

Dr. Guyon knows of eight cases in which the sting of the African scorpion was followed by death; three of the sufferers were men, two were women, and three children.

## Association Intelligence.

### BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Leamington, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days of August next.

*President*—G. E. PAGET, M.D. Cantab.

*President-elect*—S. J. JEAFFRESON, M.B. Cantab.

The Address in Medicine will be delivered by W. STOKES, M.D., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Dublin.

The Address in Surgery will be delivered by JAMES SYME, F.R.S. Ed., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, May 16th, 1865.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
SOUTH MIDLAND. [Annual.]	George Hotel, Northampton.	Wednesday, June 7, 2 P.M.
NORTHERN. [Annual.]	Library, Newcastle- upon-Tyne Infirmary.	Wed., June 28, 10.30 A.M.

### SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the South Midland Branch will be held at the George Hotel, Northampton, on Wednesday, June 7th, at 2 P.M.; GEORGE ASHDOWN, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, are requested to forward the titles of the same, as soon as possible; or not later than the 23rd instant, to Dr. Bryan, Northampton.

JOHN M. BRYAN, M.D. } *Hon. Secs.*  
G. P. GOLDSMITH. }

Northampton, May 15th, 1865.

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE First Annual Meeting of the Northern Branch will be held in the Library of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Infirmary, on Wednesday, June 28th, at 10.30 A.M.; D. B. WHITE, M.D., President.

The Council of Management hope that gentlemen will prepare papers and cases, and forward the titles of the same to Dr. Philipson not later than June 17th. Dinner at 6 P.M.

G. H. PHILIPSON, M.B., *Hon. Secretary*.

THE YELLOW FEVER IN BERMUDA. By a general order issued from the War Office, Staff-Surgeon Major T. W. Barrow has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Inspector-General, and Surgeon F. Cogan (2nd Foot) to that of Staff-Surgeon, for highly meritorious services during the epidemic of yellow fever in Bermuda; and the conduct of Staff Assistant-Surgeons F. J. Shortt and F. Pennington and of Assistant-Surgeon R. Burland, M.B., Royal Artillery, is spoken of as having been conspicuous and praiseworthy.

## Reports of Societies.

### HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1865.

J. C. LANGMORE, M.B., President, in the Chair.

*Infantile Paralysis.* MR. WILLIAM ADAMS mentioned that he had frequently had to treat cases of the above complaint, and that in some instances he had been able to restore the power of locomotion, when it had long been supposed to have been irretrievably lost. Infantile paralysis, Mr. Adams observed, came on frequently during teething, at the age of one or two years; both arms or both legs were paralysed suddenly, or within a few hours time, or only one limb might be affected. Sir B. Brodie used to say that, unless this paralysis were naturally recovered from in six months, it was hopeless. In three to six months there was usually the greatest amount of recovery, the rectus muscle of the thigh being often the last to recover. As to the pathology of the disease, Mr. Adams confessed he knew nothing of it. The most recent German authors attributed the affection entirely to the muscles; and Rilliet and Barthez recorded only two *post mortem* examinations. In these, as well as in one made by Mr. Adams, no appearance could be made out to account for the disease. Children did not die of it, and thus the cause of the complaint was not investigated. If practitioners were aware of this fact, they would probably make the necessary examinations. It must be remarked that natural recovery of the muscular power may go on from six months up to three or four years, during which time a series of events takes place; namely, contraction of all the joints. Mr. Wilkinson had lately brought him a child with great contraction of the knee-joints. The muscles around the hip-joint were among the first to recover. A child was lately sent him from Clifton, between six and seven years old, which had never stood. It had contraction of all the joints, arms, legs, and trunk, and Mr. Adams was able to promise the parents that the child should walk in three months. Dr. Brown-Séquard had requested Mr. Adams to see a young lady aged seven, who had been crawling for more than three years, in consequence of paralysis of both legs; in three months this child was able to walk with steel supports. If a child could use the psoas and iliacus muscles, it could be made to walk, and this was the practical test. It should be laid on the floor on its back, and if it can draw up its knees, success is certain. With regard to treatment in the earlier stages of the disease, he had known counterirritation down the spine used, but the chances were that no treatment would do much good. When the child has paralysis with flaccid muscles, rubbing and warm clothing are useful. Galvanism of both legs in warm water is useful, although many physicians and surgeons disparaged the remedy, and said that it had been tried and found valueless. He (Mr. Adams) had two tin boots filled with warm water, in each of which one of the little patients' legs is put, and galvanism applied. Dr. Gull had written some valuable papers on galvanism in the *Guy's Hospital Reports*. The nutrition of the limb must, if possible, be maintained. Dr. Junod's boot for exhausting the air was once in much repute, but is now, perhaps, too much forgotten. A paralytic patient of his could always warm the paralysed leg in ten minutes with this appliance. This apparatus had no bad effects, but was liable to get out of order. It was doubtless a useful remedy in

