorarium, £100 per annum. Applications to Dr. J. D. M. Coghill, House Governor, by June 27th.

**GENERAL INFIRMARY AT GLOUCESTER AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE EYE INSTITUTION.**—House-Surgeon; double qualifications. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 5th.

**GENERAL INFIRMARY, Leeds.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, washing and lodging. Applications to Mr. E. Ward, Secretary to the Faculty, by June 27th.

**GENERAL INFIRMARY, Leeds.**—Resident Casualty Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, washing and lodging. Applications to Mr. E. Ward, Secretary to the Faculty, by June 27th.

**GLASGOW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.**—Out-door Physician for the South Eastern District. Applications (a copy of which must be sent to each of the Directors, a list of whom may be had on application) to Arthur Forbes, Secretary, by July 9th.

**GUY'S HOSPITAL, S.E.**—Five additional Assistant Dental Surgeons; must be L.D.S.Eng. Applications to the Dean by July 1st.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.**—House-Physicians. Applications to Henry Dobbin, Secretary, by July 2nd.

**IRVINESTOWN UNION (Ederney Dispensary).**—Medical Officer. Salary, £135 per annum and fees. Applications to Mr. Robert Phillips, Honorary Secretary. Election on July 16th.

**LUNATIC HOSPITAL, The Copple, Nottingham.**—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, apartments, attendance and washing. Applications to Dr. Tate, Medical Superintendent, by June 30th.

**NATIONAL SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Bournemouth.**—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £120 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Chairman of the Committee by July 15th.

**NORTH WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Kentish Town Road, N.W.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Applications to Alfred Craske, Secretary, by June 30th.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Birmingham.**—Medical Tutor and Demonstrator of Anatomy; must devote his whole time. Applications to Professor B. C. A. Windle, Dean of the Medical Faculty, by July 4th.

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**ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William Street, West Strand.**—Clinical Assistants. Appointments for six months. Applications, to the Secretary, by June 27th.

**ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, 77, Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square.**—Obstetric Physician. Applications to F. Stokes, Secretary, by July 1st.

**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—Demonstrator of Physiology. Salary, £100. Applications to the Dean by July 13th.

**SHEFFIELD PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.**—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Honorary Secretary of Medical Staff by June 29th.

**SKYE DISTRICT OF INVERNESS-SHIRE.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to Messrs. MacLachlan and Reid Solicitors, Portree, by July 6th.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House Surgeon and Secretary; doubly qualified; unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, gas, firing, and attendance. Applications to E. W. Du Buisson, Secretary, by July 9th. Election on July 15th.

**UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.**—Assistant Examiner in Physiology. Annual fee, £30. Twenty copies of printed applications and testimonials to the Secretary of the Court, Mr. A. E. Clapperton, 91, West Regent Street, Glasgow, by June 30th.

**VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea.**—Assistant Physician to the Out-patients; appointment for five years. Applications to the Secretary, by June 27th.

**VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea.**—Physician to the In-patients. Applications to the Secretary, by June 27th.

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.**—Holt Professorship of Physiology. Salary, £375 per annum, plus share of students' fees. Applications to the Registrar, University College, Liverpool, by June 27th.

**WANDSWORTH AND CLAPHAM UNION AND INFIRMARY, St. John's Hill.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Appointment for six months, board, lodging, and washing provided, and £25 at the end of term. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.

**WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.**—Second House-Surgeon; unmarried. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, residence, and attendance. Applications to William Kimpton, Secretary, by July 4th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**APPLEGATE, J. W., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Dewsbury and District Infirmary.

**BEHRENDT, M. R. J., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Scunthorpe Urban Sanitary District of the Glandford Brigg Union.

**BLAIKIE, A. B., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Medical Officer for the First Sanitary District of the Oswestry Incorporation.

**BRYANT, J. H., M.B., B.S.Lond.,** appointed House-Physician to Guy's Hospital.

**BROWNING, B., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Melcombe Regis District of the Weymouth Union, *vice* Dr. Tizard, deceased.

**CHADWICK, George R., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Senior Surgeon to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, *vice* C. B. Plowright, M.D., resigned.

