

being faithfully carried out, and the giving of a definite position to the army and navy medical officers, would remove the discontent now existing, and be the means of inducing the best educated men to enter the service. The College has, in fact, we are glad to see, accepted the recommendations of its own Committee; but, instead of making an appeal to Parliament, has thought it better to write to the Secretary of War and the First Lord of the Admiralty.

THE Metropolitan Counties Branch will hold its thirteenth annual meeting at 3 P.M. on Tuesday next, under the presidency of Dr. Sieveking. The meeting will be followed by a dinner at half-past five, at which also Dr. Sieveking will take the chair. We trust that the high professional position of the President on the occasion, and the esteem in which he is held by his brethren, will secure a full attendance of the members of the Branch and of their friends. We are glad to learn that the Branch is in a prosperous state; and that its numerical strength will present an increase over that of last year.

At the recent annual meetings of the Lancashire and Cheshire and of the South-Eastern Branches, resolutions in favour of the **BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL** were proposed and carried without dissent. The vote of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, proposed by Dr. Waters and seconded by Mr. Steele of Liverpool, was:

"That the members of the Branch desire to express their entire satisfaction with the **JOURNAL**, and to record their undiminished confidence in the ability and judgment displayed by the editor in its management."

The South-Eastern Branch, on the 22nd, agreed to the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Heckstall Smith of St. Mary Cray, and seconded by Dr. Carpenter of Croydon.

"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the **JOURNAL** has greatly improved under the management of Dr. Markham, and is worthy of support."

We can honestly say that we have endeavoured to raise and maintain the character of the **JOURNAL**; and, naturally, we feel highly gratified and encouraged by these repeated and independent expressions of confidence in our management of it, on the part of the Branches of the Association.

Professor Matteucci has been nominated to the post of Director of the Museum of Natural History in Florence, in the room of the late Marquis Ridolfi.

Dr. Giuseppe Giglioli, Professor of Anthropology in the University of Pisa, has lately died. He for some time practised law at Bologna, but in 1831 was obliged to expatriate himself; and, after taking the degree of M.D. in Edinburgh, he practised medicine in England until his return to his country in 1848.

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. JEAFFERSON, M.D. 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.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, cases, or any other communications, are requested to give notice of the same to the General Secretary, at their earliest convenience.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

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

REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

Held at Birmingham, June 22nd, 1865.

PRESENT—Sir Charles Hastings, M.D., D.C.L., etc. (in the Chair); Mr. Bartleet; Dr. Bryan; Mr. Clayton; Dr. Falconer; Dr. Richardson; Mr. Southam; Dr. Stewart; Dr. Wade; Dr. Wilkinson; and Mr. Watkin Williams (General Secretary).

Resolved: That this Committee is desirous to co-operate with the Medical Association of Ireland in forwarding the objects stated in Dr. Mackesy's letter.

Resolved: That the public, under the privilege of the President, be permitted to attend the meetings of the Association at which the discussions take place. (a.) On Scientific Medicine. (b.) On State Medicine.

Resolved: That the Report of the Charter Subcommittee, the Draft-Charter, and the Petition to Her Majesty, be printed as a supplement to the **BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL**, at as early a date as possible.

The Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting was approved of.

The Programme for the Annual Meeting was approved of.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *Gen. Sec.*

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, June 26th, 1865.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
METROPOL. COUNTIES. [Annual.]	Crystal Palace, Sydenham.	Tuesday, July 4th, 3 P.M.
NORTH WALES. [Annual.]	Royal Hotel, Rhyl.	Tuesday, July 4, 12 noon.
WEST SOMERSET. [Annual.]	Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton.	Tuesday, July 4, 2.30 P.M.
BATH AND BRISTOL. [Annual.]	Philosophical Institu- tion, Bristol.	Thursday, July 13, 4.45 P.M.
EAST ANGLIAN, [Annual.]	Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ipswich.	Friday, July 14th, 2 P.M.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch will be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Tuesday, July 4th, at 3 P.M.

President for 1864-65 CHAS. F. J. LORD, Esq.

