

tion and grammar." It was also agreed that Greek should be one of the optional subjects at present.

Sir D. J. CORRIGAN proposed, and Dr. STORRAR seconded—

"That, after the year 1869, Greek shall be one of the compulsory subjects."

Dr. ALLEN THOMSON moved as an amendment—

"That the Medical Council, while fully aware of the importance of a knowledge of the Greek language, as a means of training, in connection with general and scientific education, and most fully desirous to see it included in the list of the preliminary subjects of examination for a medical qualification, are of opinion that it is expedient to defer, for the present, the introduction of Greek into the compulsory part of the curriculum."

He fully acknowledged the value of Greek as a measure of mental training, in both general and scientific education. But the Council should consider what is likely to be attainable. He did not think the Council was at present in a position to decide what should be done in 1869.

Dr. ANDREW WOOD seconded the amendment, which, on being put to the vote, was lost; 9 voting for, and 11 against it.

Sir D. J. CORRIGAN's motion was then carried by a majority of 12 to 7.

It was agreed without discussion to place French and German on the list of optional subjects.

The further discussion of the report was then adjourned.

Medical Acts Amendment Bill. Dr. ANDREW WOOD gave in the Report of the Committee on the Draft of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill transmitted from the Home Office; and moved that it be received and entered in the minutes.

Dr. EMBLETON seconded the motion, which was carried.

The whole time of the sittings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, was occupied in considering the Report of the Committee on the Medical Acts Amendment Bill. The Bill was carefully examined clause by clause, and several important modifications were made so as to bring it more into unison with the opinions of the Council. During the last two days, the Council had the advantage of the presence and assistance of their legal adviser, Mr. OUVRY. The proceedings in regard to the subject were terminated on Thursday evening by the adoption of a Report embodying the amended Bill, and the approval of a statement, drawn up by Mr. OUVRY, to be transmitted to the Home Office, together with a letter from the President, soliciting an early reception of a deputation from the Council. We shall next week give a more full report of the proceedings, and a copy of the Bill as adopted by the Council.

Association Intelligence.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch will be held at St. Neots, in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday, June 26th, at 2.30 P.M.; J. J. EVANS, Esq., President, in the chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases are requested to forward the titles of the same to the Honorary Secretary, without delay.

P. W. LATHAM, M.D., *Hon. Secretary.*

15, Sidney Street, Cambridge.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
SOUTH MIDLAND. [Annual.]	Bedford.	Thursday, June 7, 2 P.M.
LANCASH. & CHESHIRE. [Annual.]	Medical Institution, Liverpool.	Wednesday, June 13.
BIRMINGHAM AND MID- LAND COUNTIES. [Annual.]	Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham.	Friday, June 15th, 3.30 P.M.
NORTHERN. [Annual.]	County Hospital, Durham.	Friday, June 22, 2.30 P.M.
CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON. [Annual.]	Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, St. Neots.	Tuesday, June 26th, 2.30 P.M.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Rose Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, May 31st, at 3 P.M.

R. L. BOWLES, L.R.C.P., *Honorary Secretary.*

Folkestone, May 22nd, 1866.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE tenth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Bedford, on Thursday, June 7th, at 2 P.M.; EDWARD LAWFORD, M.D., President, in the chair.

Dinner will be provided at 5 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, are requested to forward the titles without delay to Dr. Bryan, Northampton.

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

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch will be held in the Medical Institution, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, on Wednesday, June 13th; A. T. H. WATERS, M.D., President, in the chair. The meeting will commence at half-past Twelve. Dinner at the Adelphi at half-past Four.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases are requested to forward the titles of the same to the Honorary Secretary, without delay.

HENRY SIMPSON, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

10, Chatham Street, Piccadilly, Manchester.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch will be held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday, June 15th, at 3.30 P.M. Dr. CARTER, President, in the chair.

The members will afterwards dine together. Dinner on the table at 5 o'clock P.M. precisely.

T. H. BARTLETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Northern Branch will be held in the County Hospital, Durham, on Friday, June 22nd, at 2.30 P.M.; SIR JOHN FIFE, F.R.C.S., President, in the chair.