**COOMBE, Russell, M.A.Cantab., F.R.C.S.,** appointed Surgeon to the West of England Institution for Deaf and Dumb Children, *vice* Louis H. Topwill, B.A., M.B.Cantab., resigned.

**CROMBIE, John, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator of the Blyth District of the Tynemouth Union.

**DREW, Henry W., F.R.C.S.,** appointed Surgeon to the Croydon General Hospital.

**FAWCETT, Thomas Joseph, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator of the Greattham District of the Hartlepool Union, *vice* W. D. Moore.

**GAY, William, M.B., C.M.Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Boxmoor Sanitary District of the Hemel Hempstead Union.

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

**GIBBENS, Frank Edward, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Barking Local Board, *vice* Mr. Lee, resigned.

**GIBSON, Charles Philip, L.R.C.P., L.M.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng.,** reappointed Medical Officer of the First District and Workhouse of the Wetherby Union.

**GRINDROD, J. A., M.R.C.S.,** reappointed Medical Officer for Morden, Rochdale.

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

**JONES, W. R., M.D., C.M.Glas.,** reappointed Medical Officer for the Devynock District of the Brecon Union.

**KARKEEK, P. Q., M.R.C.S.,** reappointed Medical Officer of Health for Torquay and St. Mary Church.

**KEMBLE, A. C., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin.,** appointed Certifying Surgeon for the Poole District, *vice* F. C. Compton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

**KITCHING, C. McG., M.B., B.S.Lond.,** appointed House-Physician to Guy's Hospital.

**LEA, A. W. W., M.B., B.S.Lond.,** appointed Junior Resident Medical Officer to the General Hospital for Sick Children, Pendlebury, Manchester, *vice* F. H. Westmacott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**LIVINGSTON, J. L., M.D., C.M.Irel.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse and Sanitary District of the Hursley District.

**MCDONAGH, H. A. H., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Wincanton District and the Workhouse of the Wincanton Union.

**MACGILL, George, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin.,** reappointed Medical Officer for Wuerdell-and-Wardle.

**MACGREGOR, Alexander, M.B., C.M.Aberd.,** appointed Medical Electrician at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

**REES, D. V., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.,** reappointed District Medical Officer of the Brecon Union.

**ROWLEY, C. O., M.R.C.S.,** reappointed Medical Officer for the Second Sanitary District of the Barnsley Union.

**SARJANT, Josiah John, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Leamington Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Medical Association, *vice* F. G. A. Rogers, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Edin.

**SCOTT, Walter, M.B., C.M.Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Bowdley District of the Kidderminster Union, *vice* G. L. Webster, M.R.C.S., resigned.

**SKARDON, C. C., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Evershot District of the Bedminster Union.

**SMALE, Morton A., M.R.C.S., L.D.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Dental Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, *vice* H. Howard Hayward.

**SMYTH, W., M.B., C.M.Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer for Amble, Alnwick Union.

**SOUTAR, Robert, M.B., C.M.Aberd.,** reappointed Medical Officer to the Royal Infirmary, Montrose.

**STENHOUSE, Thomas,** appointed Public Analyst for the Borough of Clitheroe.

STEPHENSON, S. H. A., M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Medical Officer in charge of ophthalmic cases at the Central London District School, Hanwell.

STEVENS, T. G., M.B., B.S. Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

STONE, Valentine, reappointed Medical Officer to the Royal Infirmary, Montrose.

SUCKLING, C. W., M.D. Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed Consulting Physician to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

THOMPSON, A., M.D. St. And., M.R.C.S., reappointed Medical Officer for the Grange-over-Sands Urban Districts.

WALSH, Robert W., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Hulme Dispensary, Manchester.

WATKINS, Ernest Powell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Nottingham Friendly Societies, *vice* F. C. Wood, L.R.C.P., L.S.A. Lond., resigned.

WAYMAN, C. P. S., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer of the Third District of the Aylsham Union.

WEIR, A. M., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Malvern Sanitary District.

WELLFORD, F., M.B. Cantab, appointed House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

WESTMACOTT, F. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Senior Resident Medical Officer to the General Hospital for Sick Children, Pendlebury, Manchester, *vice* R. O. Bowman, M.B. Lond., resigned.

WHITAKER, G. H., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth District of the Loddon and Clavering Union, *vice* R. H. Johnston, M.A., M.D., resigned.

