

its removal for a considerable time, the actually traumatic origin of the body may be difficult to trace. Of course, when it has reached a sufficient size, or it is exposed to some violent movement, the pedicle may become twisted, and the body be set quite free in the joint.

This is, to my mind at least, a far more satisfactory explanation of those cases occurring some time after the receipt of an injury in young athletic lads, than the invocation of the agency of those normally existing cartilage cells in the synovial membrane described by Kölliker and Rainey, which I have looked for so often and under so many different conditions during the past few years, and which I have so constantly failed to find.

## MEMORANDA:

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

#### PURPURA FEBRILIS CAUSED BY COPAIBA.

I LATELY had an opportunity of watching a case in which a man suffered from a febrile condition and a skin eruption, which I think must have been due to the effects of copaiba. The case is as follows: J. S., aged 26, had gonorrhœa, and was given copaiba by a chemist, in capsules, six a day. These he took for a week. Then he had rigors and headache, chiefly occipital, and when seen next day he had a furred tongue and temperature 101° F. The following day a rash appeared on the backs of both hands and wrists as rose-coloured slightly raised papules, some larger than others; these increased in number and size, and coalesced into blotches of a deep pink colour, some with a tinge of blue. Then the rash came out abundantly on the face and neck down to the clavicles on both sides, in blotches very like measles in appearance. Numerous less thickly scattered blotches and papules were on the chest, back, and abdomen, and the rash was again more marked on the legs, especially below the knees. Although the eruption was so universal, there was a marked symmetry in the distribution. The redness did not fade on pressure, and the larger blotches were distinctly raised. Tongue was furred, pulse normal, and temperature on different days 101°, 102°, and 103°, being the following day 99° F. There were heavy perspirations on some nights. No subjective symptoms save headache for first two or three days, and a slight itching. After five days the rash subsided, leaving dark stains like those of purpura.

Enfield, N.

FRED. TRESILIAN, M.D.

#### CASE OF HAIRPIN IN THE FEMALE BLADDER.

ON January 24th I was summoned to a young lady, whom I found to be suffering great pain over the region of the bladder. She told me she had been troubled for a long time with irritation about the orifice of the urethra, which she relieved by rubbing the part with the rounded end of a hairpin; and that while in bed that morning the pin had slipped from her fingers. She did not mention the circumstance to anyone, but got up and went about her duties as usual, though suffering intensely; till, being unable to bear the pain any longer, I was sent for about 4 P.M.

Upon examination I felt the pin in the bladder distinctly, but after trying for an hour I was unable to seize the ends with forceps. I then introduced a large-sized sea tangle tent into the urethra, which well dilated it, and attempted to get hold of the pin with a larger pair of forceps, failing in which I tried also with a hook unsuccessfully. Chloroform was administered, and I was able to introduce my finger into the bladder without doing much damage to the urethra, when I felt the pin lying obliquely in the bladder, the points sticking into the mucous membrane. Upon freeing these it was possible, by pressing them together, to remove the source of the trouble without the aid of a contracting bladder. She had a very acute attack of cystitis, with purulent discharge, which, however, got well quickly under ordinary treatment. There was some incontinence of urine for a period, but she soon recovered perfect control, and made a good recovery.

Such an accident, I am well aware, is not of rare occurrence;

but it is one which, when it does take place, not unusually gives the surgeon a great deal of trouble. Some authorities recommend sudden rupture rather than gradual dilatation of the urethra; but in this case the results of the latter were most satisfactory, and should I have another case of the kind to deal with, I would certainly resort to gradual dilatation and manipulation with the finger, without the use of any instruments.

WM. STAMFORD, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.  
Tunbridge Wells.

#### PROLONGED CONSTIPATION: PASSAGE OF GAN- GRENIOUS GUT: RECOVERY.

Mrs. W., aged 24, who gave me a history of previous constipation, called me in on December 7th, 1891. She had then been seven days without having had any movement of the bowels. An enemata of soap and water was ordered, but this had no effect; the usual purgative treatment had the same negative result.

The obstruction continued for five weeks; and, as an operation was not allowed, Dr. Samuel Fenwick was called in. Nothing of importance could be made out, with the exception of large masses of scybala, but no tumour could be discovered. At Dr. Fenwick's suggestion, I inserted a piece of rubber tubing, 2½ feet in length, into the rectum, and passed an enema up by this means, and continued the same treatment for a week. Symptoms of peritonitis supervened; after keeping the patient under the influence of morphine by the hypodermic method they subsided. The constipation still remained, however, and on February 29th, 1892 (eighty-four days after coming under treatment), when the patient appeared to be getting stronger, I administered an enema of five pints of warm water and soap. This she retained for half an hour, when she passed a piece of intestine 3½ inches in length, evidently from the ileum. This was followed by a very copious motion, consisting of scybala and mucus. The enema treatment was continued on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th.

On March 7th, after similar relief, I put her on cascara sagrada, with liquid food, and she is now convalescent.

During the whole time the patient was under my care I kept her upon whisky and beef tea, with plenty of ice, and on rare occasions a little milk.

The following points are worthy of notice in this case: 1. No tumour could be discovered. 2. Very slight discoloration by jaundice took place. 3. There was no stercoraceous vomiting. 4. Very little blood or mucus was passed by the rectum. 5. The exceedingly small amount of wasting. One would have expected to find a great deal more, considering the diet was so limited. I attribute this to the free use of opium, thereby preventing any great amount of metabolism in the tissues. I believe this to be the longest case on record, with complete obstruction, where recovery took place.