Dinner at the County Hotel, at 5 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, are requested to forward the titles of the same to the Honorary Secretary without delay.

G. H. PHILLIPS, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, May 19th, 1866.

from exciting vomiting and purging in proper cases, but I have certainly heard or read more probable explanations of its advantages than that afforded by the eliminative theory. I should always recommend copious draughts of cold water, but not as a means of "flushing the sewer"; on the contrary, my experience points to excretion diminishing under their use, and absorption returning to a more natural condition.

In conclusion, let me say that if I have expressed myself strongly, it has been because I felt that if I did not avow my own convictions, I could not reasonably ask others to do so. The time has not yet come to place any other theory of cholera in opposition to that which has been propounded by Dr. Johnson; but as my former criticisms have been challenged in your pages, and a further stage has been reached, in the development of the hypothesis, it was impossible to avoid pointing out the manifest fallacies into which so competent a writer has fallen.

I am, etc., A. W. BARCLAY.

Bruton Street, May 15th, 1866.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LONDON. The annual distribution of prizes to the students in the faculty of medicine, took place on May 7th, in the Botanical Theatre of the college. The Hon. George Denman, Q.C., M.P., occupied the chair. From the report, which was read by the secretary, it appeared that there had been a considerable increase in the number of students. The total number in the college last year was one hundred and sixty one, whereas it had now increased to one hundred and ninety seven; of which number, sixty seven had entered during the present year. The prizes were awarded as follows: *Practical Physiology and Histology: Silver Medal:* W. H. Allchin. *Certificates of Honour:* Tempest Anderson, John Howard Mummery and Henry C. Gill, (equal) Arthur Hensman. *Anatomy and Physiology: Gold Medal:* J. R. Loy. *Silver Medals:* W. H. Allchin and Tempest Anderson, (equal). *Certificates of Honour:* Ethelrid Dessé, A. P. Hurlstone and H. Cass, (equal) David Havard and Adam John Whiteford, (equal) Samuel Alford and E. W. Minter, (equal) J. H. Mummery and Thomas Grosvenor Lee, (equal). *Anatomy: Senior Class: Gold Medal:* R. L. Roberts. *First Silver Medal:* D. L. Havard. *Second Silver Medal:* A. Hensman. *Certificates of Honour:* E. W. Minter, William Kipling, John J. Bingham, Samuel Alford, H. Cass. *Junior Class: Silver Medal:* Stanley Peacock. *Certificates of Honour:* Enoch Snell, James James, William H. W. Wilkinson, J. G. Bolton. *Chemistry: Gold Medal:* Theodore Maxwell. *First Silver Medal:* Alfred Shewen. *Second Silver Medal:* Frederick Leonard. *Certificates of Honour:* R. T. Smith, Alexander Muirhead and W. W. Houlder, (equal), Alexander Gray and Frank Salter, (equal), J. R. W. Seymour, J. Hallows, R. Parker, John Cameron Graham and G. Benezedi, (equal). *Principles and Practice of Medicine: Gold Medal:* Henry Clothier. *First Silver Medal:* F. B. Nunneley. *Second Silver Medal:* Thomas Bailey. *Certificates of Honour:* Thomas Bell Hay, Edward C. Shoppee, Henry C. Gill, Richard Matthews Pryce, Louis Le Grand. *Surgery: Gold Medal:* Thomas Bailey. *First Silver Medal:* George Vivian Poore. *Second Silver Medal:* S. Morrison. *Certificates of Honour:* Frederick Young and Richard M. Pryce, (equal), Louis Le Grand, J. E. Grinfield Coxwell, John Creed. *Fellows Clinical Medal: Gold Medal:* Henry Clothier. *Silver Medal:* Timothy Lewis. *Special Class of Clinical Medicine: First Prize:* H. Clothier. *Second Prize:* E. C. Shoppee. *Certificates of Honour:* George G. Spencer, T. B. Hay.

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 22nd.

