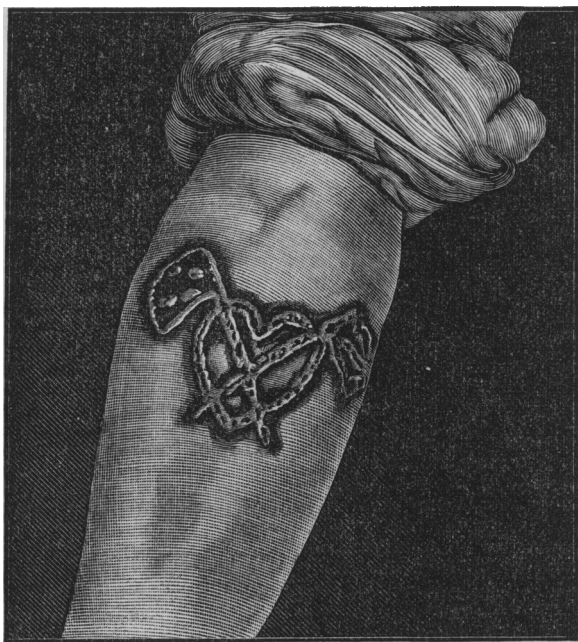


seem to have suffered *pari passu* with the development of the local lesions. On December 11th, J. H. and W. N. were shown at Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson's clinical museum. Mr. Hutchinson was distinctly of opinion that the pathological condition had been produced by the inoculation of tubercle.



A piece of skin from J. H.'s arm was cut out and examined; well-marked giant cells were found in the corium immediately under the Malpighian layer, although the presence of bacilli was not demonstrated.

The parents of the boys, in spite of repeated warnings as to the danger the latter ran, would not use their influence to make them attend the hospital; consequently we were unable to witness the result of any local treatment.

## MEMORANDA:

MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OBSTETRICAL, THERAPEUTICAL, PATHOLOGICAL, Etc.

### POISONOUS TICK.

I HAVE lodged eight specimens of this insect, known to the natives as carapato or tampan, in the Natural History Department of the British Museum, where it is known as the "poisonous tick." In appearance it resembles a large sheep tick, and it is impossible to crush it between the finger and thumb, as it is so tough.

The Portuguese at Tete say that they have lost many men from the bite of this insect. Newcomers are warned against sleeping on the floor of the huts, as the insect dwells in the grass roofs. In the houses at Tete the legs of the bedsteads are seen to be placed in vessels containing kerosene, to keep it away from the bed. Fever and acute dysentery are said by the Portuguese to follow the bite, the severity of the attack being in proportion to the number of bites received.

A European who was travelling through Tete requested me to see his servant, who was sick. I found that he was a native lad from a distant part of the country, and that for two nights he had been sleeping on the floor of the hut in which his master was stopping. He complained of great pain in the left great toe, the pain running up the leg, and said that something had bitten him during the previous night. The toe was slightly swollen, but I could not detect any puncture in the dark skin. His temperature was 104.2°, and he had

vomited twice. In twenty-four hours, with the exception of numbness in the toe, he was quite well.

This insect is mentioned by Livingstone in his description of Tete in his *Travels* (I think the second volume); it is also found, though apparently to a less extent, at the Portuguese town of Lena, lower down the Zambesi.

J. Dowson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
Surgeon, R.N.

Through the kindness of Sir William Flower we have been favoured with the following memorandum on the subject by Mr. R. I. Pocock, of the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road: "The effects produced upon human beings in tropical countries by the bite of ticks have long been known, and cases of the supposed injury to health caused by these animals have been recorded from various parts of the world as well as from equatorial Africa. The effect of the bite, however, appears to depend very largely upon the physical condition of the individual at the time of being attacked. The carapato or tampan of Tete is very closely allied to, if not identical with, a species from Egypt named *Argas savignyi*. Another closely allied form has been brought from the Congo."

### THE PROGNOSIS OF APOPLEXY.

WITH reference to the prognosis of cerebral apoplexy in the absence of renal disease, Professor A. G. Barrs in his valuable lecture in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 18th, enumerates as unfavourable conditions, disturbances of respiration, diabetes, chronic alcoholism, typhoid fever, and idiopathic anæmia. To these I would venture to add as determining factors in many cases, condition of the circulation, condition of the nervous system, and the possibility or otherwise of prophylactic treatment. For example, a lady, aged about 70, drank sulphur waters freely, on her own prescription, became constipated, and one day "fell in a fit." As she was naturally plethoric and presented a most unusual degree of arterial and venous tension, I bled to 35 ounces. She regained consciousness in eight hours, was slightly hemiplegic for two or three months, and died six or seven years later of influenza. Again, a highly sensitive clergyman, aged 75, occupying a harassing public position, had a sudden slight left hemiplegia, and three months later, for a few days, a partial aphasia and paresis of the right hand, with nervous excitement. He resigned his position just in time, and in the tranquil atmosphere of retirement had no recurrence of the attacks, but died three years later of another complaint. Lastly, a gentleman, aged 53, in the theatrical profession, is attacked by numbness of the right hand and of the right side of the tongue and aphasia lasting four hours. There are slight returns of these symptoms and occasionally twitching of the right side of the face for several months. The pulse is full, slow, and hard; the urine, otherwise healthy, loaded with urea. He continues to live at high nervous tension and dies of apoplexy at 54. The last case illustrates the fact that very slight attacks may be of very serious prognosis, especially if it is impossible to enforce nervous and circulatory repose. In a large number of cases cerebral hæmorrhage is the result of plethora, with what is conveniently called "suppressed gout," and constipation; and if one can at once employ active depletion, and prevent by a judicious regimen the return of the causal conditions, the prognosis is good.