W. A. DUNCAN COOPER, M.B., C.M. Aberd.

Finsbury Park, N.

## REPORTS

ON

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

#### THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

A LARGE GALL STONE PASSED BY THE RECTUM NOT PRECEDED BY ANY ORDINARY SYMPTOMS OF HEPATIC COLIC.

(Under the care of Dr. T. SYDNEY SHORT.)

[From notes by Mr. DRYDEN STEAD, Resident Medical Assistant.]

G. B., aged 62, a burnisher by trade, came as an out-patient on October 9th, 1891, complaining of constipation and an aching stitch in the right side. He was pale and anæmic, with a worn-out appearance, and seemed weak and ill. He said that during the previous winter he had suffered from bad bronchitis, followed by an aching pain in the right side, always present, but worse on breathing deeply; and that, as spring came on, his breathing got better, but the pain continued; he

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

## UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

**THIRD EXAMINATION FOR MEDICAL AND SURGICAL DEGREES, Easter Term, 1892.**—The following candidates were examined and approved:

*Part II (Medicine, etc.).*—Ansonge, M.A., Pemb.; E. Baines, B.A., Cai.; P. C. Bardsley, B.A., Cai.; Barrett, B.A., Cai.; G. H. A. C. Berkeley, B.A., Cai.; G. T. Birdwood, B.A., Fet.; Bliss, B.A., Sid.; H. Brooksbank, B.A., Tr. H.; Buttar, B.A., Pemb.; A. Carling, M.A., Joh.; Chappel, B.A., Cai.; G. A. Coulby, B.A., Trin.; J. Cropper, B.A., Trin.; A. M. Daniel, B.A., Trin.; Dicks, B.A., Jesus; F. J. Dixon, B.A., Trin.; J. B. Hall, B.A., Pemb.; Horne, B.A., Clare; Lambert, B.A., Joh.; R. Langdon-Down, B.A., Trin.; Lister, B.A., Cai.; Master, B.A., Down; Reece, B.A., Down; H. C. Sharp, B.A., Cai.; C. N. Thomas, B.A., Trin.; Thomas, B.A., Down; Troutbeck, B.A., Cai.; Vigurs, B.A., Down; W. W. Walker, B.A., Trin.; Ware, B.A., Joh.; Watkins, B.A., Cai.; G. Wilkinson, sen., B.A., Emman; Windsor, B.A., Emman; Wood, B.A., Christ's; F. C. Young, B.A., Joh.

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

THE annual meeting of Convocation was held on May 10th at the University Building. Dr. M. Baines was appointed temporary Chairman, and announced that Mr. E. H. Busk had been elected Chairman. Mr. Busk thereupon took the chair, and made some feeling remarks respecting the late chairman, Dr. Wood. He also spoke of the high standard of examination for the degrees of the University, and of their independence and impartiality. Mr. Allen was again appointed Clerk of Convocation. The report of the Annual Committee was presented and received. A resolution marking the great loss the University had sustained by the death of Dr. Wood, and sympathising with his family, was carried unanimously.

A resolution empowering the Annual Committee to represent the views and guard the interests of Convocation in all matters connected with the proposed Royal Commission (University for London) was proposed by Dr. W. J. Collins, seconded by Mr. S. Moore, and carried. A resolution was carried referring to the Annual Committee the further consideration of the advisability of instituting degrees in languages. Another resolution was also carried, which stated that Convocation had learnt with surprise that the new Royal Commission on a Teaching University for London included no member who could be regarded as representative of Convocation, which consisted of more than 3,000 graduates deeply interested in the future of University education in the metropolis. Mr. J. Sully moved, and Mrs. S. Bryant seconded, the proposal to institute a new degree in connection with the scientific study of education; but the proposal was lost.

The result of the nomination of a list of three persons to be submitted to Her Majesty for the selection therefrom of a Fellow of the University was announced by the Clerk. The votes for Mr. E. H. Busk were 781; for Mr. W. G. Lemon, 143; for Mr. Talfourd Ely, 136. The medical graduates elected to serve on the Annual Committee were the following: Dr. M. Baines, Dr. W. J. Collins, Dr. R. Neale, Mr. H. G. Howse, Dr. J. Curnow, Mr. H. Morris, Mr. W. Rivington, and Dr. A. E. Sansom.

## ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

**MEDICAL DEGREES EXAMINATION, APRIL, 1892.**—The Examiners have recommended that the following be adjudged to have passed this examination:

*Upper Pass Division.*—R. Campbell, B.A., Queen's College, Belfast; H. W. Cunningham, Queen's College, Belfast; R. Heard, B.A., School of Physic, Trinity College, Dublin.

The candidate marked with an asterisk may present himself for the further examination for Honours.

P. L. Aherne, Queen's College, Cork, and Catholic University School of Medicine; K. B. Barnett, Queen's College, Belfast; D. J. F. Bennett, Catholic University School of Medicine; H. R. Corbett, Queen's College, Cork; M. Coughlan, Catholic University School of Medicine; I. A. Davidson, B.A., Queen's College, Belfast; W. J. Molloy, Royal College of Surgeons and School of Physic, Trinity College, Dublin; M. O'Sullivan, Catholic University School of Medicine; J. R. Thomson, Queen's College, Belfast.

*The Degree of Doctor of Medicine.*—A. E. J. Birmingham, M.B.

