

Association Intelligence.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Cambridge, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of August next.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, cases, or any other communications, are requested to furnish, at their earliest convenience, the titles thereof to the General Secretary.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary.*

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, May 10th, 1864.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE Committee of Council will meet at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on THURSDAY, the 30th of June, at a quarter before Three o'clock P.M., for Three precisely.

Business.—To receive communications from the President.

To prepare the Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Any other business which may be brought forward.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary.*

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, June 15th, 1864.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

| NAME OF BRANCH. | PLACE OF MEETING. | DATE. |
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| LANCASH. & CHESHIRE. [Annual.] | Town Hall, Lancaster. | Wednesday, June 29th, 12 noon. |
| YORKSHIRE. [Annual.] | Philosophical Hall, Leeds. | Thursday, June 30, 2.30 P.M. |
| NORTH WALES. [Annual.] | Black Lion Hotel, Mold. | Tuesday, July 5, 1.30 P.M. |
| WEST SOMERSET. [Annual.] | Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton. | Wednesday, July 6, 2.30 P.M. |
| BATH AND BRISTOL. [Annual.] | Mineral Water Hos- pital, Bath. | Thurs., July 7, 4.30 P.M. |
| METROPOL. COUNTIES. [Annual.] | Crystal Palace, Sydenham. | Tuesday, July 12, 3.30 P.M. |

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held in the Town Hall, Lancaster, on Wednesday, June 29th, at Twelve o'clock, noon: E. D. DE VITRÉ, M.D., President.

Gentlemen intending to read papers are requested to transmit the titles of the same to the Honorary Secretary, Dr. Wm. Roberts, Chatham Street, Manchester, not later than June 16th.

WILLIAM ROBERTS, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Branch will be held at the Philosophical Hall, Leeds, on Thursday, June 30th, at 2.30 P.M.

Communications have been promised by the President (S. Hey, Esq.); W. D. Husband, Esq.; T. P. Teale, jun., Esq.; etc.

The members and visitors will afterwards dine together at the Queen's Hotel.

GEORGE HORNBY, *Hon. Secretary.*

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the North Wales Branch will be held at the Black Lion Hotel, Mold, on Tuesday, July 5th, at 1.30 P.M., under the presidency of W. WILLIAMS, M.D.

Gentlemen having papers or cases to communicate, will please to forward the titles of the same to Mr. Kent Jones, Beaumaris.

Luncheon at 12.30, at the house of Dr. Hughes.

Dinner at the Black Lion Hotel, at 4 P.M.

D. KENT JONES, *Hon. Secretary.*

Reports of Societies.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1864.

W. ADAMS, Esq., F.R.C.S., President, in the Chair.

Dislocation of the Patella outwards. The PRESIDENT exhibited casts of the knee-joints of a young gentleman aged 10, one of which showed a complete dislocation of the patella outwards. There was no knock-knee. Some years ago, the boy, when playing, met with an accident; and since then he had no longer been able to play, and his parents dreaded his going out, as he was liable to fall down suddenly. Mr. Adams observed that it was his intention to prevent all motion of the joint for eighteen months or thereabout, by keeping the leg straight, and thus to produce partial ankylosis of the knee-joint. There was no difficulty in reducing the patella.

Diphtheria. Dr. CLEVELAND had lately had two cases of diphtheria, which recovered under a stimulating treatment and sponging the fauces with a solution of borax.

Dr. GRAILY HEWITT had, in cases of diphtheria, recently observed that the patches of effusion occurred at a somewhat advanced state of the disease, often out of sight of an ordinary inspection of the throat. The upper part of the pharynx, above the uvula, or the posterior nares, was the primary seat of the disease in some cases. A discharge from the anterior nares, causing excoriation, was an early symptom. He had seen great benefit from topical application, made by means of a piece of cotton wool dipped in an astringent fluid and tied round the end of the finger, to the upper part of the pharynx. In all cases, very large doses of stimulants appeared to him absolutely essential, together with nutritious food frequently administered.

