

(1906), 1 K.B., 160, and *Tozeland v. West Ham Union* (1907), 1 K.B., 920, being noted in their proper places. Nor has he omitted to warn those who are responsible for hospital management of their liabilities under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, that measure being dealt with under the heading "Insurance." Under "Operations" the surgeon will find a number of hints as to the precautions he should take as to consent, etc., before he undertakes an operation. In this place we find an interesting passage from the summing up of Mr. Justice Hawkins in the case of *Beatty v. Callingham*. In that case, it will be remembered, the defendant was sued for malpractice on the ground that when the plaintiff was under an anaesthetic he removed both ovaries, whereas the patient's consent had only been obtained to the removal of one. The defendant's answer—which was held to be good in law—was that the further removal was necessary. We might observe that in a case recently decided in America, a doctor was mulcted in very heavy damages in similar circumstances. To conclude our notice of the subject matter, we would commend the article on "Poor-law Infirmarys" to medical officers of health and others who are concerned with the management of workhouses. The work is provided with an excellent index.

MEDICAL NEWS.

A MOVEMENT is on foot for the establishment of a number of free dental clinics for the benefit of the children of the public schools in New York.

PROFESSOR GRASSI, whose name is well known in the scientific world in connexion with research on malaria and other subjects, has been created a Senator of the kingdom of Italy.

THE annual meeting of the Proportional Representation Society will be held, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Avebury, at 6, St. James's Square, S.W., on June 24th, at 5 p.m.

A BRAZILIAN psychiatric, neurological, and medico-legal society has recently been formed. Meetings are to be held monthly at Rio de Janeiro at the National Hospital for the Insane. Professor J. Moreira is the president.

DR. EUGENE BOTKINE, Physician-in-Ordinary to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia, has been nominated an Honorary Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by King Edward on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Russia.

THE prize distribution to the students and probationers at the London Hospital Medical College will take place at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, July 10th, and at 4 p.m. on the same afternoon the Earl of Crewe will unveil the statue of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra at the hospital.

WE are requested to state that the Director of the Sleeping Sickness Bureau, the Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W., will be glad to receive reports of any papers dealing with sleeping sickness, trypanosomiasis, and cognate subjects, and any information relating to the work of the Bureau.

THE first meeting of the Socialist Medical Society will be held at Buckingham Street, Strand, on Thursday, June 25th, at 4.30 p.m. There will be a dinner at the Hotel de Dieppe, 40, Old Compton Street, Soho, at 7.30 in the evening of the same day. Applications should be made to Dr. M. D. Eder, 2, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.

A DINNER is to be given at the Gaiety Restaurant on Saturday, July 27th, in honour of Miss Isla Stewart, who on that date will have completed twenty-one years' work as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She is also President of the Matron's Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and in that connexion likewise has done a good deal of useful public work. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, a Vice-President of that society. The dinner secretary is Mrs. Spencer, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square.

IN the section of the Franco-British Exhibition known as the Irish Village, a place has been found in the Village Hall for a reproduction on a small scale of the Tuberculosis Exhibition which has been, and still is, touring Ireland. To this exhibition frequent references were made in these columns in the early part of this year, when the active crusade in Ireland then recently started was being described, and readers on this side of the Channel can now practically see it for themselves.

UNDER the will of the late Mr. Charles Edwin Layton, of Regent's Park, the following institutions benefit to the

extent of the sums placed against their names: King's College, £6,000; King's College Hospital, £2,000; Charing Cross Hospital, £5,000; the National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, £2,000; the Seaford Convalescent Hospital, £500; the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, £500; and the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, £1,000. The will also directs that the residue of the estate shall be divided in equal shares between the building fund of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Stationers' Company, and the Church Pastoral Aid Society. The extent to which St. Bartholomew's Hospital will benefit seems to be about £10,000.