**SECOND EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE, APRIL, 1892.**—The examiners have recommended that the following be adjudged to have passed this examination:

*Upper Pass Division.*—R. Allan, Queen's College, Galway, and Ledwich School, Dublin; \*Emily E. Eberle, M.A., Royal College of Surgeons and Royal College of Science; T. D. Luke, Queen's College, Belfast; \*E. P. M'Loughlin, Catholic University School of Medicine; J. O'Callaghan, Queen's College, Cork; \*T. J. O'Meara, Queen's College, Cork.

Those marked with an asterisk may present themselves for the further examination for honours.

R. H. Allan, Queen's College, Belfast; W. T. D. Allen, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, and Catholic University Medical School; J. D. Boyd, Queen's College, Belfast; J. Cunningham, Queen's College, Belfast; W. J. Forbes, Queen's College, Galway; D. Henry, Queen's College, Belfast; M. Hynes, Queen's College, Galway; J. Lowry, Queen's College, Belfast; D. M'Carthy, Queen's College, Cork; J. M'Grath, Queen's College, Belfast; R. A. M'Laughlin, Catholic University School of Medicine; J. Munce, Queen's College, Belfast; D. J. O'Connor, B.A., Queen's College, Cork; D. O'Donnell, Queen's College, Cork; J. Reidy, Queen's College, Cork; J. D. Rice, Queen's College, Belfast; W. D. T. Thompson, Queen's College, Belfast; J. H. Whitaker, Queen's College, Belfast.

**ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH AND FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.** At the April sittings of the Conjoint Board, held in Glasgow, the following candidates passed the respective examinations:

**FIRST EXAMINATION.**—T. A. Beadle, Durham; J. F. Neville, County Cork; T. Gallacher, Port Glasgow; R. P. Graham, Glasgow; R. G. Whitelaw, Kirkintilloch; T. Shanasy, Adelaide; W. M. Sheen, Gravesend; J. Boyd, Glasgow; D. S. Henderson, Coatbridge; B. Wade, Pudsey; R. Laverty, co. Down; W. H. Curtis, Hampshire; T. W. Robinson, Limerick; J. O'L. Driscoll, Bandon; W. Thomas, Glasgow; J. M. Beattie, Belfast; G. S. R. Stritch, Galway; J. James, Cardiff.

**SECOND EXAMINATION.**—W. E. Jones, Liverpool; Janet Russell Wells, Glasgow; Kate Kirk Paton, Glasgow; Catherine Howie, Glasgow; J. Mackintosh, Glasgow; J. O'Connell, co. Kerry; T. P. Powell, Breconshire; J. M'Lean, Glasgow; A. H. Mountcastle, Manchester; A. W. Mason, Glasgow; J. A. Blayney, Haslingden; J. Fenwick, Accrington; S. T. Brooks, Farnworth; W. R. Abernethy, Londonderry; A. S. Rose, Morpeth; R. P. Snodgrass, Montreal; J. Devon, Glasgow; R. Owen, Carnarvonshire; G. Hill, Glasgow; J. H. Robinson, Southport; J. F. W. Ward, India.

*In Anatomy and Physiology.*—E. Allan, J. Tibbetts.

*In Anatomy.*—E. Denison.

*In Physiology.*—J. P. Woodhouse.

*In Materia Medica.*—R. A. M. Robinson, A. Forde, C. W. Roebuck.

**FINAL EXAMINATION.**—Jessie MacLaren M'Gregor, Edinburgh; S. I. Williams, Edinburgh; D. E. Richards, South Wales; H. Gould, Glasgow; J. W. Hudson, Millom, Cumberland; S. E. Rossiter, Lambton, Durham; A. Mackellar, Glasgow; W. Fisher, Edinburgh.

*In Medicine and Therapeutics.*—M. Marriott, L. Burges.

*In Surgery.*—S. E. Jones, E. P. Pollard, W. E. Blakely, T. G. G. Symons.

*In Midwifery and Medical Jurisprudence.*—E. R. Pollard, W. Wardman, J. Clark, R. T. Jones, T. C. Hunter.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, IRELAND.** The following candidates were successful at the April Examinations, 1892, held under the Conjoint Scheme:

*First Professional Examination.*—M. A. J. J. M. Caraher, M. J. Carroll, C. J. Cavanagh, M. Corry, H. E. Deakin, G. H. Fisher, J. P. Fitzsimons, H. Herrick, J. R. Hewitson, E. C. Hodgson, E. J. K. Hogan, M. Hurley, D. Jones, W. Lawlor, E. J. Lynch, M. R. L. Moore, J. M'Carthy, B. M'Cauley, J. A. Neary, D. O'Brien, J. Thomson, F. Wise.

*Second Professional Examination.*—C. A. Black, C. J. S. Cahill, H. G. F. Dawson, Miss M. Goodrom, J. W. Griffin, C. Kapp, A. J. Kearney, E. Kennedy, H. E. W. Kinsella, W. P. Lappin, J. M. Longford, R. J. Maguire, J. P. Martin, H. M'Avoy, P. J. M'Hale, H. F. Nolan, P. Van-Homrigh, R. G. S. Whilla.