Adams, Edward John, Charlton, Kent
Archdall, Gordon, Bundoran, co. Donegal
Birch, George, L.S.A., Kingsland
Carver, Charles Handasyde, L.S.A., Nottingham
Fair, Campbell, Auterrard, co. Galway
Galton, John Charles, M.A.Oxon., Exeter
Horsfall, John, B.A.Oxon., Leeds
James, John Rees, Llanelly, Carmarthen
Johnston, David, Magherafell, co. Derry
Levy, Julius Lawrence, Westbourne Terrace
Lloyd, Thomas Franklin, L.S.A., Finsbury Circus
Morgan, Richard, Aberdare, South Wales
Murray, Berkeley, Barbadoes
Perry, Michael, Hanwell, Berkshire
Pughe, David Roberts, L.S.A., Aberdovey
Sansome, Thomas, Birmingham
Schott, Georg Friedrich Julius, M.D. Gottingen, Frankfurt-on-the-Main
Smea, Alfred Hutchinson, Finsbury Circus
Stevens, George Jesse Barnabas, Southgate Road

Admitted on May 23rd—

Evans, Julian Augustus Michael, Pinner
Malloch, Edward Cruikshank, M.D., Ottawa, Canada West
Parker, Leander Van Ess, M.D., Nova Scotia

It is stated that seven candidates for the membership out of the twenty-eight who recently offered themselves for examination, were referred back to their studies for six months.

Naval Surgeons. At a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on May 23rd, the following gentlemen passed their examinations for full surgeons in the Royal Navy.

Middleton, James, M.D. and L.R.C.S. Edin., 1860, of the Royal Hospital, Greenwich
Peckthorne, George Russell, M.D. Aberdeen, 1862, of H.M.S. Challenger, Sheerness

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

Allan, William M., Newfoundland	Macnamara, I. J., co. Clare
Anderson, John, Forfarshire	Maker, Nicholas, Thurles
Brass, Joseph T. W., Orkney	Menzies, Douglas Donald Cameron, New Amsterdam
Brown, Henry, Belfast	Meehan, James, Limerick
Brown, Samuel, Jamaica	Norman, Edw. T., New Orleans
Brownrigg, Henry T., Waterford	Paterson, Andrew M'M., Madras
Campbell, Archibald, Argyllshire	Rutherford, J. H., Newcastle
Clumpett, Richard Vought, Devonshire	Stevenson, Robert, Kilwinning
Fasby, William, Durham	Stockwell, James, Musselburgh
Fell, Thomas, Sunderland	Vaughan, Jeremiah, co. Clare
Jones, David Edgar, Cardiganshire	Wickham, R. H. B., Ascension
Little, John F., Kilkeenny	Wood, Charles Wellis, Askrigg
M'Cormac, J. M'Gee, co. Down	Woodfield, T. R. J., Sunderland

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

Affleck, James, Ayr	Mortimer, Richard, Cork
Alcock, Christopher, Nottingham	Murray, William, co. Westmeath
Bates, Tom, Cambridgeshire	Myles, George, Limerick
Bradley, Daniel, Dudley	Purcell, Edward G., Limerick
Brayton, J. G., Whitehaven	Robinson, James, Lancashire
Clarke, Wm. H., Birmingham	Roche, Arthur W., Cork
Galley, Edgar, Annan	Stanley, W. E. S., Cumberland
Griffith, Wm. B., co. Mayo	Stewart, Robert, Perthshire
Hayes, Joshua, Cork	Straton, Charles R., Montrose
Jones, Charles, Herefordshire	Tait, Robert L., Edinburgh
Kehoe, Thomas B., Cork	Wicks, Aubrey, Cambridge
M'Carthy, John, Cork	Wood, Wm. Dyson, Wakefield
M'Dougall, Finlay, Argyllshire	Woodcock, Samuel, Derbyshire
MacRury, C. W., Inverness-shire	Young, Richard, Lanarkshire

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH. The following gentleman passed their final examinations,

and were admitted Licentiates of the College during the April and May sittings of the examiners.