Dr. GREENHOW considered topical applications of no great importance in the treatment of diphtheria. In fifteen *post mortem* examinations which he had made, he had found the mischief by no means confined to the surface of the diseased parts, but extending deeply into the tissue beneath. The membrane approached the condition of sloughing, and abscess was sometimes found in the centre of the tonsil. Sometimes there was ecchymosis into the muscles of the neck. Any violent local means, indeed, were counter-indicated, and deodorants alone were serviceable. The remedy to be preferred, when hæmorrhage came on early, was tincture of sesquichloride of iron; it penetrated into the membrane. He had abjured local medication, such as nitric acid; and had seen cases where strong applications had done much mischief.

Dr. FULLER observed that in itself a patch of membrane on the pharynx was of no great consequence; and patients died when no such patch occurred. In the case of a child that died of diphtheria in St.

TARTARISED ANTIMONY IN SCROFULOUS OPTHALMIA.

LETTER FROM D. J. GARNHAM, Esq.

SIR,—In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for June 4th is a letter from Mr. Chesshire of Birmingham, on "Tartarised Antimony as a remedy in Strumous Ophthalmia."

The treatment he proposes is, I doubt not, entirely new to most practitioners, and even contrary to the ordinary received ideas of the principles of practice in such diseases. Of its efficacy, however, in such cases—more particularly in those where a long continued treatment with quinine, steel, and other ordinary tonic remedies, has been persisted in—I have for some long time been enabled to take advantage of in my practice.

The idea of the use of tartarised antimony in such a disease, I first received from my much respected friend and teacher, Mr. J. W. Wakem of London; and he (I believe I have heard him state), in his turn, first saw it used in the practice of some practitioner of former days in Cornwall.

It has been my habit to administer it in slightly nauseatic doses of from one-twentieth to one-twelfth of a grain, or more, according to age, usually combining it with a saline purgative, such as the ordinary hospital white mixture, in just sufficient quantity to act slightly upon the bowels. Its effect upon the patient speedily becomes apparent; and the distressing intolerance to light is one of the earliest symptoms to receive relief.

From the administration of emetic doses of tartarised antimony in this disease, I have not seen good results follow.

In the one treatment, as in the other, of course, it would be needless to say, exclusion from light is equally necessary.

Trusting that my few remarks may assist to strengthen the practice advanced by Mr. Chesshire, and also lead to others trying the same.

I am, etc., DEVEREUX J. GARNHAM,
House Surgeon Lincoln Dispensary.

Lincoln, June 8th, 1864.

THE MEDICAL SERVICE IN INDIA. In the House of Commons, on June 17th, Mr. Leslie asked the Secretary of State for India whether the necessary arrangements were now completed for issuing the Royal warrant to Her Majesty's medical service in India. Sir C. Wood said there had been some delay in this matter, in the hope of combining the arrangement of the present service with that of the future service in India. It had been, however, determined, in consequence of some difficulties, to make the arrangements for the present service, and orders to that effect were sent to India about a month ago, and if the hon. member would move for that dispatch he would lay it on the table of the house.

FAILURE OF THE MEDICAL ACT IN AUSTRALIA. Although our local Act is very explicit in defining the penalties incurred by those persons who fraudulently represent themselves as qualified medical practitioners, the offence is still committed with as much impunity as if no such provision existed. The colony still swarms with the vampires that fatten upon the life of an overtrusting public, whose health they ruin and whose pockets they drain. In this city of Melbourne they abound in clusters, doing a thriving business; and not only inflicting serious bodily injury upon their unhappy dupes, but reaping the rewards that should go to the educated medical man for services honestly rendered and conscientiously discharged. (*Australian Medical Journal*.)

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Friday, June 17th, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, and satisfied the College of their proficiency in the science and practice of medicine, surgery, and midwifery, were duly admitted to practise physic as Licentiates of the College:—

Bowles, Robert Leamon, Folkestone
Churchill, John Foot, Croydon
Cooper, George Frederick, Reading
Court, Josiah, Guy's Hospital
Dodsworth, Frederic Charles, Turnham Green
Hammond, Charles, Southampton
St. John, Charles, 6, Foulis Terrace, Onslow Square
Wise, William Clunie, M.D. St. Andrews, Plumstead

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen were reported by the examiners to have passed the primary professional examination:—

Cuddeford, Thomas, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Taylor, James, Glasgow
Worsley, James Henry, Bury, Lancashire

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE. Degree of M.B. conferred at a Congregation held on June 18th.