Mr. Eden, who unintentionally omitted to inform Mr. Thelwall when it would take place; but he has declared to Mr. Thelwall that there was no desire to offer any slight to him on the part of any one.

I forward you a letter which I wrote to the coroner, who is a gentleman thoroughly able to enforce the respect due to his ancient and very important office; and I am happy to say he is satisfied no disrespect was intended to him.

I am, etc.,  
EDWARD WATERS,  
*Physician to the Chester Infirmary.*

Chester, May 17th, 1865.

Mr. Eden writes, in his note to Dr. Waters:

"I can satisfy you, and, if it is desirable, Mr. Thelwall, that you were authorised by Mr. Charles Tomlinson's father to take out Mr. Harrison. I accidentally saw Mr. Thelwall on Monday, and reassured him that, so far as I was concerned, his not being called to the *post mortem* examination was an accidental oversight, for which I was sorry; and that it was not likely that you intended to slight him."

## Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND. The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on May 9th.

Atherstone, Edwin, Grahams Town, Cape of Good Hope  
Barton, Frederick, Bedford  
Bate, George Paddock, Stone, Staffordshire  
Berrell, Charles, Camberwell  
Davis, William Frederick Pen, Ardwick, Manchester  
Evans, Edward Charles, Cardiff  
Gittins, John, Shrewsbury  
Helsdon, Charles Victor, North Walsham  
Hilliard, Henry Charles, Shetford, Bedfordshire  
Howells, Thomas, Kennington  
Johnson, Thomas Soars, Wolverhampton  
Leale, Josiah, Jersey  
Mackinlay, James Grosvenor, Isleworth  
Nuttall, William, Bury, Lancashire  
Packman, Richard Young Vance, Ebury Street, Pimlico  
Rickard, Frederick Martyn, Plymouth  
Rowlands, James David, Carmarthen  
Stuart, William Andrew Patrick, Barbadoes  
Sutcliffe, William Greenwood, Ashton-under-Lyne  
Twigg, Thomas Nathaniel Parwick, Derbyshire  
Verity, Abraham Robert, Bridgend, Glamorganshire  
White, James Atkin, Chatham Hill, Manchester  
Willan, Thomas Henry, Auburn, Lincolnshire

At the same meeting of the Court—

Grigg, Joseph Collings, of Greenwich Hospital, passed his examination for Naval Surgeon. This gentleman had previously been admitted a member of the College; his diploma bearing date April 12th, 1858.

Admitted on May 10th—

Barrett, Howard, Richmond  
Bradley, John, Liverpool  
Bryant, John Heury, Sussex Square  
Colborne, Anthony Charles, Pimlico  
Denziloe, William Le Gros, Bridport  
Hilder, Nelson Albert, Camberwell  
Holmes, Frank, West Gorton, near Manchester  
Keall, William Powell, Bristol  
King, John, Stratton, Cornwall  
Leah, Thomas, Penzance  
Leigh, Thomas Drake, Liverpool  
Marsh, William Joseph, New Kent Road  
Millett, George Bown, Penzance  
Nell, Richard Frederick, Cardiff  
Pritchard, George Frederick, Highbury  
Stone, John Neesam, Dublin  
Visick, Clarence, Exeter  
Wall, Joseph, London  
Welch, John Burges, Taunton  
Wilkins, John Canning, Pinner, Middlesex  
Worsley, James Henry, Bluepits, near Manchester