Strathpeffer Spa.

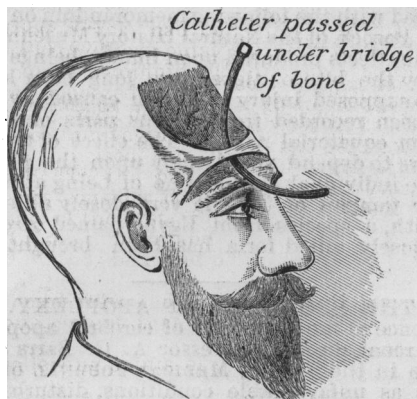
R. FORTESCUE FOX, M.D., M.R.C.P.

### CONDITION IN A CASE OF FRACTURE OF SKULL THIRTY YEARS AFTER INJURY.

THE following curious condition was observed in a miner, since dead, employed in one of the South Wales coalpits.

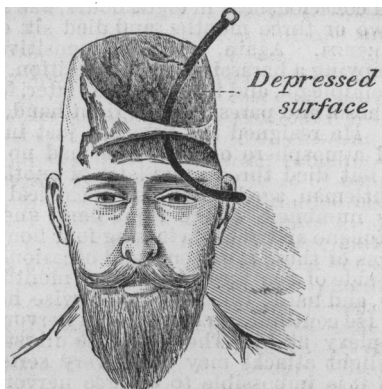
A. B., a man of about 60, of somewhat feeble intellect and addicted to drink, stated that he had received an injury to his head from the bursting of a shell during the Chinese war of 1860. He was unable to say how long he had remained under treatment, but stated that he was "unconscious for a long time;" how long and what were the immediately following symptoms unfortunately could not be ascertained, but apparently since his discharge from hospital he had not suffered in any noticeable manner. His memory for after-events was fairly good, but he could only detail the circumstances immediately preceding the receipt of his injury in

an uncertain and hazy manner. On his recovery he returned to England, married, and has had several children. The whole frontal region from the supraorbital eminences to the coronal suture appeared to have sustained a severe compound fracture, or series of fractures, for it must have been completely smashed in, and presented, thirty years after the occurrence, a concave uneven surface. Bony union was complete, and irregularities, probably corresponding with the



lines of fracture, could be distinctly felt through the skin. Passing laterally across the concavity about 1 inch above the supraorbital eminence was a bridge of bone  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in depth, entirely invested by skin and leaving an opening beneath it through which a No. 12 catheter could be passed.

Unfortunately no photograph was obtained, but the accompanying sketches give some idea of the condition.



The patient was the subject of chronic bronchitis, and eventually succumbed to an acute attack.

Permission to publish this case has been kindly granted by Dr. J. R. James, J.P., of Pentre, South Wales.

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#### PREGNANCY ASSOCIATED WITH AN UNRUPTURED HYMEN AND A VAGINAL CYST.

On October 3rd, 1894, I was called to see Mrs. E. F., aged 35. She had been married for ten months. Her husband explained to me that he had never had proper connection with his wife, as he had found it impossible to obtain entrance, adding that he thought the hymen was the cause of the obstruction. His wife had not menstruated since the beginning of April, and her abdomen had greatly enlarged, but he did not think it possible that she could have become pregnant in the circumstances. I found an unruptured and very tough hymen, with a small opening at its anterior margin, the size of this opening being rather less than the diameter of a piece of slate pencil. The woman was in the sixth month of pregnancy, and the sounds of the foetal heart

were distinctly audible. I incised the hymen freely, but on digital examination found that the vagina was occupied by a swelling about the size of a small orange, and it was with difficulty that I could pass my finger up to the os uteri. On more careful examination the swelling was discovered to be a cystic tumour growing from the posterior vaginal wall, about half-way between the posterior fornix and the ostium vaginae. Nothing more was done at the time, and no mention of the tumour was made to the patient.

On November 4th I was informed that Mrs. F. had been suffering from pain, and that something came down outside. A small incision was made in the cyst, and a semifluid jelly-like matter of the colour of barley sugar squeezed out. The cyst soon filled up again, and gave rise to a good deal of discomfort, frequently protruding from the ostium vaginae.

On November 26th the tumour was again incised, this time more freely, and its contents expressed. In the patient's advanced condition of pregnancy I did not consider it advisable to attempt total or partial extirpation of the cyst. Since that date there has been no recurrence of the tumour, and on examination on April 23rd, 1895, nothing was to be found but a little thickening at the seat of its growth.

Mrs. F. gave birth to a full-time female child on January 9th. The labour was quite a normal one, except that there was a little perineal laceration.

This case appears to present the following points of interest:

1. The occurrence of pregnancy notwithstanding the presence of the unruptured hymen, and the partial blocking up of the vagina by the tumour.

2. The tumour gave rise to no inconvenience until the hymen was operated upon, the tough hymen apparently acting as a support, thus preventing prolapse of the cyst.

3. The fact of simple incision being followed by cure of the cyst up to the present time (over five months). The time which has elapsed is, however, too short to allow us to look upon the cure as permanent.

Portland.

DAV. J. LAWSON, M.D.

#### A CASE OF THROMBOSIS AND RUPTURE OF THE HEART IN AN INFANT.

On February 20th I was sent for suddenly to see a boy, aged 9½ months, who had died without apparent cause. He was one of twins, and had been delicate and subject to convulsions from birth. On the day on which he died he was seated on his grandmother's lap, and his mother was in the room by him. His mother told me that he was then seized with a fit and died in three minutes. She said that the fit was different in character from those he had previously gone through; he appeared quite well up to the time when he had the fit.