THE annual meeting of the Society for Training Teachers of the Deaf on the Pure Oral System was held at 20, Devonshire Place, W., on May 27th. Major Skinner, L.C.C., presided, and in his opening remarks referred to the excellent results obtained by the oral method in the training of the deaf children at the London Council deaf centres, enabling them to converse with their fellows, understand what was said to them (even to "seeing a joke"), and ultimately to take their place amongst ordinary citizens. He thought that as education for the deaf was now compulsory by law, it was the duty of the State to provide funds for the training of well-qualified teachers on the pure oral system, and for this admirable facilities existed at the Society's training college at Ealing. Mr. B. St. John Ackers (Chairman of Committee) pointed out that the demand for qualified teachers was greater than the supply, and that although the society assisted financially, as far as it could, needy but competent candidates for training, Government aid would be welcomed, as the expenses of a course of training were necessarily considerable. With a view to economy of working, the two branches at Ealing had been concentrated into one establishment at Eaton Rise, where Miss Hewett had succeeded Mrs. Kinsey as lady superintendent. Mr. Sibley Haycock, Director of the Fitzroy Square College, spoke of the cordial relations existing between the two associations, and of the satisfaction felt that students from each should receive certificates from a common examining body. Miss Hewett subsequently described the methods pursued in the oral teaching of deaf children, and pointed out how much benefit might be derived by those who had lost their hearing in adult life by even a short course of lessons. Mr. Yearsley and Dr. Shuttleworth also addressed the meeting, the latter remarking on the good results he had seen from articulation lessons by oral teachers in the training of mentally defective children, such lessons tending to develop intelligence as well as speech. The balance sheet showed, by a considerable excess of expenditure over income, the urgent need of increased support to maintain the efficiency of the training college and practising school.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.—The *London Gazette* of June 16th contained the following, dated June 6th: "Whereas the Central Midwives Board have submitted to the Privy Council an addition to Rule E. 26 of the Rules of the Board framed in pursuance of Section 3 of the Midwives Act, 1902; and whereas it is provided by the said Act that Rules so framed shall be valid only if approved by the Privy Council; now, therefore, their Lordships having taken into consideration the said addition to Rule E. 26, together with a representation of the General Medical Council with respect thereto, are pleased to approve the said addition as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed." The Schedule referred to in the foregoing Order is as follows: Addition to Rule E. 26.—"Provided that a midwife whose name has been admitted to the roll in virtue of having passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board, or in virtue of a qualification under Section 2 of the Midwives Act, 1902, acquired by passing an examination in midwifery, may add the words 'by examination' after the words 'certified midwife.'"

KASHMIR MISSION HOSPITAL.—A pamphlet which has reached us gives some interesting details with regard to the medical missionary work carried on in Kashmir by an earnest band of emissaries of the Church Missionary Society. It contains a number of illustrations which are attractive in themselves, and of curious excellence when compared with the printing of the text. The booklet is composed of several articles in which the first person singular often appears, but no signatures are attached, nor is there any clear indication of the place at which the hospital described is situated. The pamphlet, therefore, is less illuminating than it might be. It would appear that in Kashmir Mohammedanism is making great strides at the expense of the religion of Buddha, and it may be gathered that in the opinion of the writers one main difference between the East and the West is that the former thinks much of creeds and little of conduct, and the latter vice versa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PROFESSOR
ANNANDALE.

SIR,—A reference to the memorial to the late Professor Annandale was forwarded to you for publication in April and appeared in the JOURNAL of April 25th, page 1020. In response to the appeal made for the necessary funds a sum of £231 15s. has already been subscribed.

The committee entrusted to carry out the scheme aim at raising a sum of not less than £400. There remains, therefore, a sum of £168 5s. still to be found.

As it is impossible to communicate directly with all the numerous friends and former pupils of the late Professor Annandale, perhaps you will kindly publish this letter in your columns.

Subscriptions may be forwarded to me at 13, Rutland Square, Edinburgh. The subscription list will close on July 31st.—I am, etc.

H. M. D. WATSON,
Secretary and Treasurer to the Committee.

SECRET REMEDIES.

SIR,—I have read with much interest the articles which have appeared recently in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL exposing the composition of various proprietary and quack nostrums, and showing how the public is exploited in health and pocket by greedy and unscrupulous advertisers.

It seems a pity that these articles are not more widely read and circulated, and thus made a means of opening people's eyes to the way they are made to suffer in their tenderest organ—the pocket—by having to pay extortionate prices for cheap and nasty drugs.

I suggest that such public exposure is the duty of the profession, and now through your enterprise the means are available. No other profession would have submitted tamely and so long to an abuse closely affecting its interests, and we ought to insist on the passing of a law rendering it obligatory to publish the composition of the remedy on the wrapper containing it. Such a law prevails, I believe, in Norway and other countries.

When this is done we shall cease to be scandalized by reading of the will of some notorious quacksalver being proved at so many hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Surely Parliament and the press have only to be sufficiently enlightened on the subject to put a stop to a grave public scandal.—I am, etc.,

London, W., June 14th. CHARLES LLOYD TUCKEY, M.D.

** Owing to the great pressure on our space this week we are compelled to hold over a number of other letters and communications of various kinds.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.
GUY'S HOSPITAL.