Farebrother, Thos., M.A., Queen's College, Oxford (*ad eundem*)
Graham, Arthur R., St. Peter's College

Degree of M.D., in Congregation held June 21st.

Latham, Peter W., Downing College
Robertson, Charles A. L., Caius College

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On June 16th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Dawson, Henry, Church Road, Islington
Franklin, Charles, Maida Hill
Hawkins, Edmund Woods, Commercial Road
Jones, Benjamin, Llangefni, Anglesey
Moss, Charles, St. Helena
Puzey, Chauncy, Surrey Square, Old Kent Road
Shaw, Charles Edward Martin, York Street, Portman Square
Snell, Ebenezer, Plymouth

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

Nowell, Richard B., Guy's Hospital
Nunneley, Frederick Barham, University College Hospital
Tayler, George Christopher, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Weekes, Henry, Guy's Hospital

DEATHS.

DAVIS, John, M.D., Surgeon R.N., at Bristol, aged 73, on June 17.
FORSTER. On June 16th, at Sunbury, aged 44, Cotingham, third son of *J. Cooper Forster, Esq., of St. Thomas's Street.
MILLER, James, Esq., Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, aged 52, on June 17.
MINSHULL. On June 19th, at Tattenhall, Cheshire, aged 86, Mrs. Minshull, widow of John Minshull, Esq., Surgeon to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, and mother of *J. L. Minshull, Esq., Liverpool.
SPURGIN. On June 15th, at 17, Great Cumberland Street, aged 23, Charles Clissold, third surviving son of *John Spurgin, M.D.

APPOINTMENTS.

ROYAL NAVY.

M'CLURE, Andrew, Esq., M.A., Surgeon, to the *Racer*.
MORTON, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Fawn*.
WARREN, Thomas R., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Cordelia*.

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

HEMINGWAY, C. A., Esq., to be Assist.-Surg. 26th West Riding R.V.
GOLESBY, R. P., Esq., to be Assistant-Surg. 7th West Riding R.V.
WATKINS, E., Esq., to be Assist.-Surg. 2nd Northamptonshire R.V.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY. An additional ordinary meeting of the Fellows of the Society will be held on Tuesday, July 5th, 1864, at eight p.m., to receive the Report of the Scientific Committee on the Uses and Effects of Chloroform.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. The President and Fellows of the College of Physicians held a *Conversazione* in Pall Mall East, on the 18th inst., which was most numerously attended, the list of visitors including names of the highest eminence in the medical and other sciences, together with a large infusion of the political and fashionable world. The spacious library of the College was fitted up for the occasion, and upon the tables were exhibited specimens of the most recent improvements in optical and other scientific instruments, some of the microscopes being of enormous power. Some microscopic preparations were shewn by Dr. L. Beale. Dr. Thudichum exhibited under the microscope a new cysticercus from the sheep; and Mr. E. Hart a new ophthalmoscope, for showing the deep structures of the living eyeball, without darkening the room. A very ingenious arrangement for observing the vibration of sonorous bodies, was shown by Mr. Ladd. Specimens of the casket, or crystal cube portrait, in which a miniature photograph, imbedded in a cube of crystal presents, under the influence of transmitted light, the appearance of a solid bust in perfect relief, were also shown. A valuable collection of minerals and precious stones, lent by Professor Tennant, photographs, and other objects of scientific interest attracted the notice of the visitors. Among the earliest arrivals were their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Louis of Hesse, who were received by the President and members of the Council, and by them conducted through the room.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR MILLER. Mr. James Miller, Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, died on the 17th inst., at Corstorphine, at the age of 52. The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Rev. James Miller, minister of Monikie, in Forfarshire. He studied medicine in Edinburgh, and was the favourite pupil of Mr. Liston, with whom he resided for fifteen years—for five years as his assistant. Mr. Liston before leaving Edinburgh for London, introduced him to all his patients. In 1842, on the death of Sir Charles Bell, Mr. Miller was unanimously elected by the Town-Council to fill the chair of surgery in Edinburgh University, where he was a very popular and successful teacher. Mr. Miller was also Professor of Pictorial Anatomy to the Royal Academy, and was Surgeon-in-Ordinary to the Queen for Scotland. As a surgeon his services were highly esteemed, and both in the scientific and practical parts of his profession he maintained a high reputation. He was the author of *Principles and Practice of Surgery*, which has passed through four editions in this country, and been several times reprinted in America. He was also the writer of the article "Surgery" in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*; and the author of *Surgical Experience of Chloroform*, and other works. He published a considerable number of tracts on temperance, of which he was a strenuous advocate. In philanthropical and religious agitations he took a very active part, both on the platform and through the press; and as an elder in the Free Church was an ardent supporter of its politico-ecclesiastical views, and of its missionary schemes. He was a man of lively and generous sympathies, and of kindly temper, and he enjoyed the affection and esteem of a wide circle of friends, accompanied by no small degree of popularity in public life. He was a man of fine physique, and the sudden breakdown of his constitution gave a shock of surprise to many who had admired his manly vigour and envied his robust health. A few weeks ago he was seized with congestion of the brain, which, notwithstanding the most watchful care of his professional friends, entirely prostrated his strength, both mentally and physically, and rapidly led to a fatal result. Professor Miller married