An inquest was held. On making a *post-mortem* examination I found the pericardium distended with fluid blood, and a rupture one-third of an inch in length in the right ventricle. It was gaping and started about the middle of the ventricle at its junction with the septum ventriculorum. On opening the right ventricle I found a white thrombus loose in the cavity. It was an inch long, one-third of an inch wide, and about a quarter of an inch thick. There were two smaller thrombi situated between the columnæ carnae of the right ventricle. The walls of the right ventricle were stretched, but appeared normal in other respects. The remainder of the heart and other organs were normal. This case is interesting on account of the age of the patient and the absence of any definite degeneration or malformation of the heart; also from the fact that in this case the rupture took place in the right ventricle, whereas in the other recorded cases of spontaneous rupture the tear has occurred almost without exception in the walls of the left ventricle.

Hendon.

F. W. EDRIDGE-GREEN, M.D., F.R.C.S.

**A MUSICAL DOCTOR.**—Dr. Hemmeter, of Baltimore, has composed a cantata entitled *Hymn to Hygeia*. The composition is said to be in "modern classical style," and to contain a "hygeia motive." This motive is "first given out in the reed and wind instruments," and then the tenor and bass voices enter upon "a spirited chorus in G major, the harmony beginning in full massive ascending chords, expressing the glory and honour of the calling of the followers of Æsculapius."

This was agreed to pending the report of the Committee appointed to consider the Bill.

[The great amount of space which we have felt it necessary to devote to the above subjects compels us to omit a full report of certain matters of a more formal nature considered by the Council. Among these were:

Certain suggestions by the Examination Committee for an alteration of the form in which returns are received from the public departments respecting competitive examinations with the view of rendering the information more valuable.

A report from the Education Committee as to certain medical ordinances of the Scottish University Commissioners. The Committee were of opinion that the Council must now await the expiry of the Commission, and then represent the state of matters to the University Courts of the Scottish Universities, in order that the offending ordinances might be repealed. The report was adopted.

A report as to the registration of dental students entering upon pupillage with a registered dental practitioner.

A report from the Education Committee recommending the recognition of the matriculation examination of the University of Wales subject to the condition that the student shall have being approved in one of the optional subjects required by the Council, and that whole examination has been passed at the same time. This was adopted.

It was reported that the freehold reversion of the premises 299, Oxford Street, and 16, Hanover Square, had been purchased, and the President and Treasurers were thanked for their services in this matter.

A proposal to vary the travelling expenses allowed to members coming from long distances was negatived, as was also a suggestion that the Council should sit three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon of each day of its sessions.]

## MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

### CHEAP DISPENSARIES IN POPULAR WATERING PLACES.

A HANDBILL of a very unpromising description has been received from the neighbourhood of Margate, vaunting the advantages of a cheap dispensary of the true East London type. Until quite recently these institutions had been peculiar to London and the large provincial towns, and we had hoped that our professional brethren elsewhere were free from these pests, and not exposed to this form of competition. It would seem, however, that medical aid societies, cheap dispensaries, and other means of depreciating the value of medical services are becoming general throughout the length and the breadth of the land, and it is sad to think what must necessarily be the fate of the practitioner of the future if some means of preventing these abuses cannot be arrived at.

### A MIDWIFE AND PUERPERAL FEVER.

At the Sunderland Police Court, on May 22nd, a midwife named Burlinson was charged with exposing clothing which had been in contact with persons suffering from an infectious disease without previous disinfection, whereby disease was disseminated. According to the report in the *Newcastle Daily Leader*, the midwife had been in attendance on a case of puerperal fever, and had been given notice by the medical officer of health not to attend any other case of confinement for six weeks. She disobeyed this order, and the woman she attended was found to be suffering from puerperal fever. The defendant agreed to attend no more cases for two months, and the case was withdrawn.

### ASSISTANTS AND CANVASSING.

R.W.M.—Inasmuch as our correspondent's professional opponent and his branch assistant appear to be ignorant or insensitive to their ethical obligations to a brother practitioner we fear that but little can be done (otherwise than by a conscientious fulfilment of his own duty and thereby setting an example of brotherhood) to restrain the unethical proceedings with which he has to contend—unless the assistant in question be an unqualified man, in which case the General Medical Council may not improbably be induced on a due representation of the facts to take cognisance thereof, seeing that a medical practitioner who employs an unqualified assistant renders himself liable to their official censure.

### THE RIGHT TO ENTER PREMISES.

At the North London Police-court on May 15th an important decision was given by the magistrate with respect to the right of a sanitary inspector to enter premises. One of the inspectors of the Stoke Newington Vestry had been refused admission to premises in the occupation of a member of the Sanitary Committee of the Vestry. A summons was taken out, and it was urged, on behalf of the Vestry, that a penalty was incurred by the mere refusal to admit the inspector. The defendant pointed out that provision was made in the Public Health (London) Act for application to a justice for a warrant in cases in which admission was refused, and in which a nuisance was known to exist on the premises. The defendant argued that no question of wilful obstruction could arise until such a warrant had been obtained. The magistrate, however, held that Section 10 of the Public Health (London) Act, gave a right of entry

for the purpose of examining as to the existence of any nuisance, and that refusal to admit an officer constituted wilful obstruction. The defendant was fined 20s. and 2s. costs.

The first Section of the Public Health (London) Act declares it to be the duty of every sanitary authority to cause to be made from time to time inspection of their district with a view to ascertaining what nuisances calling for abatement exist, and there can be no doubt that the officers of sanitary authorities might be considerably hampered in the performance of their duties under this section if the view taken by the defendant in the Stoke Newington case were held to be the correct one.