*Third Professional Examination.*—H. C. Beasley, Miss M. S. Bell, O. W. Elsner, H. G. Falkiner, G. A. Fleming, J. V. Griffin, A. A. Hargrave, R. H. H. Hayden, T. W. P. Hayes, C. A. Hayman, A. X. Lavertine, P. J. Liston; G. F. S. Luther, W. L. Martin, J. H. Maunsell, A. E. M'Cann, W. F. A. M'Cann, H. J. M'Cormack, A. J. Nally, W. O'Donnell, P. Peacocke, F. W. Percy, J. C. Perry, W. G. T. Posnett, T. Redahan, J. Robinson, N. T. Townsend, A. H. White, W. A. E. Willis, T. Wilson, T. F. Wyse.

*Fourth, or Final, Professional Examination.*—H. W. C. Browne-Cave, M. J. Chevers, J. O'C. Donelan, F. L. Flood, D. H. Foley, P. J. Garland, L. A. Jameson, A. R. Moore, W. W. Scarlett, J. P. Sexton, T. Smyth, E. H. Tweedy, W. P. Walsh.

## HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY MANAGEMENT.

## BELFAST DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM.

DR. ALEXANDER S. MERRICK Superintendent, has just issued the sixty-second annual report of this institution, which contains some points of interest. The daily average number of patients during the year has been 668, which is an increase of 12 over the preceding year. Hence the overcrowding of the institution, of which the superintendent has constantly complained in his annual reports, has been greater than ever. This is now to be obviated by the separation of Belfast from the county of Antrim, the present premises being retained for Belfast while another building is to be erected for the county. A suitable estate near Antrim, consisting of about 90 acres, has been obtained, and the work of building will shortly begin. Further, the Governors have decided to erect a detached hospital for the treatment of the sick and infirm, and those requiring special nursing in connection with the present asylum, to contain 50 patients, and also to enlarge the day room on the female side. In this way the present overcrowding will be obviated. It is also proposed to fit up a suitable pathological room, for the study of the pathology of diseases of the brain and nervous system.

## SURGICAL APPLIANCE SOCIETY.

PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG presided at the twentieth anniversary festival of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, held at the Hôtel Métropole on May 9th, and in pleading the cause of an excellent and deserving charity, commented upon the apparent incongruity in concluding an evening's enjoyment with a discussion upon artificial arms, noses, and teeth. A cynical stranger coming into their midst might say that they themselves stood in need of artificial digestions. His Royal Highness quoted statistics which strikingly attested the worth of the Society, which distributed last year no fewer than 6,225 appliances, of which 4,914 were given absolutely free. Dr. Bond, in the course of his speech (according to the *Daily News* report), mentioned that he knew of only one case dealt with by the Society which at first sight did not give satisfaction. The story has evidently been popularised by the reporter, who tells it thus: A young woman was fitted with a Roman nose; but the boys of the village, noticing the change, made her life unbearable, and she returned in grief to the Society, beseeching it to consider her plight. The institution was equal to the occasion, and supplied her with an attractive little nose, charmingly *chiffonné*—"tip-titled, like the petal of a flower"—which now made all her companions envious, and had

## MEDICAL NEWS.

THE fourth Congress of the Italian Societies of Hygiene will be held at Palermo from May 16th to 20th.

THE French Government has commissioned Dr. Marcel Lermoyez, of Paris, to study the organisation of laryngological and otological teaching in Germany and Austria.

A MEETING will be held at the Mansion House on Friday, May 20th, at 3 P.M., under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, for the purpose of raising funds to rebuild the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields. The Duke of Cambridge will be present.

A PROPOSAL to establish a medical faculty in the Neo-Russian University of Odessa, with a clinical hospital in connection therewith, has been brought before the Town Council of that city by Dr. Motschutkowski. He suggests that the opening of the new faculty should be fixed for the centenary of the foundation of Odessa, which falls in 1894.

NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.—A course of lectures, which are open to practitioners and senior students, are announced to be given at this hospital during the months of May, June, and July by Mr. Muirhead Little, Dr. Beevor, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Tubby. Further particulars will be found in an advertisement.

At an ordinary meeting of the Glasgow Southern Medical Society, Dr. Alex. Miller, President, in the chair, held recently, Mr. Peter Fergusson, M.B., was unanimously voted the diploma of the Society on the occasion of his leaving Glasgow to commence practice in the Western States of America. This is only the third time that this honour has been conferred on a member since the Society was founded nearly sixty years ago.

NEAPOLITAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Neapolitan Association of Medical Practitioners and Naturalists was incorporated by Royal decree dated April 3rd. The following are the objects of the Association: The mutual instruction of its members, the advancement of the medical and natural sciences, the safeguarding of the public health, mutual help, and the publication of a journal devoted to the furtherance of these objects.

SHEFFIELD MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—The following is a list of the officers and members of committees elected at the annual meeting on April 28th. *President:* Mr. Simeon Snell. *Vice-President:* Mr. W. F. Favell. *Treasurer:* Mr. Simeon Snell. *Secretary:* Dr. Burgess. *Members to Complete the Committee:* Mr. R. Favell, Dr. Sinclair White, Dr. Keeling, Dr. Dyson, Mr. Pye-Smith, Mr. Dale James, Mr. Makeig Jones, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Arthur Hall. *Pathological Committee:* Dr. Cocking, Dr. Rhodes, Dr. Runton, Dr. Wilkinson.