President-elect for 1865-66... E. H. SIEVEKING, M.D.

After the meeting, the members and their friends will dine together; E. H. SIEVEKING, M.D., in the Chair. Dinner on the table at 5.30 P.M. precisely.

A. P. STEWART, M.D.

ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D. } *Hon. Secs.*

74, Grosvenor Street, June 1865.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the West Somerset Branch will be held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Tuesday, July 4th, at 2.30 P.M.; HUGH NORRIS, Esq., President.

Gentlemen are requested to give notice to the Secretary of cases or papers they may wish to communicate.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

Taunton, June 1865.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the North Wales Branch will be held at the Royal Hotel, Rhyl, on Tuesday, July 4th, at 12 noon; JOHN R. HUGHES, M.D., President.

Gentlemen who may have papers and cases to communicate, will be good enough to forward the titles of the same without delay to the Secretary.

Dinner at 3 P.M.

D. KENT JONES, *Hon. Secretary.*

Beaumaris, June 1865.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch will be held in the Philosophical Institution, Bristol, on Thursday, July 13th, at 4.45 P.M.; when R. W. FALCONER, M.D., President, will resign the Chair to F. BRITAN, M.D., President-elect.

The dinner will be held at the Volunteer Club, Bristol, at 6.30 P.M.; F. BRITAN, M.D., in the Chair.

HENRY MARSHALL, M.D. } *Hon. Secs.*

R. S. FOWLER.

Clifton, July 26th, 1865.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the East Anglian Branch will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ipswich, on Friday, July 14th, at 2 P.M.; A. H. BARTLET, M.D., President.

Dinner at 5 P.M.

Members are requested to forward to Dr. Chevallier the titles of any papers or cases they may wish to communicate, on or before June 30th.

B. CHEVALLIER, M.D., *Hon. Secretary.*

Ipswich, June 14th, 1865.

HULL BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE second Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Vittoria Hotel, on June 13th, 1865, at 5 P.M.; J. DOSSOR, Esq., President, in the Chair. The meeting was numerously attended; many visitors also being present.

Officers for 1865-6. All the officers were unanimously re-elected.

Papers. The following papers and communications were made.

1. Idiopathic Tetanus. By J. H. Gibson, Esq.
2. A Peculiar Form of Goitre. By K. King, M.D.
3. Poisoning by Strychnine. By H. Munroe, M.D., F.L.S.

4. A Peculiar Form of Abscess, with Microscopic Examination of Contents. By W. Hendry, Esq.

5. The Detection of Organic Impurities in Water. By T. Walton, Esq.

The papers read at the meeting will be forwarded for publication in the JOURNAL.

Dinner. At half-past six o'clock, an excellent dinner was provided at the Vittoria Hotel. The President (J. DOSSOR, Esq.), as an old member of the Association, made some very encouraging remarks as to the progress which the British Medical Association of late years had made. He hoped shortly to see the names of many more members of the profession added to its list. The profession at large had derived already much benefit from the Association; and, by unanimity of feeling and co-operation of its members, much good might yet be accomplished.

A very interesting discussion too place, as to the gratuitous services of medical men to charitable institutions.