### ACCEPTANCE OF PRESENTS BY ASSISTANTS.

R. G. M.—There can be no doubt that it is contrary to all professional rules for an assistant to receive money presents from a patient of his principal; were it otherwise it would be impossible in many cases for a medical man to avail himself of the services of an assistant, as it would often be most difficult to discriminate between these presents and money paid in remuneration of professional services. But, although there can be no question as to the general rule under the circumstances detailed by our correspondent, we think that most principals would in all probability permit their assistants to retain a present given thus openly in the presence of the principal.

## NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

### THE NAVY.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: CORNELIUS BRADLEY, M.D., Surgeon, to the *Herald*, May 23rd; J. P. WILKS, M.D., to the *Mosquito*, May 23rd; THOMAS D. HALAHAN, B.A., M.B., to the *Repulse*, May 23rd; ERNEST J. FINCH, Surgeon, to Plymouth Hospital, May 23rd; EDWARD H. MEADEN, Surgeon, to the *Wildfire*, May 24th.

### ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. DE LA C. CORBETT, M.D., D.S.O., is appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Oude and Rohilcund Districts, Bengal Command, *vice* Surgeon-Colonel W. T. Martin, who has been granted leave on medical certificate.

### INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON-MAJORS G. T. THOMAS, A. J. STURMER, and A. ADAMS, M.D., Madras Establishment, are promoted to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonels from March 31st; Surgeon-Captain A. O. EVANS, of the same Establishment, is promoted to be Surgeon-Major from the same date.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. L. HACKETT, Madras Establishment, is permitted to retire from the service from May 4th. He was appointed Assistant-Surgeon, April 1st, 1867, and Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, January 27th, 1891.

### ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE.

SURGEON-CAPTAINS H. C. LAMPORT, M.B., and J. A. RIGBY, M.D., 5th Lancashire Volunteer Artillery (Southern Division Royal Artillery) are appointed Surgeon-Captains of the Army Medical Reserve, May 29th.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

HISTOLOGY.—The Master of Downing (Dr. Hill) and Dr. Barclay-Smith announce a course of instruction in Practical Histology during the long vacation, beginning on July 6th.

HONORARY DEGREE.—The Senate propose to confer the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, on Dr. John Murray, F.R.S.E., editor of the *Challenger* publications, in recognition of his distinguished services to biological science and geography.

BACTERIOLOGY.—The State Medicine Syndicate propose to make a grant of £50 to the Department of Pathology in aid of the course of instruction in bacteriology therein provided for candidates for the Diploma in Public Health.

### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—The following candidates have passed the First Professional Examination held in March:

*Old Ordinance*.—W. H. Dawson, M.A., M. L. Dhingra, Miss A. M. C. Geddes, D. J. Head, D. J. Hughes, B. E. Myers, R. M'K. Skinner, J. Vane (passed in July, 1894).

*New Ordinance*.—J. G. Bell, F. B. Bester, H. W. Boreham, E. R. Branch, H. H. Broome, A. L. P. Brown, E. A. Brown, G. H. J. Brown, R. Bruce, A. R. Buchanan, D. A. Callender, J. Cameron, R. Cameron, H. G. Carlisle, J. G. Carr, H. E. Coghlan, L. Crossley, E. T. Cyriax, R. M. Dalziel, W. Darling, Y. A. Djedjizian, F. H. Dommissie, D. Ferrier, E. C. Ffrench, E. G. Ford, C. Forsyth, J. J. Galbraith, W. A. Gilbert, A. E. Goldie, T. B. Gornall, J. M. Gray, A. M'W. Green, B. Greig, A. H. Griffith, G. Haddow, W. D. S. Harrison, H. T. Holland, P. S. Hopkins, C. A. B. Horsford, A. Hunter, J. Husband, B. S. Hyslop, B. D. King, M.A., H. C. Kenn, A. C. Kirkpatrick, G. R. Laing, J. D. Laing, T. Livingstone, J. Lucknoff (with distinction), J. C. M'Conaghey, E. M'Culloch, P. H. Macdonald, W. R. Macdonald, J. M'Gregor, T. J. T. M'Hattie, A. M. M'Intosh, A. M'Kaig, G. A. Mackay, W. M. Mackay, M. M'Kelvie, R. C. M'Lachlan, P. A. MacLagan, L. C. MacLagan-Wedderburn, G. C. M'Leary, R. H. Macneill, W. Macniven, J. F. Martin, J. Mason, M.A., T. Meldrum, J. W. F. Melville, F. N. Menzies, G. H. Menzies, F. G. Middleton, C. G. Mitchell, A. H. D. Moore, A. Mout, J. R. Munro, C. F. Neville, T. P. Oates, L. J. L. de Pavillet, J. Pender (with distinction), H. G. P. Raeburn, W. Raine, F. E. Robinson, G. B. Robinson, J. &

Robinson, W. Rogers, J. M. Ross, A. Shearer, T. S. Shepherd (with distinction), G. F. B. Simpson, A. B. Slater, A. K. Smith-Shand, F. H. Stirling, C. S. Stevenson, W. J. Stuart, W. W. Thom, A. H. Thomas, J. P. Thorne, N. D. Walker, C. H. J. Watson (with distinction), A. Whitmore, A. H. Wood.