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On May 4th, 1865, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Bott, Charles Glen, Brentford

Fairles, Nicholas Watson, South Shields  
Jones, William Griffith, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire  
Llewellyn, Rees, Maesgwyn, Breconshire  
Strange, William Heath, Strealey, near Reading  
Treves, William Knight, Dorchester  
Waymouth, Albert, Middlesex Hospital  
Weid, Charles Humphrey, Rolvenden, Kent

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

Cooke, George Richards, Charing Cross Hospital

Admitted on May 11th—

Allen, Josiah, Ripley, Derbyshire  
Bostock, Edward Ingram, Horsham, Sussex  
Covey, Charles Edward, Basingstoke  
Evans, John Tasker, jun., Hertford  
Fyson, Ernest Last, Exning, near Newmarket  
Langley, John Thomas, Gansaw, Monmouthshire  
Nuttall, William, Bury, Lancashire  
Thomas, David Howell, Swansea  
Watson, James B., Havant  
Webb, George Fortescue, Dawlish, Devon  
Whiting, Henry, Southend, Essex  
Wood, Herbert, Ashton-under-Lyne  
Wright, Jarvis, Knutsford, Cheshire  
Wright, Morden, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, EDINBURGH. (Double Qualification.) The following gentlemen passed their first professional examinations during the recent sittings of the examiners.

Affleck, James, Ayr	Kane, T. J., Galway
Affleck, John, Dumfriesshire	M'Laurence, H., co. London-
Alexander, J., Caithness	derry
Alcock, C., Nottingham	M'Rae, John, Ross-shire
Bates, Tom, March, Cambridge	Martin, T. F., co. Louth
Brayton, J. G., Cumberland	Naismith, Wm. J., Sultanpore,
Campbell, Donald, Perthshire	India
Clarke, W. H., Birmingham	Pattie, R., Dumfriesshire
Cote, W. N., Plattsburgh, N.Y.	Porteous, Jas. L. H. H., Had-
Cox, J. W., Annan	dingtonshire
Cribbes, H. S., Killin	Reynolds, F. J., Dublin
Farrelle, W. K., Longford	Robinson, J., Lancashire
Gilruth, G. R., Edinburgh	Steuclair, G. M., Haddington
Greene, R., Boston, U.S.	Stanley, W. E. S., Cumberland
Hamilton, A., Dundee	Unwin, J. B., Sussex
Hunter, W. C. S., Dundee	Waring, R. W., Cavendish
Jones, E. S., Carnarvonshire	Wylls, W. F., Somersetshire

And the following gentlemen passed their final examinations, and were admitted L.R.C.P. Edinburgh, and L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

Benson, J., co. Roscommon	O'Hara, C., co. Fermanagh
Burt, D. A., Fifeshire	Patchett, H., Lancashire
Burton, J., Walsall	Robinson, J., Lancashire
Fothergill, J., Westmoreland	Raby, John, Cornwall
Godfrey, Frank, Salisbury	Shields, R., Edinburgh
Hickinbotham, J., Birmingham	Simpson, J., Cumberland
Johnstone, J., Liverpool	Smith, Henry R., Berwick-on-
Leman, Joseph, Buckingham,	Tweed
Canada	Smyth, Wm., co. Tyrone
Mackenzie, W. S., Sutherland-	Thompson, Wm. G. W., Bally-
shire	money
Mason, J. L., Montréal	Wotherspoon, John T. R., Dum-
Murray, G. B., Annan	friesshire

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH. The following gentlemen passed their final examinations, and were admitted Licentiates of the College during the recent sittings of the examiners.