THE Right Hon. Lord Rothschild, G.C.V.O., will distribute the prizes to the successful students at Guy's Hospital on Wednesday, July 6th next. The usual garden party will be given in the grounds.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SOUTH WALES AND
MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A MEETING of the council of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire was held on June 3rd, the Earl of Plymouth presiding. Representatives were appointed to attend a joint conference of representatives of the local education authorities and of the university and normal colleges of South Wales and Monmouthshire to make arrangements for hospitality on the occasion of the return visits of Canadian and American teachers to the United Kingdom. Mr. D. G. Taylor, M.A., was reappointed occasional lecturer in pure mathematics for the next session, and Mr. S. W. Price lecturer in mining. It was resolved to complete the part of the new buildings which contains the research laboratory by putting on the top story, which will be utilized for the mining department. It was further resolved to request the Cardiff corporation to grant permission for the statue of the late Lord Aberdare, which is now in Howard Gardens, to be placed on the site of the new college in Cathays Park. The council placed on record its deep sense of gratitude to the memory of three benefactors of the college: Mrs. Annie Fulton, Miss Caroline Williams, and Mr. Thomas Webb. A cordial vote of thanks was also given to Professor Claude Thompson for his valuable gift of books to the college library.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

THE following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

D.P.H. (Part I).—G. E. Nesbitt, T. O. Gráham, R. G. S. Gregg, W. K. Galwey.
D.P.H. (Part II).—G. E. Nesbitt, J. A. Pringle, W. R. Galwey, T. O. Graham.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

THE following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

* FIRST FELLOWSHIP.—K. Moinuddeen, Miss M. M. S. Coghlan, M. Drummond, G. J. Fraser, H. M. E. H. M'Adoo, J. M'Mullin, H. H. Montgomery, Miss P. M. Powell, W. Prendiville, A. Stokes, W. A. Swan.
FINAL FELLOWSHIP.—A. L. Fuller, S. R. Godkin, Captain I.M.S., A. Greene, M. R. J. Hayes.

ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

INCREASE OF HONORARY SURGEONS TO THE
VICEROY OF INDIA.

THE Viceroy of India has been pleased to increase the number of honorary surgeons on his staff by two officers, to be selected from the Royal Army Medical Corps for distinguished service in the field. To fill these two appointments his Excellency has appointed the following officers to be honorary surgeons on his personal staff: Lieutenant-Colonel G. E. HALE, D.S.O., commanding the station hospital at Murree, and Major C. DALTON, who is now stationed at Rawal Pindi.

SURGEON, TERRITORIAL FORCES.

"PAX" need not lay out much money, especially if he is careful in the purchase of uniform. There will be a small subscription to his corps fund for the prize list (usually 1 or 2 guineas a year), and if he has to go by train to head quarters he travels at half return rates. As regards:—(a) Uniform: £20 is allowed by regulations for purchase of uniform; £10 may be had on joining, and the balance on obtaining the proficiency certificate within two years. This amount will purchase all required, except mess kit. (b) Duration of service: May resign on giving official notice to commanding officer at any time. Commissioned as lieutenant, promoted after three years' service to captain, after fifteen years to major, and twenty years to lieutenant-colonel. (c) R.A.M.C. Manual (latest edition) gives all the ambulance drill required, and the work in first aid, bandaging, etc. Company drill will be found in Infantry Drill, 1906, and the King's Regulations should be read in parts. Under the territorial scheme schools of instruction are to be formed, and the Principal Medical Officer of the division will attach him to one of these for a course of instruction. There are also private schools for instruction and the regimental schools at Aldershot. Pay and allowances are given if attending the regimental schools. (d) Time required: Usually one hour's drill once a week at head quarters. Battalion parades once a month, on Saturdays, usually 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Camp for eight days compulsory or fourteen days optional. (e) Pay of rank and allowances for tent, mess, and furniture paid while in camp for not less than eight days. Camps usually held in August, some at Easter or Whitsun. Pay given when doing duty with regular troops.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT.

ON June 1st the Inverness Town Council discussed the finding of the Public Health Committee on the subject of the Notification of Births Act, which the council refused to adopt at a special meeting held some weeks ago. The Public Health Committee recommended that the Act be adopted, in view of the large percentage of infantile mortality in the town. After a long discussion the council resolved to inform the Local Government Board that it does not desire to adopt the Act in the meantime.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

H. E. B. should intimate to the medical officer of health that he will expect to be paid the customary fee, and he should send an account in the usual way to the clerk to the sanitary authority. If the clerk agrees with the medical officer of health that the fee should not be paid, he (the clerk) should be invited to address a communication on the subject to the Local Government Board. The Board has already sent the following letter to correspondents who have made similar inquiries: "The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, requires that 'every medical practitioner attending on or called in to visit the patient shall forthwith, on becoming aware that the patient is suffering from an infectious disease to which this Act applies, send to the medical officer of health for the district a certificate' stating certain particulars of the case; the Board are advised that if more than one medical practitioner is attending on or called in to visit the patient, each practitioner is bound to send a certificate, and is entitled to the prescribed fee."