The following candidates have passed the Second Professional Examination (Old Ordinance) in March and April, 1895:

D. N. Anderson, F. Anderson, R. W. Anthony, E. Arkwright, H. S. Ballantyne, B.Sc. (with distinction), J. E. Blackburn, E. Bramwell, W. Buchanan, L. M. Cairns, T. M. Callender, A. F. Cameron, M.A., H. O. Dougall, H. Douglas, S. Ducat, A. R. Eates, W. Finlay, J. Forbes, M.A., B.Sc., H. Fowler, P. W. Freyer, J. M. de Freitas, D. D. Gold, N. Gunn, W. F. Harvey (with distinction), W. J. H. Hislop, J. D. C. Howden, R. K. Howden, W. Jagger, J. B. Jamieson, C. H. Johnson, T. F. Johnston, D. T. R. Jones, H. Jones, R. W. Knox, C. D. Lander, J. Lee, J. F. Lindsay, R. E. Loney, A. L. Low, G. C. Low, M.A., J. D. McCrindle, J. J. L. Macfarlane, G. McKellar, A. D. Macpherson, M. W. Manuk, J. E. Martin, E. Matthew (with distinction), N. Maudsley, F. H. Merry, J. Patton, C. H. Phillips, E. O. Porritt, C. Porter, M. S. Râu, B.Sc., J. A. Rees, J. Richards, T. A. Ross, G. B. Serie, J. T. Shirraw, J. W. Simpson, G. S. Small, H. W. Smith, H. T. J. Thacker, H. M. Traquair (with distinction), J. H. H. Walker, A. H. Watt, A. E. White, J. H. White, A. E. Wight, W. G. Wight, F. M. Wilcox, A. E. Williams, T. A. Williams, J. F. Woolfe.

Passed in Anatomy and Physiology (Old Ordinance):

A. W. G. Clark, J. Graham, J. S. Grissell, N. Gunn, E. H. Jones, L. Kingsford, W. M. Milne, M.A., J. Muir, O. Rait.

The following candidates have passed the Second Professional Examination (New Ordinance):

B. C. R. Aldren, T. R. W. Armour (with distinction), T. Biggam, W. Burns, M.A., C. M. Cooper (with distinction), J. F. Falconer, J. S. Fraser (with distinction), W. Hamilton, P. Kinmont, I. L. MacInnes, J. Malcolm (with distinction), F. W. More, R. G. Riddell, J. R. Williamson.

Passed in Anatomy and Physiology (New Ordinance):

E. F. Baumann, L. W. Davies, W. S. Eaton, G. Gatenby, A. Gibson, W. E. McKennie, G. W. Miller, J. D. B. Mille, A. H. Pirie, C. M. Robertson, J. D. Slight, M.A., W. M. A. Smith, W. R. Somerset, J. W. Struthers.

**FINAL PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF M.B. AND C.M.**—Some 240 candidates have entered for this examination in this University. There appears to be some grumbling among candidates that the arrangements are not so well made as formerly. They assert that they are summoned for their Clinical Examination in Medicine, and then receive notice that it is postponed, and when they appear some of them seem to have been told that a mistake must have been made. But after a little delay they are examined and go away happy or the reverse. It ought to be possible to avoid annoyance of this description, if it really be as bad as is painted. The ordeal is severe enough without the superaddition of this.

#### THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND ITS FELLOWS.

The following notice is to be circulated to the Fellows:

"Royal College of Surgeons of England,  
Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.,  
May 31st, 1895.

"Sir,—I am directed to acquaint you that a meeting of the Fellows of this College will be held at the College, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Thursday, July 4th next, at 5 o'clock P.M., for the following purposes—namely:

"I. To read the minutes of the half-yearly meeting of Fellows on January 3rd last. [Minutes herewith.]

"II. The President to report proceedings in connection with the application to the Secretary of State for alterations in Sections IV, XVI, and XXV of the By-laws.

"III. To read the following resolutions adopted by the Council on February 7th, 1895, in reference to the resolution adopted at the last meeting of Fellows requesting the Council to appoint a Conjoint Committee of members of the Council and other Fellows of the College, to consider the desirability of obtaining a new Charter—namely:

"(a) 'That, in accordance with the opinion of the legal advisers of the College, the Council do not deem it expedient to accede to the resolution passed at the meeting of Fellows held on April 3rd.'

"(b) 'That a Committee of the Council be appointed to receive deputations from the Fellows of the College upon the subject of the resolution of the meeting of Fellows of January 3rd last, and to report thereon to the Council.'

"(c) 'That copies of the two foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the mover and seconder of the resolution of the meeting of Fellows.'

"IV. For the consideration of any \* motions which may be introduced by Fellows in accordance with Clause 6, Section XXIII of the Regulations of the Council relating to meetings of Fellows.

"\*These motions must be signed by the mover, or by the mover and other Fellows, and must be received by the Secretary not later than Wednesday, June 12th next. "EDWARD TRIMMER, Secretary."

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary examination, have been admitted Fellows of the College:

R. H. Cox, S. Finlay, W. J. Greer, and W. J. Trewella.

The death is reported, at the early age of 26, of Mr. T. B. Brierley, jun., of Tattenhall, Cheshire. He had lately held the post of House-Surgeon at the Children's Hospital, Wicker, Sheffield, and it was his intention to join his father in practice in June. The cause of death was blood poisoning of some ten days' duration. The deceased qualified as M.B., C.M. Edin. in 1891.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

THE new north block of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, which has been erected for infectious diseases, diphtheria, measles, and scarlet fever, will be open for inspection on Friday and Saturday afternoons this week.

THE Urban District Council of Waterloo and Seaforth, near Liverpool, have made arrangements for the local supply of diphtheria antitoxin serum to medical practitioners in the district, for the use of poor patients free and for other patients at cost price. The serum supplied is that made by the British Institute of Preventive Medicine.

THE International Congress of "Thalassotherapy" (which being interpreted means "treatment at the seaside") will hold its third meeting at Ostend in August (27th to 31st). The questions on the programme are: 1. Pulmonary Phthisis at the Seaside; 2. *Technique* of the Sea Cure. An exhibition of hygiene and hydrotherapy will take place in connection with the Congress.