Anderson, J. K., Arbroath	Jameson, Robert, Ayrshire
Brakenridge, D. J., Perthshire	Knight, A. A. H., Berwickshire
Chiene, John, Edinburgh	Mackelvie, R. M., Wigtonshire
Denton, T. J., Yorkshire	M'Laren, R., Dumfries
Doyle, Bernard, co. Down	Skae, Frederick Wm. A., Edin-
Duncan, A. J., Bengal	burgh
Gibson, J. B., Ayrshire	Sydney, Henry, Kent
Glendinning, Douglas, Dum-	Taylor, James, co. Antrim
friesshire	Thornley, J. G., Londonderry

## APPOINTMENTS.

SCORESBY-JACKSON, Robert, M.D., appointed Physician to the Edinburgh Infirmary, in the room of Dr. Warburton Begbie.

## ARMY.

BARROW, Staff-Surgeon-Major T. W., to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, for highly meritorious services during the epidemic of yellow fever in Bermuda.

COGAN, Surgeon F., 2nd Foot, to be Surgeon-Major, for highly meritorious services during the epidemic of yellow fever in Bermuda.

CROSSIE, Surgeon-Major J. B. St. Croix, to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, vice D. Hanley, M.D.

HANLEY, Staff-Surgeon D., M.D., to be Surgeon 11th Hussars, *vice* Surgeon-Major J. B. St. Croix Crosse.  
MEE, Surgeon J., Royal Artillery, to be Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.

#### ROYAL NAVY.

ANDERSON, William (a), Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Asia*.  
ARCHER, Archibald L., M.D., Surgeon (additional), to the *Indus*.  
ASSHT, William J., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Implacable*, for the *Sealark*.  
BEAUMONT, Robert W., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Fisgard*.  
BELLAMY, George, Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Cumberland*.  
BREEN, Thomas J., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Caledonia*.  
COATES, Matthew, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Caledonia*.  
COLAHAN, Thomas N. W., Esq., Assistant-Surg., to the *Impregnable*.  
EASTCOTT, James C., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Excellent*.  
FERGUSON, Robert, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *St. Vincent*, for the *Martin*.  
GODFREY, George H., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Victory*.  
HATCH, Jeremiah A., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Terrible*.  
HILSTON, Duncan, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon (addit.), to the *Victory*.  
LAUDER, Henry W., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Gleaner*.  
MACDONNELL, Henry, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Irresistible*.  
NOLLOTH, Edward, Esq., Staff-Surgeon, to the *President*.  
STEWART, James, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Sphinx*.  
STEWART, William H., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Caledonia*.  
SUCANE, R. K., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital.

#### MILITIA.

PHILPOTS, H. J., Esq., to be Surgeon Radnor Division of Royal Cardigan, Brecon, and Radnor Militia.

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

CARMICHAEL, J., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Edinburghshire A.V.  
EDKINS, C., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 24th Somersetshire R.V.  
KENDALL, T. M., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 5th Norfolk R.V.  
MACKIE, J., jun., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 7th Forfarshire R.V.  
NEWINGTON, A., Esq., to be Hon. Assistant-Surgeon 41st Kent R.V.  
NEWMAN, W., M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 5th Lincolnshire R.V.  
SANDERSON, A. M., Esq., to be Surgeon 1st Edinburghshire A.V.

#### BIRTH.

ANDREWS. On May 13th, at 1, Oakley Square, London, the wife of Henry Charles Andrews, M.D., of a son.

#### DEATHS.

BACOT. On May 16th, aged 7, Edmund Macdonald, eldest surviving son of Surgeon-Major Bacot, 89th Foot.  
BRIDGE. On April 22nd, at Bath, aged 56, Mary Were, wife of S. F. Bridge, M.D., of Wellington, Somerset.  
CUMMING. On May 8th, at Edinburgh, Jean, widow of Robert S. Cumming, M.D., Surgeon R.A.  
DAVIES, Sir David, K.C.H., M.D., at Lucca, aged 72, on May 2.  
HAMILTON, Charles T., M.D., at Windsor Terrace, Maida Hill, aged 51, on May 4.  
KINSEY, Robert B., Esq., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, at Calcutta, aged 48, on April 1.  
KIRKPATRICK. On May 2nd, at Whitechurch, Shropshire, Elizabeth, widow of the late Edward M. Kirkpatrick, Esq., Surgeon.  
SMITH, Wm. Henry, Esq., Surgeon, at Southsea, aged 53, on May 5.  
STANLEY, John, M.D., at Belle Vue, near Whitehaven, aged 88, on April 28.  
THOMPSON. On May 5th, at Biggleswade, aged 19, Rose Nash, second daughter of John Thompson, Esq., Surgeon.  
VOSE. On May 15th, at Liverpool, Eliza Sarah, widow of the late James Vose, M.D.