Dr. MUNROE hoped the time would soon arrive when every member of the profession would be amply and justly paid for his services; and that charitable institutions, the noblest monuments of England's greatness, would yet reward the medical man for his labours. If the members of the medical profession would be true to themselves, the remedy for the grievance is in their own hands. Mr. BROWNRIDGE, Mr. CARNLEY, and Mr. GIBSON advanced further arguments in favour of the services of medical men being remunerated. Dr. KING, with great judgment and much charitable feeling, spoke somewhat in favour of the present system carried on at most of our charitable institutions, believing that the medical officer's true and independent position would be interfered with if he were paid for his services. Many other topics were broached and discussed by the members, tending to the advancement of the *status* of the medical man. A very pleasant evening was passed.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES
BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, June 13, under the Presidency of Dr. JAMES RUSSELL. There were also present, T. J. Aubin, Esq. (Kingswinford); E. Bartleet, Esq. (Campden); T. H. Bartleet, M.B.; J. Bassett, Esq.; C. E. Busigny, Esq. (Ombersley); H. D. Carden, Esq. (Worcester); T. A. Carter, M.D. (Leamington); M. H. Clayton, Esq.; H. Downes, Esq. (Handsworth); T. Ebbage, Esq. (Leamington); D. Everett, Esq. (Worcester); G. Fayer, M.D. (Henley-in-Arden); A. Fleming, M.D.; Bell Fletcher, M.D.; B. W. Foster, M.D.; J. S. Gaunt, Esq. (Alvechurch); Dr. Harrison (Walsall); G. Jones, Esq.; F. Jordan, Esq.; E. S. Machin, Esq. (Erdington); J. Manley, Esq. (West Bromwich); F. A. Nesbitt, Esq. (Wolverhampton); Langston Parker, Esq.; J. Scurrah, M.D.; H. E. F. Shaw, Esq. (Sutton Coldfield); J. V. Solomon, Esq.; T. Swain, Esq.; W. F. Wade, M.B.; C. Warden, M.D.; T. Watkin Williams, Esq.; G. Yates, Esq. (Paradise Street).

Report of Council. Dr. WADE (Honorary Secretary) read the Report of the Council, which congratulated the members upon the continued success of the Branch, as shown by the number of its members, and by the excellence of the papers which had formed the subject of discussion during the past year. The

formation of the Medical Provident Society was dwelt upon as the most important medical event of the last twelve months; and the members were strongly urged to take advantage of its provisions. The Council also congratulated the Branch upon the excellence of its choice in electing Mr. Bartleet of Campden, Dr. Fayrer of Henley-in-Arden, and Mr. John Clay of Birmingham, as its representatives on the Board of Directors of the Medical Provident Society. The experience of these gentlemen (particularly of Mr. Clay, who drew up the tables afterwards approved by Mr. Finlaison) had been of the greatest service in starting the new movement upon sound financial principles.

The Report was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Report of the Treasurer (Mr. Watkin Williams), which had been audited by Mr. Alfred Baker and Mr. Clayton, was also approved and adopted.

Election of Officers and Council. Dr. T. A. Carter of Leamington was unanimously appointed President-elect for the ensuing year.

The following appointments were also made.

Members of Council. *Country Members:* E. H. Coleman, Esq. (Wolverhampton); D. Everett, Esq. (Worcester); G. Fayrer, M.D. (Henley-in-Arden); J. S. Gaunt, Esq. (Alvechurch); W. J. Kite, Esq. (West Bromwich); J. E. Male, Esq. (Leamington); H. E. F. Shaw, Esq. (Sutton Coldfield); W. Smith, Esq. (Redditch). *Town Members:* Alfred Baker, Esq.; M. H. Clayton, Esq.; J. Clay, Esq.; J. J. Hadley, Esq.; F. Jordan, Esq.; Langston Parker, Esq.; Oliver Pemberton, Esq.; J. F. West, Esq.

Representatives of the Branch in the General Council of the Association. Alfred Baker, Esq.; E. Bartleet, Esq.; H. D. Carden, Esq.; W. H. Clayton, Esq.; D. Everett, Esq.; G. Fayrer, M.D.; O. Pemberton, Esq.; J. Russell, M.D.; and W. F. Wade, M.B. (*ex officio*).

Directors of Medical Provident Society. Sir Charles Hastings, M.D.; H. D. Carden, Esq.; and G. Fayrer, M.D., were elected.

President's Address. The President (Dr. Russell) then delivered a very apposite and thoughtful address, for which a vote of thanks was accorded to him by acclamation.

Dinner. The members and their friends subsequently dined together at the Hen and Chickens Hotel—Dr. Russell in the Chair, and Dr. Carter (President-elect) in the Vice-chair; and a most agreeable evening was spent.

