

Association Intelligence.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES. [Ordinary.]	Medical Department of the Birmingham Library.	Thursday, February 11th, 6 P.M.
METROPOL. COUNTIES. [Special General.]	37, Soho Square.	Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4 P.M.
BATH AND BRISTOL. [Ordinary.]	Victoria Rooms, Clifton.	Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 P.M.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: CONVERSAZIONE MEETING.

A CONVERSAZIONE meeting of this Branch was held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday evening, January 20th. Thirteen members attended.

The Secretary read a letter from C. P. COLLYNS, Esq., the President, regretting his inability to be present, in consequence of family affliction. The members expressed their sympathy and sorrow at the cause of his absence. Dr. Gillett was then requested to take the Chair.

Communications. The following communications were made.

1. The Dietetical Treatment and General Management of Puerperal Women. By W. LEGGE, Esq., of Wiveliscombe. Mr. Legge being prevented from coming to the meeting, it was resolved to postpone the reading of his paper to a future opportunity.

2. Spontaneous Gangrene. By H. J. ALFORD, Esq., of Taunton. After some general remarks, Mr. Alford read notes of a remarkable case now under his care at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, of a young boy who had been twice affected by this complaint, and who is at this time suffering the loss of several fingers by the usual slow process of separation. A drawing, taken at an earlier stage of the disease, was shown; and the patient submitted himself for inspection. After the reading of the paper was concluded, a lively discussion on the causes of the affection in the case under notice followed, especially on the theory of embolism. Mr. Alford was thanked for his communication, and requested to send it to the JOURNAL for publication. He promised to do so when the issue of the case could be recorded.

3. Ovariectomy. By WILLIAM LIDDON, Esq., of Taunton. The writer illustrated his subject by relating the histories of four cases which had occurred in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and exhibited preparations of the tumours removed (which are preserved in the hospital museum). The operation was described; and it was shown to be admissible as well in the multilocular and complex, as in the more simple varieties of the disease. After a discussion, a vote of thanks to Mr. Liddon was passed, and the wish was expressed that he would publish his paper in the JOURNAL.

4. Remarks on a Case of Concealed Birth. By HUGH NORRIS, Esq., of South Petherton. The particulars of the case he read from his notes. Besides other suspicious signs of infanticide, he found laceration of the frenum linguae and soft parts under the tongue. He had been told that such injuries were often present in cases of this nature, and were believed to be produced by the mother in suffocating the infant and suppressing its attempts to cry. He was anxious to draw the attention of his professional brethren to the subject, as important in a medico-legal point of view.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

MIDLAND BRANCH: QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE quarterly meeting of the Midland Branch was held in the Board-Room of the Derby Infirmary, on Thursday, January 21st.

Consultation with Homœopaths. After some discussion on Remarks by Dr. Goode on a Case of Prolonged Salivation, it was proposed by Mr. THORPE and seconded by Mr. LINDLEY—

“That in future no member of the Midland Branch of the British Medical Association should meet in consultation, either a homœopath or a registered practitioner practising homœopathy.”

The resolution was carried unanimously. It was brought forward in consequence of it being stated, that one or two practitioners of Derby had been in the habit of meeting in consultation a registered surgeon who practises homœopathy.

After transacting the ordinary routine business, the meeting broke up.

Reports of Societies.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1864.

R. PARTRIDGE, Esq., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

CASE IN WHICH THE LEFT OVARY WAS FOUND IN THE SAC OF AN OBLIQUE INGUINAL HERNIA, OCCURRING IN A YOUNG WOMAN: WITH REMARKS.
BY HOLMES COOTE, ESQ.

A YOUNG woman was brought into St. Bartholomew's Hospital with a swelling in the left groin, and suffering from the symptoms of strangulated hernia. In the course of a few hours, the usual operation was performed, when the ovary and the Fallopian tube were found in the sac. A similar malposition of parts was subsequently noticed on the opposite side of the body. The left ovary was removed, some thickened omentum cut away, and the patient was put to bed; but the sickness and constipation continued, and she died four days after the operation. The cause of the sickness, etc., was displacement of the stomach and transverse arch of the colon.

Mr. COOTE raised two questions.