SCARLATINA AT ALDERSHOT. Scarlatina is rife at the present time amongst the children in the camp at Aldershot.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge has signified her pleasure to become a patroness of the Hospital for Women.

A VACANT CORONERSHIP. Mr. Carr of Newcastle is a candidate for the coronership of South Northumberland now vacant. He has the full support of all his Newcastle brethren.

ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY. A new wing is to be added to the South Hants Infirmary. Mrs. Crabbe subscribes £2,000 for the purpose, in memory of her late husband Colonel Crabbe.

A GOLD MEDAL. At the meeting of the Dublin Pathological Society last week, it was announced that no essay for the medal had been sent in.

OUR CRIMINAL LUNATICS. There are at present 770 criminal lunatics in lunatic asylums, including 500 "patients" at Broadmoor.

A SPLENDID SALARY. The Town Council of Gateshead have appointed an officer of health. His salary is £25 *per annum*—i.e., about nine shillings and sixpence a week!

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. At a meeting of the Council on April 5th, Messrs. Adams, Annandale, and Agnis, received from the hands of the President the Jacksonian Prizes and special honorarium respectively awarded to them for the excellence of their essays.

CONSUMPTIVE PATIENTS IN MADEIRA. Dr. Stone informs the *Times* that a proposal has been made to him by Captain Erskine, Her Majesty's Consul at Madeira, to guarantee the maintenance and medical treatment of twenty consumptive patients during the coming winter, if the authorities of the Brompton Hospital will undertake to provide transport to and from the place.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS. Dr. Tweedie says of the cerebro-spinal meningitis epidemic he is satisfied it is a disease that in modern times, at least, has not been observed in this country. In all his large experience of fever at the London Fever Hospital he never met with suppurative meningitis, which is characteristic of the Dantzie epidemic, as a lesion in genuine typhus as known to us here.

CONVICTION UNDER THE MEDICAL ACT. A Justice of Peace Court at Aberdeen, had last week before them a case in which Frederic Adair, who addressed himself to a certain class of cases, was accused of advertising himself as M.D., F.R.C.S., without a title to do so. A witness said he had given the accused directions as to getting a diploma from Glasgow. One was produced purporting to be from the Metropolitan College, New York, conferring the degree of M.D. on Frederic Adair. After other evidence Adair was fined £5, with costs, £2:2, for using the letters F.R.C.S. without warrant.

DIETARY OF METROPOLITAN WORKHOUSES. Mr. Villiers said lately in the House of Commons that the dietaries in workhouses have been prepared by the guardians of the unions or parishes to which the workhouses belong. They are generally framed, according to the experience of the board of guardians, to suit the exigencies of their own union or parish. They are referred to the Poor Law Board, who require the opinion of the medical officer, as to the propriety and sufficiency of the dietary for the particular workhouse. They receive his report, and comparing the dietary with certain principles and rules with which they have been supplied by a very eminent scientific authority, and with the result of their own experience, they either sanction the proposal or suggest alterations. It has not been the practice of the Board to compare dietaries of different unions together, as they have never sought to bring about any uniformity in this matter. But a communication from an experienced and able medical officer in the metropolis has been made to the Board a short time since, directing the attention of the Board to the diversities which prevail in the dietaries of the workhouses of the metropolis, and the Board propose to cause an investigation to be made upon the subject, with the view of ascertaining whether any action can be taken in the matter with a beneficial effect.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** We are informed that Mr. Arnott is about to resign the seats he holds as a Councillor and Member of the Court of Examiners of the College as well as his chair at the Council of Medical Education and Registration. For his successor as an examiner, Mr. Hilton is mentioned; for his seat in the Council, Mr. Turner, of Manchester, will offer himself; and for the manly and independent enunciation of his views on all college matters on the last festival of the Fellows there is no doubt his claims to a seat in the Council will be recognised. The retiring members of the Council are Messrs. Quain and Shaw, who will offer themselves for re-election. Mr. Arnott's resignation will bring Mr. Wormald in as President.