LIFE ASSURANCE AND INFLUENZA.—The life assurance offices have had great stress put on their funds by the epidemic of influenza. The death-rate of nearly every company has been sadly swollen by it, and in some cases the disbursements in consequence have, it is reported, played sad havoc with the funds. One office is reported to have sustained a loss of £70,000.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.—The late Mr. Griffith Parry, of Ravenscourt Square, Hammersmith, has by his will bequeathed £25 each to the West London Hospital and the Flintshire Dispensary.—The late Very Rev. William Robert Freemantle has left, among other charities, £100 to the Bucks Infirmary at Aylesbury; £100 to the Jepson's Hospital, Ripon; and £100 to the Ripon Cottage Hospital.

MEDICAL STUDENTS IN HOLLAND.—From a report recently presented to the Second Chamber of the States-General of Holland it appears that the total number of students of medicine in the four Dutch universities at present is 1,486. Of these, Leyden has 349; Utrecht, 277; Groningen, 235; and Amsterdam, 625. The total number of students of all faculties in the universities of Holland is 2,940.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS AT MASON COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM.—The Council of Mason College, Birmingham, announce that three Priestley Scholarships in Chemistry, two Bowen Scholarships in Engineering, and one in Metallurgy, founded by the late Mr. T. Aubrey Bowen, of Melbourne, will be awarded in September. The scholarships are of the annual value of £100, and though good work done at the Mason College will be regarded as a specially favourable qualification; the scholarships are open to general competition. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the College.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF EPILEPTICS.—At the first annual meeting of the governors of this Society a most encouraging report was presented by the honorary medical staff, in the course of which it was stated that the experience of the first half-year since the opening of the colony had been an agreeable surprise, even for those who had been most sanguine as to the ultimate success of an epileptic colony. Marked improvement in health of mind and body had been noted, and a corresponding improvement in the spirits of the colonists and the heartiness with which they worked. The Executive Committee in their report pleaded for funds to enable them to extend their work, and especially to confer the benefits of the colony on women and children. Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the Society, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

#### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:  
CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician, Board, residence, and allowance for washing provided. Appointment for six months. Applications to the Secretary at the office, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C., by June 13th.

**DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON**, Leicester Square.—Two Dental Surgeons. Candidates must be Licentiates of Dental Surgery of one of the licensing bodies recognised by the General Medical Council. Applications and testimonials to J. Francis Pink, Secretary, by June 10th.

**DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM**, Mickleover.—Second Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried, and not exceeding 30 years of age. Salary, £100 per annum, increasing £10 annually to £130, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.

**DISTRICT ASYLUM**, Ballinasloe.—Assistant Medical Officer; doubly qualified, unmarried, must be under 30 years of age. Salary, £120 per annum, with allowances of furnished apartments, board, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by June 17th.

**DURHAM COUNTY ASYLUM**.—Pathologist and Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Superintendent, Durham County Asylum, Winterton, Ferryhill, by June 8th.

**HOSPITAL FOR PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC** (Albany Memorial), Queen Square, Bloomsbury.—Senior and Junior House Physician. Salary for the former £100, and for the latter £50 per annum. Board and apartments in the hospital provided in each case. Applications to B. Burford Rawlings, Secretary and General Director, by June 4th.

**HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury, W.C.—House-Surgeon to the Out-patients. Appointment for six months, but eligible for re-election for a further six months. Salary, 25 guineas. Applications to the Secretary by June 15th.

**HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Resident Medical Officer, doubly qualified. Salary, £80, with board, lodging, and laundry. Applications to the Secretary by June 6th.

**KENSINGTON DISPENSARY**.—Resident Medical Officer; unmarried, under 35 years of age, and doubly qualified. Salary, £125 per annum, with furnished apartments, coals, gas, and attendance. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Frederick Leach, 7, Stanford Road, Kensington Square, by June 12th.

**LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL**.—Junior House-Surgeon. Must possess a registered medical and surgical qualified qualification. One who has filled a similar office preferred. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, etc. Applications and testimonials by May 30th. Also Honorary Assistant Surgeon. Applications to J. E. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, by June 5th.

**LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL**.—Pathologist to the London County Asylums. Salary, £700 per annum, and travelling expenses. Applications (on forms provided), endorsed "Applications for Pathologist," to R. W. Partridge, Clerk of the Asylums Committee, 21, Whitehall Place, S.W., by June 17th.

**MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY**.—Resident Medical Officer; not under 25 years of age, unmarried, and doubly qualified. Appointment for one year, but eligible for re-election. Salary, £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Chairman of the Board by June 22nd.

**NORTH EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**, Hackney Road, Shore-ditch, N.E.—House-Physician. Appointment for six months, and after the expiration of this term the House-Physician will be required, if eligible, to serve as House-Surgeon for a further period of six months. Must possess a medical and surgical qualification. Salary as House-Physician at the rate of £80 per annum, and as House-Surgeon at the rate of £80 per annum. Applications and testimonials to T. Glenton-Kerr, Secretary, City Office, 27, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C., by June 11th.

**NORTHERN INFIRMARY**, Inverness.—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to Mr. Duncan Shaw, Honorary Secretary, by June 5th.

**PARISH OF BIRMINGHAM WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY**.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer; doubly qualified. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, rations (no alcoholic liquors), coals, washing, and attendance. Applications, on forms provided, to Walter Bowen, Clerk to the Guardians, Parish Offices, Birmingham, by June 8th.

**RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY**, Oxford.—House-Physician. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, on printed forms provided, to be sent to the Secretary before June 19th.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**.—Hunterian Professors, the Erasmus Wilson Lecturer, and the Arris and Gale Lecturer for the ensuing year. Applications, with particulars of subjects upon which it is proposed to lecture, to E. Trimmer, Secretary, by June 6th. Also Two Examiners in Dental Surgery; applications by same date.

**ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL**, Frith Street, Soho, W.—House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Honorarium, £12 12s. Application to D. Murray, Honorary Secretary, by June 8th.

**TRINITY COLLEGE**, Dublin.—Lecturer in Pathology. Applications to the Registrar of the University by June 15th.

**VESTRY OF LAMBETH**.—Medical Officer of Health; not less than 25 or more than 45 years of age. Salary, £700 per annum, such salary to include the cost of a carriage to be provided by the officer. Applications, endorsed "Application for Appointment of Medical Officer," to Henry J. Smith, Clerk to the Vestry, Vestry Hall, Lambeth, by June 11th.

**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL**, Hammersmith Road, W.—House-Physician and House-Surgeon. Appointments for six months. Board and lodgings provided. Applications to R. J. Gilbert, Secretary-Superintendent, by June 19th.

#### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**ARNOLD, G. J.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**BLOUNT, G. B. C.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Special Department for Diseases of the Ear at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**BRACKENRIDGE, F. J.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Non-resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**BRANSON, Guy J.**, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin., L.S.A., B.A. Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

**BRICKWELL, H. T.**, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Chigwell District of the Epping Union.

**CANDLEE, G.**, B.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Obstetric House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

**CLARK, Francis W.**, M.B. Durh., D.P.H. Camb., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., Medical Officer of Health for the Borough and Port of Lowestoft, appointed (by the Crown) Health Officer for Hong Kong.

**COXFORD, G. J.**, B.A. Oxon., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Electrical Department at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**DANIEL, E. G. C.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., B.A. Cantab., appointed Resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

**DAVIS, H. J.**, M.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

**DIXON, W. E.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., B.Sc. Lond., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Electrical Department at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**DUMBLETON, C. E.**, M.A., M.D. Cantab., M.R.C.S. Eng., D.P.H., appointed Surgeon to the Dalby Hospital, Queensland.

**EMERY, W. D'Este**, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., B.Sc. Lond., appointed House-Physician to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

**FLEMING, Dr.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Newbridge Dispensary District.

**FLETCHER, Dr.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Castle Donington District of the Shardlow Union, *vice* W. J. Butler, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., resigned.

**GENGÉ, G. G.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Special Department for Diseases of the Ear at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**GREER, T. M.D.**, appointed Medical Officer for the Second District of the Cambridge Union.

**HAINES, Aubrey Wheeler**, L.S.A. Lond., B.Sc. Lond., appointed Obstetric and Ophthalmic House-Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

**HARDING, H. W.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**HAYWARD, J. W.**, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Port Medical Officer for Whitstable.

**JACOBSON, Dr.**, appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Kingston Urban District Council.

**JENKINS, T. J. Pryce**, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the First South-Eastern District of the Freebridge Lynn Union.

**JENNER, L. L.**, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. Oxon., M.R.C.P., appointed Resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

**LAYER, J. W.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Non-resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**LISTER, S. R.**, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth and Fifth Districts of the Wisbech Union.

**MILWARD, F. V.**, B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Special Department for Diseases of the Skin at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**PORTER, W. E.**, M.D. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer to the Printers' Almshouses.

**PRAIN, J. L.**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Special Department for Diseases of the Throat at St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**RANDALL, W.**, L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Maesteg Urban District Council.

**RICHARDSON, S. W. F.**, M.B., B.S., B.Sc. Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Senior Obstetric House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

**ROCHE, Anthony**, M.R.C.P.I., appointed Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene in the Catholic University Medical School, Dublin.

**RUSSELL, A. E.**, M.B. Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**SAUNDERS, Allan L.**, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Eastern District, and Surgeon to the Workhouse of the Freebridge Lynn Union.

**SECCOMBE, P. J. A.**, M.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Special Department for Diseases of the Throat at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**SEDGWICK, H. R.**, B.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Special Department for Diseases of the Skin at St. Thomas's Hospital.

**SKINNER, D. S.**, M.D. Brux., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Willesden District Council.

**STEEN, William C.**, M.D., etc., R.U.I., appointed Honorary Assistant Physician to the Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

**STONE, W. G.**, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. Oxon., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

**SYMONDS, Charters J.**, M.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the London and South-Western Railway Servants' Orphanage, *vice* A. E. Durham, F.R.C.S. Eng., deceased.

**SYMONS, R. Fox**, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital (extension).

**TABB, J. F.**, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer for the North-Eastern District of the Greenwich Union.

TOOMBS, H. G., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Senior Ophthalmic House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.  
WALLIS, Fred C., M.B., B.C.Cantab., F.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Out-patients at Paddington Green Children's Hospital.  
WATKINS, A. M., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse and the Whitechurch District of the Whitechurch (Salop) Union.  
WATTS, Brian, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed House Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, The Wicker, Sheffield.  
WESTON, E. F., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Seighford District of the Stafford Union.  
WRIGHT, J. F., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the West Bolton District of the Bolton Union.

## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

## TUESDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bethlem Royal Hospital, 2 P.M.—Dr. Craig: Climacteric and Senile Insanity.  
THE CLINICAL MUSEUM, 211, Great Portland Street.—Open at 2 P.M., Lecture at 4.

## WEDNESDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars, 1 P.M.—Dr. Payne: Urticaria and Allied Affections. Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, 8 P.M.—Mr. A. Quarry Silcock: Glaucoma, with illustrative Cases.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, 5 P.M.—Mr. T. Holmes: On the Experience of the Hospital in Abdominal Surgery (gynecological operations apart) during the years 1884-1894 inclusive. Hunterian Lecture I.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C., 3 P.M.—Lecture by Dr. Gowers.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown by Drs. Duncan, Playfair, Griffith, Lewers, Addinsell, and by Mr. O'Callaghan. Papers:—Dr. Eden: On the Development and Normal Structure of the Human Placenta, with limelight demonstration. Mr. Alban Doran: Placental Polypus.

## THURSDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, 2 P.M.—Dr. Taylor: Varieties and Treatment of Epilepsy. Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, 3.30 P.M.—Dr. A. E. Garrod: Congenital Heart Disease. Central London Sick Asylum, Cleveland Street, 5.30 P.M.—Professor Clifford Allbutt: Cases in the Wards.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, 5 P.M.—Mr. T. Holmes: On the Experience of the Hospital in Abdominal Surgery (gynecological operations apart) during the years 1884-1894 inclusive. Hunterian Lecture II.

NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, 8.30 P.M.—Clinical Meeting.

## FRIDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bacteriological Laboratory, King's College, 3 to 5 P.M.—Professor Crookshank: Lecture: Actinomycosis and Glanders. Practical work, Staining Sections and Cultivations.

## SATURDAY.

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

## 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 ensure insertion in the current issue.*

## BIRTHS.

BARR.—On May 27th, at Wentworth, Rotherham, the wife of Horace Carlos Barr, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

COOK.—On May 13th, at Byfield, Bromley, Kent, the wife of P. Inkerman Cook, M.D., of a son.

HEWLETT.—On May 26th, at St. Anne's, East Sheen (the residence of her father), the wife of Richard T. Hewlett, M.D., M.R.C.P., of a daughter.

SINCLAIR.—On May 3rd, at Holmwood, Rangoon, the wife of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel David Sinclair, M.B., V.H.S., Inspector-General of Gaols, with civil medical administration, Burmah, of a daughter.

WALTERS.—On May 26th, at 5, Fairfield Road, Croydon, the wife of F. R. Walters, M.D., M.R.C.P., of 60, Welbeck Street, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

BLAKESLEY-HURD.—On April 30th, at St. John's Church, Whitwick, Henry J. Blakesley, F.R.C.S.Eng., 46, London Road, Leicester, to Constance Mabel, younger daughter of the Rev. W. R. Hurd, Rector of Flowton, Suffolk.

## DEATH.

BRIERLEY.—On May 14th, at the Wicker Hospital, Sheffield, Thomas Booth Brierley, M.B., M.R.C.S., eldest son of Thomas Booth and Mary Brierley, of Tattenhall, Cheshire, aged 26 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.

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.

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.

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.

A CORRESPONDENT states that a friend who has undergone treatment known as "oxygène comprimé" at the Etablissement Pneumatique, 17, Rue de Pyramides, Paris, is anxious to visit England, and to know if, while here the treatment should be necessary, he can obtain it in London. It appears to consist of douching, and then sitting in a room where the particular air is pumped in by machinery and then inhaled.

## FIXED OR STIFF TOE JOINTS.

Pes inquires as to the best remedy for this condition in a healthy lad of 17? The tarso-metatarsal articulation of one foot is fixed, and very painful after much walking. Treatment so far has been inunction of oleate of mercury ointment; large (wide) brown boots and less walking, but cycling in moderation allowed.

## SULPHUR AND BARIUM BATHS.

J. writes: I shall be glad for a reference respecting the use of sulphur baths as at Harrogate, also barium baths as at Kreuznach and (I think) Llandrindod in Wales. In both cases I want information about temperatures, frequency of use, and for what diseases supposed to be advantageous. There may be a handbook containing all required knowledge.

## ANSWERS.

J. B. W.—Sir William Savory's work, entitled *Life and Death*, was published by Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co., in 1883.

PROTOPLASM.—Probably the best book for our correspondent's purpose would be Dr. P. M. Bride's *Diseases of the Throat, Nose, and Ear* (Young J. Pentland), of which a second edition appeared some months ago.

J. R. G.—The regulations referred to are contained in a pamphlet entitled *The Regulations as to Defects of Vision which disqualify candidates for Admission into the Civil or Military Government Services*, by Mr. Macnamara, published by Messrs. J. and A. Churchill (2s.)

R. H.—If the Colleges from which the advertiser derives his diplomas will take no action to restrain him, there does not appear to be any body empowered to take notice of his conduct. He has already been dealt with, to the limit of their statutory powers, by the General Medical Council.

## A SPA FOR SCIATICA.

PEAT BATH writes to advise "A.B." to spend his month at Strathpeffer. The sulphur waters and the various forms of baths there employed are much used in cases like his.

REMUNERATION OF SURGEONS TO FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACCORDING TO  
WORK DONE.

C. P. H. draws our attention to the rules of the National Deposit Friendly Society, whereby the medical officer is "paid for each thing he does at a certain fixed rate," and claims that in this way he gets a "fair remuneration," and that there is no "cagging."

As to the fair remuneration this must largely depend on the amount of this "certain fixed rate," which is not specified; at the same time it must be admitted that in this way a better rate of payment is more likely to be received than under the usual system; for, in a busy club practice the practitioner were to take the total amount he receives from his clubs, and were to form an estimate as to what this would allow "for each thing he does," the wretched pittance it would come to would be such as few friendly societies would care to offer to a member of our profession.

As to "cagging," if by this is meant "touting," it is by no means clear why this system more than the other should put an end to the practice.