EXTRAORDINARY LONGEVITY. The obituary in *The Times* of June 21st and 22nd, contain some rare illustrations of prolonged life, in the case of six ladies and the same number of gentlemen whose united ages amounted to 1,044 years, giving an average of exactly 87 years to each; the eldest lady having reached 94 and the youngest 81 years of age, the eldest gentleman being 95 and the youngest 81 years of age.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. Dr. Sibson has been elected a member of the Senate of the University of London, and has therefore resigned his Examinership in Medicine at the University. The appointment is in the hands of the government; but at every third election of Senate, convocation is permitted to send up three names, and the government selects him who has the largest number of votes. Dr. Sibson on this occasion had the majority, 280 votes. In consequence of Dr. Sibson's election to the Senate, a vacancy occurs in the office of Examiner in Medicine at the University. Candidates must send in their applications to the Registrar before July 8th.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Monday, June 26th, 1865, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, were duly admitted members of the College:—

Cheadle, Walter Butler, M.D. Cantab., 8, Old Cavendish Street
Leighton, Edmund Thomas, M.B. Cantab., 4, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square

At the same meeting, 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:—

Belcher, Paul, Burton-on-Trent
Birch, John, M.D., Fingal, Canada West
Collins, Charles Phillips, Maidstone
Evans, John Tasker, M.D. Aberdeen, Hertford
Moore, Thomas, Cradley Heath
Plowman, Richard, Bridgewater
Pointon, James, Huyton, Lancashire
Thursfield, Thomas William, M.D. Aberdeen, Kidderminster

The following gentlemen were reported by the examiners to have passed the *first part* of the Professional Examination for the Licence of the College:—

Arnold, John, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Budd, Herbert, Guy's Hospital
Burn, William Barnett, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Dalton, Benjamin Neale, Guy's Hospital
Elliott, Arthur Bowes, Guy's Hospital
Lamb, Barnabas Walter, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Morris, Henry, Guy's Hospital
Parsons, Frederick William, King's College
Plowman, Richard, St. Thomas's Hospital
Randall, John George, St. Mary's Hospital
Sedgwick, Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Square, William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Fellows elected on June 26th:—

Anstie, Francis E., M.D. Lond.
Dickinson, William H., M.D. Cantab.
Hicks, John Braxton, M.D. Lond.
Kennon, George, M.D. Edin.
Roberts, William, M.D. Lond.
Sankey, William H. O., M.D. Lond.
Washbourn, Thomas B., M.D. Lond.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On June 22nd, 1865, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Jeffreys, Richard, Portland Road Villas
Lucas, Herbert, Hitchin
March, John, New Wandsworth, Surrey
Marriott, Henry Thomas, Colston Bassett, Notts
Mason, Samuel, Teignmouth, Devon
Rowlands, James David, Carmarthen

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

Cheetham, Joseph Priestnall, Guy's Hospital
Smith, Frederick Walter, St. Thomas's Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

*WELLS, J. Soelberg, Esq., elected Professor of Ophthalmology in King's College.

ARMY.

CHAPPLE, Staff-Surgeon R. A., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
CLARK, J. E., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon 22nd Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon 38th Foot, *vice* T. Wright.
CUNY, GHANE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon R. J. B., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon Rifle Brigade, *vice* A. Guthrie, M.D.
DENPSTER, Staff-Surgeon C. C., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
DRYSDALE, Staff-Surgeon A. K., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
GALERAITH, Staff-Surgeon-Major G. T., M.D., to be Surgeon 71st Foot, *vice* W. Barrell, M.B.
GALERAITH, Staff-Surgeon-Major G. T., M.D., from half-pay, to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, *vice* A. K. Drysdale.
GASCOYNE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon G. E., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery.
GIBAUT, Staff-Surgeon W. M., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
GIBBONS, Surgeon J., 95th Foot, to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
GIRAUD, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon B. T., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 19th Hussars, *vice* G. H. Woolhouse.