**DEFECTIVE RAIN-FALL.** Mr. Symons has drawn up some elaborate tables concerning the fall of rain during past years, and says:—"A careful consideration of this table has led me to the following conclusions—1. That the decreased fall of rain during the last ten years is a general and not local phenomenon. 2. That the decrease amounts to about one-twentieth part of the entire average fall. 3. That in the Eastern and Midland counties of England the decrease has been greater than in any part of the United Kingdom, and amounts to more than a tenth of the whole. I need not say that this falling off in our water supply, at a time when the requirements for it are daily increasing, is a matter of national importance, as well as one of very great interest to water companies and others who are bound to supply a given volume of water, and find their only source gradually failing them. We must hope that it is only a temporary fluctuation, and not the inauguration of a regularly decreasing supply; but it seems to me to warn us of the effect of recent extensive drainage operations to tell us not wantonly to run all our rain instantaneously into the sea, but to store it against periods such as last year, when the blessings conferred by the rain from Heaven were withheld for a time, and to myself it seems to say, 'Hasten on the collection of old records of rain-fall, and see if 190 years tell the same tale as the last half century.'"

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, 1864-5.** The scholarships and foundation prizes have been awarded as follows. *Senior Scholarship in Medicine, Surgery, and Materia Medica*—W. L. Shepard, T. Cuddeford, and J. O. Adams. *Senior Scholarship in Anatomy, Physiology, and Chemistry*—W. J. Garrett, W. Square, and F. H. Haynes. *Wiz Prize*—H. Rundle. *Hichens Prize*—E. W. Berridge. *Practical Anatomy, Senior. Foster Prize*—H. C. Upton; F. H. Haynes, R. B. Moore, J. A. J. Timmins, J. Quick, W. B. Burn, F. H. Lovell, W. Square, W. H. Tattersall. *Practical Anatomy, Junior. Treasurer's Prize*—L. Newton; *2nd Prize*—C. Wade; J. Kirkman, E. B. Crowfoot, W. Thurston, E. Angove, H. J. Butlin, L. Clapham.

**ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.** The thirteenth annual festival in connexion with this college was held on Saturday last at the Freemasons' Tavern; the Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G., in the chair. Among those present were Sir Charles Locock, Mr. Scourfield, M.P., Admiral Burney, Mr. Ferguson, Dr. C. Hogg, Dr. Babington, Dr. Billing, Mr. Propert, and about 120 other members of the medical profession. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, Dr. Babington proposed "the Army, Navy, and Volunteers." Admiral Burney responded for the Navy, and Mr. J. L. Propert for the Army and Volunteers. In the course of his remarks Mr. Propert alluded to the eminent services which Mr. T. Wakley had rendered in connexion with the Volunteer medical department. The toast of "the Church," proposed by Mr. Scourfield, M.P., was acknowledged