1. Was the displacement of the ovaries congenital, or the consequence of the hernia? He inclined to the former opinion.

2. The woman stated that she had always menstruated regularly. Now, on the examination of the body, it was found that both ovaries were *well developed*, and that the formation of the Graafian vesicles was going on naturally; but the Fallopian tubes were quite impervious, the uterus was completely absent, and the vagina was a short canal—an inch and a half in length, and terminating in a thin membrane. She said that she had been menstruating the week before her admission; and some of the female attendants at the hospital noticed the usual marks, though faint, upon her dress. Was the possibility of menstruation to be admitted, under this abnormal condition of parts?

MR. HOLMES COOTE has been elected corresponding member of the Surgical Society of Paris.

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On January 28th, the following Licentiatees were admitted:—

Arnold, Richard Orlando, Charing Cross Hospital
Costin, John Quick, Kimbolton, Hunts
Davies, Richard William, Colnbrook, Bucks
Duncan, Peter Charles, Great Marlborough Street
Langston, Thomas, Hulme, Manchester
Moore, James, Rothwell, Northamptonshire

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination:—

Williams, David Martin, Charing Cross Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

SMITH, Robert Angus, M.D., to be Inspector of Alkali Works.

ROYAL NAVY.

CLARKE, William H., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Leander*.
KYNSEY, Josiah F., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*.
MULVANY, C., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Duncan*.

VOLUNTEERS, (A.V. = Artillery Volunteers; R.V. = Rifle Volunteers):—

AULD, C., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 10th Renfrewshire R.V.
CLARKE, W. B., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Cumberland R.V.
COCK, E., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 12th Surrey R.V.
DAVIES, W. A., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 5th Montgomeryshire R.V.
DAWSON, W. H., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 11th Worcestershire R.V.
DEVEREUX, D., Esq., to be Assistant-Surg. 8th Gloucestershire R.V.
FLETCHER, J. W., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 19th Worcestershire R.V.
KNIGHT, G. I., Esq., to be Hon. Assistant-Surgeon 14th Surrey R.V.

DEATHS.

ESTE, Michael Lambton, M.D., late 1st Life Guards, at 207, Marylebone Road, aged 84, on January 26.
HARVEY, Edward R., M.D., of 34, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, at San Remo, aged 82, on January 24.
JAMESON. On January 22nd, at Dublin, Lucy, wife of William Jameson, M.D.
*KENDALL, Walter, Esq., of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, at West Lulworth, aged 68, on January 27.
MURPHY. On January 25th, at Budleigh Salterton, Devon, James C., infant son of Joseph B. Murphy, M.D.
SCOTT. On January 30th, Louisa, widow on John Scott, M.D., of Edinburgh.
SOLTAU. On January 30th, at Plymouth, aged 17, Mary Elizabeth, eldest child of William F. Soltan, M.B.Oxon.

NETLEY HOSPITAL. A railway will shortly connect Netley Hospital with Southampton.

DR. MARION SIMS, the American, is at present engaged in practice in Paris.

CHOLERA IN BOMBAY. Bombay has suffered greatly in consequence of the prevalence of cholera.

SURGICAL ANÆSTHESIA. MM. Perrier and Lallemand have published a treatise on *Surgical Anæsthesia*.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE. The budget of the Academy of Medicine has suddenly been raised from 43,000 to 150,000 francs per annum, by M. Duruy.

LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL. The recent contributions in aid of the funds of this hospital have reached the sum of £2,642.

AN ARMY ASSISTANT-SURGEON KILLED IN ACTION. The military obituary for January records the death of Assistant-Surgeon W. Pile, M.B., 101st Regiment, killed in action at the Umbeyla Pass.

VRICHOW THE POLITICIAN. Hert Virchow made a masterly speech, occupying two hours, and distinguished by the urbanity and moderation which have assigned him so high a place among the experienced debaters of the Prussian parliament.

DR. H. H. GOODEVE of Bristol has been made Magistrate for the County of Gloucester. Dr. Goodeve was formerly one of the professors of the Medical College at Calcutta.

THE SWINEY PRIZE was this year adjudged to H. S. Maine, Esq., D.C.L., author of a work *On Ancient Law*. The prize consists of a silver goblet of the value of £100, with gold coin to the same amount.

POISONING BY CIDER KEPT IN LEADEN VESSELS. At Powick in Worcestershire, several persons were lately poisoned by drinking cider which had been left in a leaden vessel. One of them died.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. Sir John Liddell has resigned the office of Director-General of the Medical Department of the Navy; and has been succeeded in office by Dr. Bryson.