WHITE, Walter, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Medical Officer for the Darton Sanitary District of the Barnley Union.

WHYTE, A., M.D., C.M. Aberd., reappointed District Medical Officer of the Brecon Union.

### DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

#### WEDNESDAY.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown by Dr. Lewers, Dr. Herbert Page, Dr. Herbert Spencer, and others. Dr. Herman: Five more Cases of Puerperal Eclampsia, especially illustrating the Temperature and Urine in that Disease. Dr. Rutherford: Cysts of the Vagina, their Etiology, Pathology, and Treatment. Dr. John Phillips: The Influence of Purpura Hemorrhagica upon Menstruation and Pregnancy.

#### FRIDAY.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 8.30 P.M.—Patients and Card Specimens at 8 P.M. Annual general meeting for the election of officers, etc. Mr. K. Scott (Cairo): Perchloride of Mercury in Conjunctival Disease. Mr. Jessop: (1) The Consensual Pupillary Reflex in cases exhibiting the Argyll-Robertson Pupil System in One Eye; (2) Two Cases of Complete Blindness, with Good Pupillary Light Reflex; (3) On the Symptoms following Section of the Optic Nerve. Mr. Sym (Edinburgh): Albinism: a Curious Family History. Mr. Stephenson: Peculiar Form of Retinal Pigmentation. Mr. Snell: (1) Nystagmus in Compositors; (2) Immediate Loss of Sight after Head Injury. Mr. Silcock: Living Specimen: Epithelioma of Upper Lid, Cheek, and Lip.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Order or Stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure insertion in the current issue.*

#### BIRTHS.

COCKEY.—On June 15th, at The Limes, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, the wife of Dr. Percival Cockey, of a son.

DINGLEY.—On June 21st, at 11, Upper Woburn Place, W.C., the wife of Allen Dingley, F.R.C.S., of a son.

HORSLEY.—On June 18th, at 33, Seymour Street, the wife of Victor Horsley, F.R.S., of a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

OASTLER-BEDDOES.—At St. James Church, New Brighton, June 23rd, by the Hon. and Rev. C. F. Cross, M.A., Vicar of Shotwick, assisted by the Rev. G. Sanders, M.A., of St. James, New Brighton, James Oastler, M.D. Glasgow, to Norah, only daughter of the late Rev. Thos. L. Beddoes, D.D., LL.D., St. Mary's, Manchester. No cards. At home Wednesdays after August 19th.

POGSON-TAYLOR.—On June 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Birmingham, John William Buckley Pogson, M.D., of Aston, to Louisa Maria, daughter of Richard Taylor, Esq., Great Hampton Street, Birmingham.

SERVICE-LIGHTBODY.—At Greenhaugh, Helensburgh, Scotland, on June 17th, by Rev. Dr. Burns, Glasgow Cathedral, assisted by Rev. John Lindsay, Helensburgh, and Rev. J. B. Service, B.D., Bolton (brother of the bridegroom), Robert M. Service, M.B., C.M. Glas., to Margaret, daughter of the late James Lightbody, Glasgow.

#### DEATH.

ANDREWS.—On June 21st, 1891, at 11, Addison Terrace, Notting Hill, W., Louisa Augusta, wife of Henry Charles Andrews, M.D., and daughter of the late John Lord, Esq., of Calcutta and Hobart Town.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

COMMUNICATORS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 429, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 429, Strand, W.C., London.

IN order to avoid delay, it is particularly requested that all letters on the editorial business of the JOURNAL be addressed to the Editor at the Office of the JOURNAL, and not to his private house.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are requested to communicate beforehand with the Manager, 429, Strand, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS who wish notice to be taken of their communications should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

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

MANUSCRIPTS FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THIS JOURNAL CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE RETURNED.

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

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

#### QUERIES.

BITTEN asks to be recommended an effectual way of destroying bugs in an old house.

M.R.C.S. asks where he can obtain any information as to the alleged connection between cancer and tomato eating.

A SUBSCRIBER FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS would be much obliged if any reader would convert the following French measures into English cubic inches of chloroform, vapour, and air: 10 grammes chloroform to 100 litres of air = cubic inches of vapour to cubic inches of air.