by the Rev. G. Pocock. In proposing the toast of the evening the noble chairman dwelt upon the merits which the institution possessed, and the claims which it had upon all who desired to see suffering and affliction alleviated. The institution had been founded by those whose work was exceedingly laborious, and its success might be attributed to the earnestness and zeal which the friends of this excellent charity had displayed. There was, probably, no profession in which accident and chance exercised so large an influence as that of medicine, for while some of its members soon attained distinction and wealth, others, through no fault of their own, would remain in obscurity, still working for the good of their fellow creatures. No profession, therefore, had more claims for sympathy upon every class of the community. The noble lord stated that the trustees of the late Dr. Gilbert had decided upon devoting a considerable portion of his legacy to the benefit of the Medical College. Sir John Bowring and two others of the trustees had informed him that they had decided upon founding three scholarships of £50 each in connexion with the school. In acknowledging the toast of "the Chairman," proposed by Sir Charles Locock, Earl Granville expressed the satisfaction which he experienced at occupying the position of president of an institution which was calculated to confer so many benefits upon the distressed and suffering. The remaining toasts were "the Treasurer," proposed by the Chairman and responded to by Mr. Propert; the "Head Master," proposed by Dr. W. Carr and responded to by the Rev. Dr. Thornton; the "Honorary Local Secretaries," proposed by Mr. Propert and responded to by Dr. Ray; the "Press;" the "Stewards;" and the "Ladies." The subscriptions amounted in the course of the evening to nearly £1000.

**THE CASE OF RICHARD GIBSON.** The reply of the Poor-law Board to the report of Mr. Farnall on the case of Richard Gibson, goes very minutely into all the facts connected with the alleged ill-treatment of the deceased, and expresses their opinion that Dr. Craig, by failing to ascertain the personal condition of the deceased, and neglecting to order for him such articles of nourishment as he required; and that Mrs. Elson, by omitting to ensure proper attention to his personal comforts and cleanliness, have so gravely neglected their duties, that the Board would not be justified in permitting either of them to continue in the offices which they at present hold. The Board, therefore, request that the directors will communicate this decision to Dr. Craig and Mrs. Elson, and require them at once to resign their respective offices as assistant medical officer and nurse at the workhouse.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.** On the 10th inst., the Chancellor held a meeting at Burlington House, for the purpose of admitting to degrees those who had passed the various examinations, and awarding certificates and medals. Earl Granville, who wore his robes as Chancellor, presided. The following graduates who had passed the examination for the degrees in medicine were admitted. M.D.: J. W. Hicks, St. Thomas's Hospital; J. U. Huxley, King's College; H. T. Lanchester, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. N. Miller, University College; W. Moxon, P. H. Pye-Smith (medal), and T. Stevenson, Guy's Hospital.—M.B.: P. Best, University College, first in medicine (scholarship and medal); T. Fairbank, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, second in medicine (medal), third in midwifery, and second in forensic medicine (medal); C. A. Hingston, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, fourth (æq.) in medicine, fifth in midwifery, and seventh in forensic medicine; H. L. Kempthorne, King's College, fourth (æq.) in medicine, fourth in

midwifery, and fifth in forensic medicine; J. H. Hooper, St. Thomas's Hospital, sixth (*æq.*) in medicine, and eighth in midwifery; F. Simms, King's College, sixth (*æq.*) in medicine, and sixth in forensic medicine; J. A. Nunneley, Leeds Medical School and Guy's, tenth in medicine, and tenth in midwifery; E. L. H. Fox, University College, first in midwifery (scholarship and medal), first in forensic medicine (scholarship and medal), and third in medicine; J. J. Phillips, Guy's Hospital, second in midwifery (medal); W. Carter, Charing Cross and St. Thomas's, third in forensic medicine, sixth (*æq.*) in medicine, and seventh in midwifery; E. Casey, King's College, fourth in forensic medicine, sixth (*æq.*) in medicine, and sixth in midwifery; E. Ludlow, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, eighth in forensic medicine, ninth in midwifery, and eleventh in medicine.—M.S.: J. H. Hooper, St. Thomas's Hospital, alone in surgery (medal). After presenting the diplomas, he delivered an interesting address, in the course of which he said that the University had lost Mr. Senior. They had also lost—though, happily, not by death—the services of Sir James Clark; and in mentioning his name he could not help referring to the unceasing exertions which he had made on behalf of the University in perfecting the medical curriculum. He believed that it was not a boast but a mere truism to say that these medical degrees were surpassed by none in the respect paid to them by the profession at large and by all who were competent to judge. He then said that a statement was put into his hands with regard to the appointment of a house-surgeon to an hospital. It appeared that candidates were invited to present themselves with an assurance that they would be chosen according to their recommendation and certificates. Several candidates appeared, and the result was that a gentleman who was most highly recommended as to general qualifications and character, but who had not obtained any honours further than the usual degrees, was elected, while one of our graduates, who had obtained high honours, with all the medical degrees, was rejected. There might have been excellent reasons for it; but on the face of the statement it appeared the distinction was that one was a communicant and the other was not a communicant, both being members of the Church of England and having the highest possible characters. He would ask whether it was to the interests of the poor wounded people in that hospital that such a test should exist?