THE annual general meeting of the Pathological Society of London will be held on May 17th, and the officers and Council for the year 1892 elected. Sir George M. Humphry will continue to act as President. Mr. S. G. Shattock, who is proposed for election as a member of Council, will be succeeded as Secretary by Mr. Bland Sutton. The other new members of Council proposed are Drs. T. D. Acland, T. C. Fox, and H. H. Tooth, and Messrs. Bruce Clarke and Walter Edmunds. New Vice-Presidents proposed are Drs. J. F. Goodhart and Sidney Coupland, and Messrs. H. H. Clutton and Watson Cheyne.

THE LATE DR. S. D. GROSS.—A movement has been initiated by the American Surgical Association for the erection of a monument to the late distinguished surgeon, Professor Samuel David Gross, in the city of Washington. An appeal for subscriptions is made to the whole profession in the United States. Estimates have been obtained of the amount required to erect a bronze statue of heroic size on a granite pedestal, the whole to be about 16 feet in height; the cost will not exceed 12,000 dollars. Of this sum about one-fourth is already promised. The committee includes the names of representative surgeons in all parts of the United States. English admirers of Dr. Gross, on whom it may be remembered the University of Oxford conferred the degree of D.C.L., and

Cambridge and Edinburgh that of LL.D., may be glad to know that Dr. John B. Roberts, 1,627 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Penn., is the treasurer of the fund. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.—The University of Pennsylvania Press has purchased the *Annals of Surgery*, which in future will be published in Philadelphia. Dr. Lewis Pilcher retains his position as editor.—Englishmen are always glad to see themselves as others see them; a book by Dr. Ettore Morotti, which has just been published by Vallardi, of Milan, should therefore be interesting to those surgeons in this country who read Italian. These *Lettere Chirurgiche dall'Inghilterra et dalla Scozia*, which first saw the light in the *Gazzetta degli Ospitali* in 1890 and 1891, give the impressions of an acute observer who followed with keen interest the work of Lister, Henry Thompson, MacEwen, Horsley, and others, and saw everything that was best worth seeing in British surgery.—In the April number of the *Indian Medical Gazette*, which has just come to hand, we note with regret an announcement that Dr. Kenneth MacLeod, who has edited it with great ability for more than twenty-two years, is obliged to resign his position, owing to his being compelled to leave India. The journal was started in 1866, and among Dr. MacLeod's predecessors and colleagues in the editorial chair were David Boyes Smith (1866), J. P. Colles (1867), C. R. Francis (1868), J. T. Carter Ross (1869-70), C. N. Macnamara (1871-73), J. G. French (1875-76), L. A. Waddell (1884-85), and W. J. Simpson from 1889 to the present time. The University of Aberdeen recently conferred the degree of LL.D. on Dr. MacLeod.—Professor Germain Sée has retired from the editorship of *Médecine Moderne*, of which he was the founder.—Dr. Karl Mészáros, of Buda-Pesth, has established a fund of 10,000 gulden for the encouragement of Hungarian medical literature.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

- ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £85 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by May 25th.
- BALLACHULISH SLATE WORKS, Ballachulish.—Medical Officer; unmarried. Salary, £216 per annum, and general practice. Applications and testimonials till May 18th to Dr. Campbell, Ballachulish, N.B.
- BROMPTON AND KNIGHTSBRIDGE PROVIDENT DISPENSARY, 28, Fulham Road, S.W.—Medical Officer. Applications to the Senior Medical Officer by May 25th.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Fulham Road, S.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to A. C. Davis, Secretary, by June 1st.
- COUNTY ASYLUM, Carlisle.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications to Dr. Campbell, Medical Superintendent, by May 24th.
- CLAYTON HOSPITAL AND WAKEFIELD DISPENSARY, Wakefield.—Junior House Surgeon; unmarried. Honorarium, £25 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary.
- DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM, Mickleover, near Derby.—Assistant Medical Officer from June 18th to August 31st. Terms, £2 2s. per week, board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Assistant Physician. Appointment for three years. Honorarium, £100 per annum. Applications to Howard J. Collins, House-Governor, by May 30th.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Nottingham.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Board, lodging, and washing provided. Applications to the Secretary by May 21st.
- GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon; doubly qualified. Salary, £90 per annum, with board and lodging. Application to Ernest Leech, Honorary Secretary, by June 6th.
- GROSVENOR HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Vincent Square, S.W.—Chloroformist. Applications to the Secretary by June 1st.
- HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT, Golden Square, W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to W. Thornton Sharp, Secretary-Superintendent, by May 16th.
- HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Physician, unmarried. Appointment for one year. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary by May 24th.
- HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for one year. Salary, £50. Applications to the Secretary by May 24th.
- HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.—Medical Registrar and Pathologist. Appointment for one year. Honorarium, 50 guineas at end of term. Applications to the Secretary by May 17th.

**HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.**—House-Physician; doubly qualified. Appointment for six months. Salary, £30 for that period. Applications to David Cannon, Secretary, by May 19th.

**LONDON COUNTY ASYLUM, Cane Hill, Parley, Surrey.**—Fifth Assistant Medical Officer; doubly qualified; between 23 and 30 years of age. Salary, £120 per annum, rising £5 yearly to £150, with board, furnished apartments, and washing. Applications, on forms to be obtained at the office, to R. W. Partridge, Clerk, Asylums Committee Office, 40, Craven Street, Strand, by May 18th.

**METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD, Western Fever Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, S.W.**—Clinical Assistant for three months. Board, furnished apartments, and washing provided. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.

**METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.**—Vacancy on the Provident Department Staff. Honorarium at the rate of £100 per annum. Applications to Charles H. Byers, Secretary, by May 14th.