in 1834 a daughter of the late Major Gordon, of Rosiburn, Aberdeenshire, who, with a numerous family, survives him.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY......Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

TUESDAY.....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

WEDNESDAY....St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.

THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopædic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

FRIDAY......Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Fenwick, "On the Condition of the Stomach and Intestines in Scarlatina"; Dr. Wilson Fox, "On the Origin, Structure, and Development of Multilocular Cysts of the Ovary"; Mr. Kingdon, "On the Causes of Hernia."—Zoological.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

* * All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

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

WE have been obliged this week to defer the insertion of the letters, etc., of many correspondents.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—The following is the proceeding about which our correspondent asks information.

The degree of M.D. Cantab. can be obtained only by going through a prescribed course of study and examinations, the particulars of which may be seen in the *Cambridge Calendar*, *The Students Guide to the University of Cambridge*, and *The Medical Directory*. The chief requirements are:—

1. Residence in the University during three academical years: the first of which is occupied in studies of a general kind, the other two in medical studies.

2. The passing of at least one examination in classics and mathematics, and two examinations in medical subjects; besides certain exercises called acts, including the writing of theses.

The degree of M.D., as also that of M.B. which precedes it, is a legal qualification, entitling its holder to be registered.

The degree of M.B. cannot be obtained in less than five years by a student who begins his medical studies at Cambridge. One who has studied medicine for two years before entering the University may obtain this degree in three years.

The degree of M.D. can be obtained within three years after that of M.B.

The fees for the M.B. degree are eleven guineas; for the M.D. degree, twenty guineas.

The first step for a person to take who is desirous of proceeding to a medical degree at Cambridge, is to enter his name at one of the seventeen Colleges. This is to be done by application to the tutor of the College. If he be not acquainted with either a tutor or a fellow of any one of the Colleges, or with any of the medical men in Cambridge, he can obtain information and enter his name through any Cambridge graduate with whom he happens to be acquainted—such as any of the clergy in his neighbourhood.

There are some reasons for medical students preferring the Colleges of Caius, Downing, St. John's or Sidney, which in various ways give more encouragement to medical students than is at present given by other Colleges.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. WILLIAM COPNEY; Dr. COTTON; Mr. R. S. FOWLER; Mr. HORNEY; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; Mr. GRIFFITHS; Dr. GILCHRIST; Dr. W. OGLE; Mr. D. K. JONES; THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE OMNITOPICAL SOCIETY; Mr. G. BOTTOMLEY; Dr. FOSTER; Mr. V. WEARNE; Mr. JOHN DIX; and Mr. J. VOSE SOLOMON.

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