#### CHLOROFORM OR ETHER.

DR. J. ROBERSON DAY (Hampstead) writes: I should feel obliged if Dr. Ed. Lawrie would give a detailed description of Syme's principle of giving chloroform, which he terms "the right way." And also I should like to know the number of cases that were anaesthetised by this Syme's method in the forty-three years without a single death. From the table published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 13th, chloroform would appear to be the perfect anaesthetic if given on Syme's principles.

#### LIÉBAULT'S METHOD OF HYPNOTISING.

A MEMBER (N. Z.) writes: In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for January 10th, I see there is an article on Dupuytren's contraction treated by hypnotism, in which the writer, Dr. Kingsbury, says he "hypnotised the patient readily by Liébault's method." Would you kindly explain that method?

\* Dr. Kingsbury sends the following answer:—Place the patient in an easy chair, with his back to the light. Hold up one or two fingers for him to look at, and suggest to him in a quiet tone that he is going to sleep. Presently, in a successful case, his pupils will be seen to dilate, his eyelids will begin to droop and flicker, and, after closing and opening sluggishly once or twice, they will close and remain shut.

#### ANSWERS.

MOLAR.—The particulars given are not sufficiently precise to enable us to form an opinion.

ANOTHER L.S.A.—The question has recently been discussed in these columns at some length.

NON QUID PRO QUO does not say whether he has asked the Berlin authorities for any explanation.

L.R.C.P.—All children's hospitals admit cases of rickets for temporary treatment, but we are not aware that there is any permanent home for such cases.

ENQUIRES.—The following books may be recommended to a candidate for the final examination for the F.R.C.S. Eng.:—Bryant's, Erichsen's, or Holmes's textbooks on *Surgery*; Pepper's *Elements of Surgical Pathology*.

#### THE FIFTH YEAR.

A COUNTRY MEMBER.—The following are the terms of the resolution adopted by the General Medical Council on November 29th, 1890:

"That the fifth year should be devoted to clinical work at one or more public hospitals or dispensaries, British or foreign, recognised by any of the medical authorities mentioned in Schedule A of the Medical Act (1858), provided that of this year six months may be passed as a pupil to a registered practitioner possessing such opportunities for imparting practical knowledge as shall be satisfactory to the medical authorities."

expected, and 527 occurred, or 77.61 per cent. of the expectation. In the Temperance Section 306 deaths were expected, and 171 occurred, or 55.88 of the expectation. It appears, from an investigation made by Mr. Bingham, of the Sceptre Life Association, that the following insurance companies charge 41 per cent. additional to publicans insuring: Alliance, Atlas, City of Glasgow, Commercial Union, Economic, Edinburgh, English and Scottish Law, Equity and Law, General, North British, Norwich Union, Royal Exchange, Scottish Amicable, Scottish Equitable, Scottish Union and National Standard, Star, Union, Victoria, Westminster and General, and Whittington. The Hand-in-Hand states that "proposals are not accepted by us in the absence of specially favourable circumstances." The Crown says: "My directors decline, owing to the extreme risky nature of publicans' lives, to accept proposals on such lives." The Clerical, Medical and General, Friends' Provident, National Provident, Sceptre Life Association, Scottish Widows' Fund, and United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident also refuse them. Remembering that publicans are well fed, well lodged, and not overworked or subject to great exposure, I think this is good corroborative evidence of the danger of the habitual use of alcoholic fluids in health. This question is of much importance to the world at large, and even to the medical profession, many of whom have, in common with the public, been inclined to think that the inquiry made by a committee of the Association proved that total abstinence was dangerous to health. The fallacy in the statistics published by that Committee consisted in quoting the ages at death of 120 total abstainers, and, comparing these with those of about 4,000 non-abstainers, who were naturally much older when they had their lives insured. It was similar to that fallacy of comparing the age at death of school-boys with that of adults.

Dr. J. J. RIDGE (Honorary Secretary of the British Medical Temperance Association) writes: Allow me to correct an error which has been made in the table given in my letter which appeared in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of June 13th. The figures 872, Temperance Section, Actual Claims, 1881-85, should be 835, and the total therefore 3,386, instead of 3,423. The percentage will be 69.9, instead of 70.4; difference 26.9.

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