HINTON, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., to be Assistant-Surgeon 10th Hussars, *vice* I. G. Hooper.
 HOOPER, Staff-Surgeon L. G., to be Surgeon 104th Foot.
 HUTTON, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon G. A., to be Assistant-Surgeon 71st Foot, *vice* A. G. Young.
 KELLETT, Staff-Surgeon E. Y., to be Surgeon 101st Foot.
 MACBETH, Staff-Surgeon A. M., to be Surgeon 105th Foot.
 MACLEAN, Staff-Surgeon A., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
 MENZIES, Staff-Surgeon-Major E., to be Surgeon 19th Hussars.
 MENZIES, Staff-Surgeon R., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
 MILLS, Staff-Surgeon W. W., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
 MURPHY, Staff-Surg. T. J., to be Surgeon 95th Foot, *vice* J. Gibbons.
 NOOTT, Surgeon E. G., from half-pay, late 2nd Foot, to be Surgeon 108th Foot.
 O'DWYER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon T. F., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 20th Foot, *vice* J. F. Clark.
 POLLARD, Staff-Surgeon W. H., to be Surgeon 22nd Foot, *vice* R. B. Smyth, M.B.
 REID, Staff-Surgeon T. B., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
 RENNIE, Staff-Surgeon D. F., M.D., to be Surgeon 20th Hussars.
 RICKETTS, Staff-Surgeon C., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
 SINCLAIR, Staff-Surgeon E. M., to be Surgeon Royal Artillery.
 SMYTH, Surgeon R. B., M.B., 22nd Foot, to be Surgeon 102nd Foot.
 STUART, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., to be Assistant-Surgeon 13th Foot, *vice* P. N. Jackson.
 THOMPSON, Surgeon-Major J. A. W., M.D., 86th Foot, to be Surgeon-Major Royal Artillery.
 TURNBULL, Staff-Surgeon G. A., to be Surgeon 21st Hussars.
 WOOLHOUSE, Assistant-Surgeon G. R., 15th Hussars, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* B. T. Giraud, M.D.
 WRIGHT, Staff-Surgeon T., to be Surgeon 20th Foot, *vice* Surgeon-Major J. A. W. Thompson, M.D.

To be Staff-Surgeons:—

CHAPPLE, Assistant-Surgeon R. A., Royal Artillery.
 DE CHAUMONT, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon F. S. B. F., M.D., *vice* E. M. Sinclair, M.D.
 DEMPSTER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon C. C.
 DUNLOP, Staff-Surgeon J., M.D., from half-pay, *vice* E. Menzies.
 GUTHRIE, Assistant-Surg. A., M.D., Rifle Brigade, *vice* R. Menzies.
 HOOPER, Assistant-Surgeon L. G., 10th Hussars.
 HUSH, Staff-Surgeon H., M.D., from half-pay, *vice* G. A. Turnbull.
 HUMFREY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon A., *vice* A. M. Macbeth.
 JACKSON, Assistant-Surgeon P. N., 13th Foot, *vice* W. W. Mills.
 KELLETT, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon E. Y.
 LUNDY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon E. L., *vice* T. B. Reid.
 MACLEAN, Assistant-Surgeon A., Royal Artillery.
 MURPHY, Assistant-Surgeon T. J., M.D.
 POLLARD, Assistant-Surgeon W. H., Royal Artillery.
 RICKETTS, Assistant-Surgeon C., Royal Artillery.
 WOODMAN, Surgeon G. T., M.D., from half-pay, 39th Foot, *vice* D. F. Rennie, M.D.
 WRIGHT, Assistant-Surgeon T., 38th Foot.
 YOUNG, Assistant-Surgeon A. G., 60th Foot, *vice* W. M. Gibaut.

MILITIA.

SPURGIN, H. B., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon Northamptonshire and Rutland Militia.

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

FINLEY, H., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 31st Lanarkshire R.V.
 MAURITZ, R. H., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 7th Cheshire R.V.
 PERRY, R., M.D., to be Surgeon 31st Lanarkshire R.V.
 YEARNAN, G., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 31st Lanarkshire R.V.