**NORTHAMPTON FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL INSTITUTE.**—Assistant Medical Officer; out-door. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications to the Secretary, Mr. George Knight, 22, Cromwell Street Northampton, by May 14th.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.**—Resident Medical Officer. Appointment for four months. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary by May 24th.

**ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY, Wigan.**—Junior House-Surgeon; doubly qualified. Salary, £80 per annum, with apartments, rations, and washing. Applications to W. Taberner, Secretary, by May 24th.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—Election of the Board of Examiners in Anatomy and Physiology for the Fellowship. Applications to Edward Trimmer, Secretary, by May 26th.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—Election of Examiners under the Examining Board in England by the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. Applications to Edward Trimmer, Secretary, by May 26th.

**SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL, Dublin.**—Assistant Physician. Applications to Dr. C. B. Ball, 24, Merrion Square, Dublin, by June 1st.

**SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL, Dublin.**—Assistant Surgeon. Applications to Dr. C. B. Ball, 24, Merrion Square, Dublin, by June 1st.

**SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon, doubly qualified. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, furnished rooms, and attendance. Applications to Joseph Worral, Secretary, by May 14th.

**VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.**—Dental Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary by May 21st.

**WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.**—Junior House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and apartments. Applications to the Secretary by May 16th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**ADAMS, J. D., M.D. St. And.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Yeovil Rural Sanitary District.

**ANDERSON, William, M.B., C.M. Glas.**, appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer of the Aberdeen General Infirmary.

**ANDREW, Henry, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, *vice* Reginald Martyn, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.

**ARCHER, Arthur Montfort, B.A., M.D., B.Ch. Univ. Dub., L.M.**, appointed Medical Officer to the Chester Union Workhouse, *vice* George Harrison, resigned.

**ARCHER, H. R., M.D. Lond., L.R.C.P.**, reappointed Medical Officer for the First Sanitary District of the Royston Union.

**BELL, John Stohart, M.B., C.M. Edin.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Burgh of Lockertie.

**BINDLOSS, A. H., M.B., B.C. Cantab., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Melbourn Sanitary District of the Royston Union, *vice* H. S. Reynolds, L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. Edin.

**BLANEY, R., M.B., C.M. Glas.**, appointed Medical Officer for the No. 7 Sanitary District of the Battle Union.

**BOWEN-JONES, L. M., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Carmarthen Rural Sanitary Authority.

**BOWES, William Henry, M.D., B.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Plymouth Borough Asylum, Ivybridge, Devon.

**BUSHBY, Thomas, M.B. C.M. Edin.**, appointed Assistant Physician to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Liverpool.

**CAMPBELL, Dr.**, appointed Parochial Medical Officer for the Parish of Laggan, *vice* John MacRae, M.D., resigned.

**CAVAFF, John, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond.**, appointed Examiner in Medicine in the University of London.

**CHEETHAM, Walter Henry, M.D., L.S.Sc.**, appointed Medical Officer of Health to the North Riding County Council, Yorkshire, *vice* Dr. John Taylor, J.P., of Scarborough, deceased.

**CLARKE, Hugh, M.A., M.D., M.Ch.**, appointed Assistant Physician to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Liverpool.

**CLARKE, Thomas, M.D. Q.U.I.**, appointed Physician to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Liverpool, *vice* Robert Robertson, M.D.

**CROSS, G. F., M.B., B.S. Durh.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Fineham Sanitary District of the Downham Union.

**GEORGE, Alfred W., M.B. Edin., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.**, appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Kilburn, Maida Vale, and St. John's Wood Dispensary.

**GILCHRIST, James, M.B., C.M. Glas.**, appointed Parochial Medical Officer for the Inverkip District of the Parish of Inverkip, Renfrewshire.

**HAMILTON, A. A., M.B., C.M. Dub.**, appointed Honorary Assistant Physician to the Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.

**HARPER, John Wm., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for Stowmarket.

**HARRIS, Spencer C. L. F.P.S., L.M. Glas.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Ely Urban Sanitary District.

**HARROLD, R. E., M.B., C.M. Edin.**, appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.

**HARVEY, J. T., M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Visiting Physician to the Broken Hill Dispensary, New South Wales, *vice* William Baly, L.R.C.P., deceased.

**HICKS, Edward Buller, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Easingwold District of the Easingwold Union.

**HOPKINS, Francis Gethin, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the Workhouse of the Parish of Liverpool.

**HUNTER, Dr.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the Royal Asylum, Montrose, *vice* H. W. Greatback, M.B., C.M. Edin.

**JONES, G. F., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Medical Officer of Health for the South-urban Sanitary District of the Rochford Union.

**JONES, W. M., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. Camb.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Swinton Urban Sanitary District.

**JOSHUA, Francis William, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.M.**, appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Great Malvern Provident Dispensary.

**KEFFENHEIM-TRUBRIDGE, L. W., M.D., B.S. Durh., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.**, appointed Honorary Physician to the Chelsea, Brompton, and Belgrave Dispensary, Sloane Square, S.W.

**LANSDOWNE, Robert Guthrie, M.B., B.S. Durh., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Anaesthetist to the Bristol General Hospital.

**LAWTON, Herbert Alfred, M.D. Durh., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for Poole.

**LIMBICK, William Somerville, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin.**, appointed Medical Officer of Health for Great Crosby.