PHYSICALLY DISABLED. The quota of the State of New York was 68,000 men. To procure this number 77,862 conscripts were examined, with the rather alarming result that no less than 53,000 were found unfit for military duty, and exempted from "physical disability and other causes."

DR. LIVINGSTONE'S EXPEDITION. Messrs. Rowley and Miller have returned to the Cape of Good Hope from the Zambesi. Dr. Livingstone had received the news of his recall, and had admitted his expedition to be a failure. A rumour has reached the colony of his having been murdered near Lake Nyassa.

A COURT-MARTIAL ON THE FEDERAL SURGEON-GENERAL. It is stated that Mr. Lincoln has summoned a court-martial to investigate certain charges against Surgeon-General Hammond. Let this investigation be fair and impartial, and if fraud exist let it be traced to its proper source, and let the punishment fall upon the responsible party. (*American Medical Times*.)

SCHOLARSHIPS IN NATURAL SCIENCE AT CAMBRIDGE. Two scholarships, each £40 per annum, tenable for three years at least, are announced to be given for natural science at Sidney Sussex College in October next. The subjects of examination are Electricity, Chemistry, Geology, Anatomy. They are open to competition to all the world. The successful candidates will be expected to enter at the College. Those who require information are referred to the Rev. C. W. Ellis, Tutor of the College.

THE INSPECTOR OF ALKALI WORKS. The powers conferred on Dr. Robert Angus Smith, are very extensive. The alkali manufacture is now carried on on a very large scale in Lancashire and Cheshire, on the Tyne, and at Glasgow, and it affords employment, directly or indirectly, to more than 100,000 persons. The main provision of the act of last session is that 95 per cent. of muriatic acid gas evolved in the manufacture shall be condensed to the satisfaction of the inspector, and it will be the business of Dr. Angus Smith to see that this is done effectually.

DISEASED PIGS. At a recent meeting of the Liverpool Health Committee, it was reported that the steward of the Rainhill Lunatic Asylum had sold eighty pigs to a pork-butcher, because lung disease had broken out among the pigs at the asylum. It is believed that these pigs were slaughtered in Liverpool, and were consumed as human food. Others of the pigs which were left at the asylum died, and were buried; but it is believed that another sixteen of these diseased pigs have been sold. A copy of the report was ordered to be forwarded to the county justices, and a strict inquiry was ordered to be made into the matter, with a view to have the guilty parties punished. [Perhaps, some of our Liverpool friends

will be able to tell us whether or not any evil effects can be traced to the consumption of any portion of the diseased pig-meat. EDITOR.]

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL. One of the first visits paid by Her Majesty after her bereavement was to the large military hospital at Netley. She has again shown her care for the army and for this hospital, in which the late Prince Consort took a warm interest, by paying it a second visit on Thursday week. She proved at once that she had not forgotten any of the incidents of her former visit by desiring to see first the women's quarters, with which she was not pleased, on that occasion. She found the rooms looking much more comfortable, and she subsequently inspected some rows of cottages which are now being built in the rear of the hospital for the special accommodation of the wives and children of the sick men under treatment in the hospital. She was satisfied with these arrangements. She then visited the wards, a less laborious task than last year, as there are very few patients in the hospital; the invalids from the home stations having now ceased to come, and the ships with the tropical invalids not arriving till a month or two later. She said a few kind words to the men in bed, and then made particular inquiries of Dr. Anderson, the inspector-general, as to the health of the men to whom she had spoken last year. That officer was no little surprised to find that the Queen had a distinct recollection of several cases, although her notice of them must have been almost momentary. She also entered the dining-hall, where the men who are able to leave their beds were at dinner, and carefully inspected the arrangements there. She then left the hospital and went to the medical officers' mess-room—a fine large room, which has just been completed, and in which are placed her own portrait and that of the Prince Consort, presented by herself. She expressed her approval of everything, and desired that she might be informed when the invalids from the foreign stations would arrive, so that it is hoped Netley will be honoured by another visit. She inquired particularly whether there had been any effluvia from the mud during the summer, and when told there had been no annoyance of the kind, said she had never anticipated that there would be. She also made particular inquiries about the ventilation of the hospital. During her visit she was attended by the entire military and medical staff, including Dr. Anderson, Inspector-General; Deputy-Inspectors Longmore and Maclean; the Professors of the Army Medical School, Staff-Surgeons Moorhead, Fyffe, Smith, Davidson, etc.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

- MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Gibb, "On Subglottic Edema of the Larynx."
- TUESDAY. Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Professor Huxley, "On the Structure and Classification of the Mammalia."—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society. 8 P.M., Ballot; 8.30 P.M., Mr. Callender "On Amputations at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 1853-63"; Mr. Savory "On the Absorption of Dead Bone."—Zoological.—Ethnological.
- WEDNESDAY. Royal College of Physicians, 5 P.M. Dr. Garrod, "The British Pharmacopœia: its Construction, its Comparison with the London Pharmacopœia, and the Value of its New Remedies in the Treatment of Disease."—Microscopical.
- THURSDAY. Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Professor Huxley, "On the Structure and Classification of the Mammalia."—Royal.
- FRIDAY. Royal College of Physicians, 5 P.M. Dr. Markham. Gulstonian Lectures. "The Uses of Blood-Letting in Disease."—Astronomical (Anniversary).—Royal Institution.—Hunterian (Anniversary).
- SATURDAY. Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Professor Huxley, "On the Structure and Classification of the Mammalia."

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

- MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.
- TUESDAY. Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY... St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.
- THURSDAY.... St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
- FRIDAY. Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
- SATURDAY.... St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

F. T.—The price of the large edition of the *British Pharmacopœia* is fixed at 10s. 6d. The price of the smaller edition is 6s. We believe that somewhere about 50,000 copies of the larger edition are to be struck off. When the smaller edition will appear, depends, we suspect, somewhat on the disappearance of the larger one. The Medical Council will have to do a little trade in the sale of these volumes in order to reimburse itself for its outlay in getting them up.

TRICHINIASIS.—SIR: The information contained in the article on Trichiniasis, is original, and was obtained from—

1. My brother-in-law, Dr. Dupré, at Harsfurth, near Magdeburg.
2. A near relative, Mrs. Bansa, at Homburg, who wrote me the account given to her by Dr. Müller, jun., of the same place. (This gentleman's brother-in-law, a M. Sartorius of Mexico, was one of the sufferers, and died. Dr. Müller, who was telegraphed for, went to the scene, and there saw many things himself.)
3. Several other persons wrote about the affair what had appeared in journals.

There is no doubt upon this point, that the *sausage at the Hettstädt dinner was cooked*—cooked in a manner, of course, which would probably not bring the meat to 212° Fah.; but, nevertheless, it was fried—*geristet*. This means most properly "roasted"; that is to say, slightly roasted. Every one knows *Rösteur* in those parts. The name indicates its nature; and that it is not raw, as other sausages in Germany are.

This point has, of course, excited great attention in Germany, and the controversy is high. But it is now admitted that the *encapsuled trichina* will stand a very high degree of heat without losing its life. No one maintains that, if this degree of heat were continued *long enough*, the animal would survive, nor that it could survive boiling point. But it is more than probable that it will live beyond the coagulating point of albumen (140-149 Fah.), and even up to that of the red colouring matter of flesh (197.6 Fah.).

I had a letter a few days ago from Professor Phœbus at Giessen, stating that he was going to send me some trichinæ of Leuckart's breeding. (Leuckart has written a magnificent monograph on these worms.) But he would not send them during frosty weather, unless thickly wrapped up, "because he would not rely in this respect upon their much talked of toughness of life".

I am, etc., J. L. W. THUDICHUM.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON; MR. HENRY LEE; MR. LOWNDSE; DR. LATHAM; MR. UPTON; MR. WILLIAM BOWMAN; DR. G. M. HUMPHRY; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; DR. J. R. WOLFE; THE SECRETARIES OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; MR. OLIVER PEMBERTON; MR. T. M. STONE; V. V.; MR. SPILLER; MR. J. VOSE SOLOMON; DR. CORNAZ; DR. ALDIS; and DR. MARTYN.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Letter on Corpulence. By W. Banting. 1864.
2. Diseases of Women. By F. Churchill, M.D. Fifth edition. Dublin: 1864.
3. The Teeth in Health and Disease. By Robert T. Hulme, F.L.S. London: 1864.