KING'S COLLEGE. Mr. Soelberg Wells, Ophthalmic Surgeon to King's College Hospital, has been elected Professor of Ophthalmology in King's College.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. On June 26th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. *Censors:* A. Farre, M.D.; W. R. Basham, M.D.; H. Davies, M.D.; G. Johnson, M.D. *Treasurer:* J. Alderson, M.D. *Registrar:* H. A. Pitman, M.D. *Librarian:* W. Munk, M.D. *Examiners:*—(a) *On the Subjects of General Education:* F. Hawkins, M.D.; W. Munk, M.D.; H. Thompson, M.D. (b) *On the Subjects of Professional Education. Anatomy and Physiology:* C. H. Jones, M.B.; W. O. Markham, M.D. *Materia Medica, Chemistry, etc.:* G. O. Rees, M.D.; A. S. Taylor, M.D. *Principles and Practice of Medicine:* T. A. Barker, M.D.; W. H. Walshe, M.D. *Midwifery and the Diseases peculiar to Women:* C. West, M.D.; R. Barnes, M.D. *Principles and Practice of Surgery:* C. G. De Morgan, Esq., F.R.C.S.; H. Coote, Esq., F.R.C.S. *Curators of the Museum:* J. Alderson, M.D.; G. H. Roe, M.D.; W. Wegg, M.D.; F. Sibson, M.D.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY. A meeting of this Society will be held on Monday, July 3rd, at 37, Soho Square, when Dr. Weber will read a paper, communicated by Dr. Hirsch of Berlin, on the outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the district of Dantzic.

SURGEON TO THE QUEEN FOR SCOTLAND. We understand that Mr. James Spence, Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, has been appointed Surgeon in ordinary to the Queen, in room of the late Dr. David MacLagan. (*Edinburgh Courant.*)

A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE. Mr. Longfield while detailing the Wilde "scandal" in the House of Commons, thus spoke of a medical certificate. "And now I come to a gentleman, Mr. Hey, the surgeon of Leeds, who must be held to be a man of honour and conscience, and who was almost the only one that was not implicated with the Bethell family."

ARRIVAL OF DR. PRITCHARD IN EDINBURGH. On the 26th ult. Dr. Pritchard was brought to Edinburgh from Glasgow. The prisoner on alighting smiled at the curiosity that was manifested by the passengers, and talked apparently at his ease to the officer as he proceeded to the cab which was in waiting in front of the station. He was handcuffed.

DEATH OF DR. FERGUSON. The death of this eminent physician is announced to have taken place on Sunday last, at his residence, Ascot Lodge, Winkfield, near Windsor. The deceased gentleman was physician extraordinary to the Queen, as well as physician-accoucheur to her Majesty. He was formerly physician-general to the Lying-in Hospital, and principal physician and also professor of midwifery at King's College Hospital. He was the author of various medical productions, among which his work *On Puerperal Fever* is best known.

THE CASE OF MR. DEBENHAM. Last week the body of Thomas Solomon, the ship's painter, which had been hurriedly buried by the parish undertaker of Mile End Old Town three days after he was shot by Mr. R. Debenham, a surgeon, was exhumed by order of the Home Secretary. The exhumation of the body was carefully conducted at 7 o'clock in the evening in the presence of the deceased's brother, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thompson, a surgeon in the Mile End Road, appointed by Mr. Lewis, sen., of Ely Place, on the part of the accused, and a military surgeon and his assistant appointed by the Home Secretary. The body was in a rapid state of decomposition. The head was opened by the medical men appointed by the Home Secretary, and upon careful examination it was found that the ball had entered the left temple, passed right through the skull, and imbedded itself in the bone at the posterior part of the skull. The ball was removed, and the cause of death and the direction it had taken being most clearly established, the body was again buried.