**LUFF, A. P., M.D., B.Sc., M.R.C.P. Lond.**, appointed Examiner in Forensic Medicine in the University of London.

**LUMLEY, Bartholomew, M.R.C.S., L.M.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Northallerton Urban and Rural Sanitary Districts.

**MACINTOSH, Duncan, M.B., C.M. Glas.**, appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Aberdeen Infirmary.

**MACRIE, Mr. J.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Lowdham District of the Southwell Union.

**MOLE, Robert B., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Callington District of the Liskeard Union.

**MORTON, C. A., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Registrar to the Bristol General Hospital.

**NAISMITH, W. J., M.D., F.R.C.S.E. (Exam.)**, appointed Surgeon to the Glasgow and South-Western Railway at Ayr, and Medical Officer of H.M. Prison at Ayr, *vice* Robert Dobbie, M.D., deceased.

**PATER, Dr.**, appointed Honorary Consulting Physician to the Sheffield Hospital.

**PHILLPOT, George Frederick, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Second District of the Aylesbury Union.

**PICKELS, J. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, *vice* T. Robinson, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.

**POTTS, W., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the Crumpsall Workhouse, Manchester.

**ROBERTSON, Robert, M.D., L.R.C.S. Edin.**, appointed Consulting Physician to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Liverpool.

**SNOW, Lionel Mason, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.**, reappointed Medical Officer for the Sellinge District of the Elham Union.

**VERNON, John J. D., M.B., C.M. Edin.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Audley District of the Newcastle-under-Lyme Union.

**WATSON, W. R. Kemlo, M.A., M.B., C.M. Glas.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Govan Poorhouse and Asylum, *vice* Dr. J. McC. Johnston, resigned.

**WILKINSON, Arthur T., M.D. Lond., M.R.C.P.**, appointed Honorary Assistant Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, *vice* Dr. T. Harris, promoted to be House-Physician.

**YOUNG, Edward Herbert, M.D. Durh., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health for Okehampton.

**YUNGE-BATEMAN, Marcus George, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.**, appointed Medical Officer of Health for Folkestone.

### DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

#### MONDAY.

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, 1 P.M.**—Mr. A. Stanford Morton: Affections of Eyelids. Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, W., 4 P.M.—Dr. A. Wynter Blyth: Disposal of (a) Household (b) Excretal Refuse. Great Northern Central Hospital, 8 P.M.—Dr. Galloway: Liver and Spleen.

#### TUESDAY.

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bethlem Royal Hospital, 2 P.M.**—Dr. Percy Smith: Insanity of Puberty and Adolescence. Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars, 4 P.M.—Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson: Urticaria and Urticarian Affections.

**PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8.30 P.M.**—Annual general meeting for election of officers and Council for 1892-3. Specimens: Mr. C. B. Lockwood: A Tumour of the Breast. Dr. W. M. Ord: Deposit of Indigo in the Urine, with experiments. Dr. F. C. Turner: Lesions of Pyramidal Cells in the Cerebral Cortex in Chorea. Dr. H. D. Rolleston: A Tuberculous Larynx Healed. Mr. J. R. Lunn: Growth from a Girl's Thigh. Mr. A. Q. Silcock: (1) Malignant Growth affecting the Orbit, Base of Skull, Brain, etc.; (2) Hereditary Sarcoma of the Eyeball in Three Generations. Dr. W. Hale White: A Case of Congenital Heart Disease. Mr. Stephen Paget: Large Congenital Cyst beneath the Tongue. Card Specimens.—Mr. J. Bland Sutton: (1) So-called Plexiform Sarcoma (Billroth); (2) Congenital Absence of Tibia; (3) Case of Duct or Villous Cancer. Dr. D. Drewitt: Case of Pseudo-hypertrophic Paralysis with unusual enlargement of Muscles.

**WEDNESDAY.**

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, 4 P.M.**—Dr. J. K. Fowler: Demonstration of Cardiac Cases. Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, 8 P.M.—Mr. J. B. Lawford: Optic Nerve Atrophy.

**ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, 25, Great George Street, Westminster, 7 P.M.**—Papers by Messrs. G. M. Whipple, E. J. Lowe, and W. B. Tripp.

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.**—Dr. Louis C. Parkes: Observations on the Seasonal Prevalence of Enteric Fever in London.

**ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, 8 P.M.**—Communications by Messrs. R. T. Lewis and E. M. Nelson.

**THURSDAY.**

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, 2 P.M.**—Dr. Buzzard: Cases in the Hospital. Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, 4 P.M.—Dr. Cheadle: Intussusception: its Diagnosis and Treatment. London Throat Hospital, Great Portland Street, 8 P.M.—Mr. George Stoker: Chronic Glandular Disease of the Nose and Naso-pharynx.

**MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, Bethlem Hospital, 4.30 P.M.**—Council meeting at 2 P.M. Dr. Savage: On Influenza and the Neuroses. Dr. Beadles: On Gall Stones in the Insane.

**NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, 8.30 P.M.**—Anatomical and pathological meeting. Communications: Dr. Savill: Sequel to a case of Hysterical Rachialgia and Hypertoxicity in a man aged 60. Dr. Wiglesworth: Pachymeningitis Interna Hemorrhagica. Dr. Ferrier: (1) Tumour of Frontal Lobe; (2) Spinal Cord in Syringomyelia. Dr. Taylor: (1) Spinal Cord in Syringomyelia; (2) Tumour of Spinal Cord with Ascending Degeneration.