**TREATMENT OF THE INSANE.** Dr. Clouston says in his last report of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Lunatic Asylum: "I last year protested against the system which was prevalent among the relieving officers of sending insane patients to workhouses previous to sending them to asylums. Many patients complained bitterly that they were sent to 'the union' before coming here. One woman says that at a workhouse, because she was sleepless and noisy, the sane inmates beat her severely with sticks. The forms of insanity in this asylum are not usually so acute as in the patients of a large city; but the depressed and suicidal cases are quite as numerous as in most asylums. One of them was a married woman who had the impulse to destroy herself so strong that though she knew what she was doing, and knew how wrong it was, she made many and persistent attempts to obey it. She wished to come to the asylum for her own security, and immediately she came within the building she felt so safe that her thoughts were entirely diverted to other subjects, and she never had a suicidal idea again. In a few months she returned to her home quite well, and has remained so ever since. In another case a man who

had tried to hang himself, and had been cut down, was sent in and never again manifested the slightest tendency to destroy his own life."

### 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.—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 Orthopedic, 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. Robert Lee, "On Uterine Polypi"; Mr. Henry Lee, "On Amputation of the Leg by a Long Rectangular Flap"; Mr. C. Hunter, "On the Hypodermic Administration of Certain Medicines"; Dr. Wynn Williams, "On Tuberculosis"—Zoological.—Ethnological (Anniversary).  
**WEDNESDAY.** Royal College of Physicians, 5 P.M. Dr. Hyde Salter, "On the Diagnostic Value of the Various Forms of Dyspnoea"—Geological.—Linnæan (Anniversary).  
**THURSDAY.** Royal Society.  
**FRIDAY.** Royal College of Physicians, 5 P.M. Dr. Lionel Beale, "An Inquiry into the Nature of the Phenomena which constitute Inflammation."—Royal Institute.

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**COMMUNICATIONS.**—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

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

**THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS** who this year retire are—Mr. Arnott, and Mr. Quain, and Mr. Shaw. Mr. Arnott retires, it is said, definitely; the others will in all probability offer themselves for re-election. The election comes off in July. If the country Fellows intend once again to bring forward a candidate, they should commence operations at once.

**COMMUNICATIONS** have been received from:—Dr. GEORGE JOHNSON; Dr. G. H. PHILIPSON; THE HOUSE-SURGEON OF THE ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL; THE SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH; Mr. R. J. ROGERS; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. LUND; Mr. PARKER; Dr. E. WATERS; PROFESSOR SIMPSON; Mr. C. HUNTER; Dr. THORBURN; Mr. STONE; Mr. JOHN WINDSOR; Dr. H. C. ANDREWS; Mr. FRED. MASON; Mr. JABEZ HOGG; Mr. CALLENDER; Dr. S. GIBBON; and Mr. HANCOCK.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Small-Pox: how to Annihilate it; or, Observations on the Pernicious Consequences of Imperfect Vaccination, and on the necessity of re-Vaccination. By R. T. Lodge, M.D. Liverpool: 1865.
2. Surgery in Bengal: an Address to the Bengal Branch of the British Medical Association. By Dr. J. Fayer. Calcutta: 1865.
3. The Ninth Annual Report of the State of the United Asylum for the County and Borough of Nottingham. Southwell: 1865.
4. The Study of Science; and its Undue Neglect as a Branch of Education. By George Padley, L.R.C.P. Swansea: 1865.