THE CASE OF SHOOTING BY A SURGEON. At the Thames Police Court, on Monday, Mr. R. Debenham, surgeon, surrendered on his recognisances to answer a charge of manslaughter in killing Thomas Johnson. Mr. F. Tothill, surgeon, said that the body, when examined, was much decomposed. At the junction of the left temple with the parietal bone, a wound of somewhat circular form was detected. The blood was extravasated under the scalp, and permeated the whole of the cellular membrane. On removing the scalp, a similar hole was found corresponding with that on the temple; and the occipital bones were extensively fractured. The ball was found firmly imbedded in the right occipital bone at the back of the skull, two inches from the right ear, and somewhat

below it. The ball had taken an oblique direction from the left temple, just above the eye, to the back of the head, below the right ear. The wound was, no doubt, the cause of death. The distorted and jagged appearance of the ball was not caused by striking the temple and bones of the skull. The ball must have struck some hard substance before it entered the skull, which was unusually thin. The ball was a common conical ball. The ball was not found embedded in the thickest part of the bone, but in that bone in which the thickest part is placed. Mr. Lewis said the evidence of Mr. Tothill supported his theory that Mr. Debenham never fired at the deceased; and that the ball struck the brick wall, the corner of which was chipped, and, from the deflection, struck the deceased. Mr. Paget remarked, that the valuable evidence given by Mr. Tothill proved the wisdom of the step adopted by the Home Office, in ordering the exhumation of the body. The Magistrate committed the prisoner for trial for manslaughter, taking the same bail as before, Mr. Debenham's own personal recognisances in £4,000, and four responsible householders in £1,000 each.

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.

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MONDAY. Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. Professor Hirsch (of Berlin), "On the Outbreak of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis in the district of Dantzic."—Entomological.

WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Association Medical Officers of Health (Anniversary).

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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THE COMING ELECTIONS.—We are glad to hear that Mr. Clement has a very excellent chance of being successful as candidate to represent Shrewsbury in Parliament.

DEFERRED COMMUNICATIONS.—Owing to the pressure on our space arising from the publication of the Index in the present number, we are obliged to defer some reports of Branch meetings and other communications.

THE COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—SIR: Hearing that a report is in circulation that I am no longer a candidate for the Council of the College of Surgeons, may I beg of you to state that such report is not correct.

I am, etc.,

CHARLES HAWKINS.

Savile Row, June 25th, 1865.

THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—Dr. Marriott, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Leicester Infirmary, thus writes to us concerning Mr. Quain's claims to re-election to the Council of the College of Surgeons:—"Mr. Quain has, for years past, stood nearly alone in the advocacy of a more liberal action in the Council of the College of Surgeons. Mr. Quain has for many years been pre-eminently active in bringing forward liberal measures in the Council of the College of Surgeons; and, if they had been given force to, that College would no longer be the type of all that is slow and obstructive; would no longer need changes and advances forced upon it; but would stand forth as the vanguard among liberal educational institutions. Four times in the last ten years has Mr. Quain brought forward a motion for an annual meeting of the Fellows, at which the Council shall be present; all changes in voting, in examinations, etc., to be laid before the Fellows for their approval. Another motion, strongly urged by Mr. Quain, was, that no member of the Council shall be an Examiner; that the Court of Examiners shall consist of two sets—one of younger men, Fellows and Teachers of Anatomy and Physiology; the other of older men, to examine in Practical Surgery, etc.;—both sets of Examiners to be appointed for a limited period. Again, Mr. Quain attempted for some years, in vain, to establish a publication of the proceedings in the Council, with the names of the movers and seconders of resolutions, and a record of the votes of each member at divisions. During the past year it has been carried that a calendar, with an abstract of the proceedings, shall be published. He also attempted to make the Fellowship more accessible, without invalidating the searching nature of the examination. In 1848, Mr. Quain proposed that the Membership Examination should be divided, as it is at present; but he was told it was 'impossible'. In 1857, however, it passed into law, mainly through his efforts. Mr. Quain has not talked about 'reform'; but devoted his best energies, and struggled against a majority, to establish those principles of a free and liberal education, which, in the conscientious discharge of his duty, he felt to be for the advancement of the best interests of the whole medical profession."

AN OLD ADVERTISEMENT.—SIR: I met a few days ago with the enclosed advertisement, taken from a newspaper, date 1794. It might interest some of the readers of the JOURNAL.

I am, etc.,

CROSBY LEONARD.

Clifton, June 22nd, 1865.

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