**HARVEIAN SOCIETY, 8.30 P.M.**—Clinical evening. Cases will be shown by Mr. Edmund Owen, Mr. Walsham, Mr. H. Work Dodd, Mr. Farmer, Dr. Sutherland, and others.

**FRIDAY.**

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bacteriological Laboratory, King's College, 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.**—Professor Crookshank: Lecture, Anthrax. Practical Work. Gram's Method. Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, 4 P.M.—Dr. J. K. Fowler: Demonstration of Pulmonary Cases. Lecture Theatre, Charing Cross Medical School, 8 P.M.—Dr. J. Braxton Hicks: Abdominal Tumours with Ascites.

**ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION, 20, Hanover Square, 8 P.M.**—Dr. Heywood Smith: On Gynaecological Nursing.

**SATURDAY.**

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bethlem Royal Hospital, 11 A.M.**—Dr. Percy Smith: Delusional Insanity.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.**

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is *5s. 6d.*, which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure insertion in the current issue.

**BIRTHS.**

**MACKNESS.**—At Fort Street House, Broughty Ferry, N.B., on May 10th, the wife of G. O. C. Mackness, M.D., of a son.

**MOFFET.**—At Fort George, Inverness, N.B., on May 5th, the wife of Surgeon-Captain Grenville E. Moffet, M.B., D.P.H. (Camb., Army Medical Staff), of a daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**

**ANDERSON—ASHBURNER.**—At St. Paul's Church, Newbarnes, Barrow-in-Furness, by the Rev. J. Henderson, J. W. Anderson, A.M., M.D., second son of Dr. Anderson, Ulverston, to "Maggie," only daughter of William Ashburner, Esq., Willow Bank, Newbarnes, Barrow-in-Furness.

**DEATHS.**

**BEVERLEY.**—On Sunday, May 1st, at Ospedaletti, Ligure, Italy, John Metcalfe Beverley, M.D., late of Littlehampton, Sussex, in his 32nd year. No cards.

**CHEYNE.**—At 59, Welbeck Street, on May 4th, Mary Frances, daughter of W. Watson Cheyne, F.R.C.S.

**DEVEREUX.**—May 7th, at North House, Tewkesbury, D. Devereux, M.D., aged 57 years.

**STANGER.**—On May 6th, at the residence of his son, St. John's Towers, Wakefield, George Eaton Stanger, Surgeon, of Brook Green, London, W., aged 76 years.

**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.

COMMUNICATIONS 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.**

**DR. JOHN WYLLIE** (262, Beverley Road, Hull) asks: Can any member give the name of a hospital or home at Bournemouth, or other south coast health resort, where a young man suffering from advanced phthisis can be received at a charge not exceeding 20s. weekly, inclusive of nursing, medical attendance, and all essential comforts?

**BICYCLE FOR WEAK HEART.**

**VELOCIPEDE** writes: Could any member recommend the easiest safety bicycle for a young man with weak, irritable heart, no valvular mischief? It is thought that some regular exercise without strain would benefit him. Country slightly hilly, roads good.

**DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.**

**SUFFOLK** writes: As a busy general practitioner it is impossible for me to get away for any length of time, but, nevertheless, I am desirous of obtaining a diploma in public health. I shall feel much obliged if any of your readers could inform me as to how I might obtain the necessary tuition, as it is now many years since I studied chemistry, etc., and where one, without any long courses of lectures, could obtain the D.P.H.

**TOBACCO SMELL IN ROOMS.**

**A.G.B.** asks: Can any member who smokes in his consulting room of an evening give me any practical advice as to the best method of getting rid of the abiding odour of tobacco smoke, which clings to everything in the room? The top of the window left open at night, basins of cold water placed in the room, and a thymol spray, lessen no doubt, but do not get rid of the nuisance entirely during the daytime. Any practical advice on this subject would, no doubt, be useful to many who in their leisure moments enjoy the so-called fragrant weed.

**INCOME TAX.**

**OVER-ASSESSED** writes: A. purchases a practice from Mrs. B. (a death vacancy), agreeing to pay her for four years a proportion of the receipts. Should A. pay income tax on the whole profits, or only on his proportion of the profits? The surveyor of taxes has ruled that A. must pay on the whole profits. Is not that an unfair decision?

\*. The Income Tax Repayment Agency (25, Colville Terrace, W.), to whom this inquiry has been referred, replies that the Act is very explicit in the matter. It distinctly states: "In estimating the amount of the profits, as aforesaid, no deduction shall be made on account of any annual interest, or any annuity or other annual payment, payable out of such profits or gains" (5 and 6 Vic., cap. 35, sec. 100, Case 1, Rule 4). The surveyor is, therefore, right in his contention.

**AN IRRITABLE SKIN.**

**H. C. R.** asks for advice under the following circumstances: After shaving and washing the skin of my face becomes dry and irritable, and soon cracks, especially on the brow and where the razor has shaved. Then comes a fine deposit of scales, which may easily be rubbed off. I have used "Anticalcaire" for softening the water, which is excessively hard; various kinds of superfatted soaps for washing and shaving, spraying with eau de Cologne and water, followed by the application of flour, and finally vaseline, which cures the condition for the time being. I used glycerine for some time, but found it made the skin more tender afterwards.

**ANSWERS.**

A MEMBER (Cawnpore) will be doing what is right if he calls the attention of the gentleman to the absence of his name from the *Medical Register* and