Brown, Hugh, Lanarkshire	Palanque, John A., Windsor
Cox, James N., Dumfriesshire	Rhind, John, Cheshire
Gray, George, Newry	Skene, Wm., Helensburgh
Lindsay, Joseph, co. Antrim	Smith, Robert Ayre, Monkwearmouth
M'Caskie, Chas., Edinburgh	Wood, Joseph, Northumberland
Moir, John W., Musselburgh	

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On May 17th, 1866, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Bush, John Dearden, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
 Evans, Arthur Griffith, Narberth, Pembrokeshire
 Gell, Thomas Silvester, Stafford
 Macaulay, James Campbell, Leicester
 Milward, James, Cardiff
 Newsam, Alderson, Totnes, Devon
 Smith, Edward Robert, Dudley, Worcestershire

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

Sanders, Richard Careless, London Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

ARMY.

LEET, Assistant-Surgeon C. H., 13th Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* W. H. T. Power.
 POWER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon W. H. T., to be Assistant-Surgeon 13th Foot, *vice* C. H. Leet.

ROYAL NAVY.

CRAWFORD, John, M.D., Staff-Surgeon, to the *Trincomalee*.
 GABRIEL, John T., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Pearl*.

INDIAN ARMY.

HARPER, Deputy Inspector-General G., Bengal Establishment, to have the honorary rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals.
 MACFARLANE, Surgeon-Major D., Madras Establishment, to have the honorary rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals.

MILITIA.

CURME, D., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon Dorsetshire Militia.

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

FITZGERALD, C. E., M.D., to be Surgeon 2nd Administrative Battalion Cinque Ports R.V.
 HUNT, T. O., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 1st Radnorshire R.V.
 LOANE, J., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Tower Hamlets R.V.
 RICKARDS, A., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st West Riding A.V.

BIRTHS.

ASHENDEN. On May 16th, at Hastings, the wife of Charles Ashenden, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
 CRAIGIE. On May 14th, at Doddington, Kent, the wife of John Craigie Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
 JONES. On May 17th, at Chichester, the wife of C. Sturges Jones, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
 KELSON. On May 16th, at 130, St. Paul's Road, Camden Square, the wife of *George Kelson, Esq., of a daughter.
 KIRBY. On May 18th, at Cambridge Terrace, Hyde Park, the wife of Thomas C. Kirby, L.K.Q.C.P., of a daughter.
 SECCOMBE. On May 18th, at Terrington, King's Lynn, the wife of John T. Seccombe, M.D., of a son.
 SUMNER. On May 18th, at Wellington Terrace, St. John's Wood, the wife of W. Allen Sumner, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
 YELF. On May 12th, at Moreton-in-Marsh, the wife of L. K. Yelf, M.D., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FOTHERBY, Henry I., M.B., of Trinity Square, Tower Hill, to Louisa Mary, only daughter of Chas. F. ENGSTROM, Esq., Her Majesty's Consul at Gothenberg, at Tottenham, on May 22.
 LEATHAM, James, M.D., of Stratford, Essex, to Matilda, daughter of Alfred NEWMAN, Esq., of Alfred Street, Cavendish Square, on May 12.
 LITTLE, Archibald J., Esq., Staff-Surgeon Royal Navy, to Bessie, widow of the late Charles G. D. ANNESLEY, Esq., Captain 18th Royal Irish, at St. Brelade's, Jersey, on May 16.

DEATHS.

BRABANT, R. H., M.D., at Bath, aged 85, on May 13.
 *HARE, Henry C., Esq., at Cawood, Yorkshire, aged 39, on May 15.
 HARVEY, William H., M.D., Professor of Botany in the University of Dublin, at Torquay, aged 55, on May 15.
 McRAE. On May 15th, at Bath, aged 9, Alexander, eldest son of the late A. McRae, M.D., H.M.'s 97th Regiment.

SMITH, Samuel, Esq., formerly Surgeon to the Forces, at Andres, France, aged 91, on May 15.
 STEVENS, James, L.R.C.P.Ed., at 26, Bloomsbury Square, aged 46, on May 16.
 VISE. On May 20th, at Holbeach, aged 76, Elizabeth, wife of *Edward Blithe Vise, Esq.

MR. I. BAKER BROWN has been elected an Honorary Member of the Physico-Medical Society of the University of Moscow.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE. It is proposed to confer honorary degrees upon Alphonse De Candolle, Professor Sedgwick, Professor Phillips, of Oxford, Dr. J. D. Hooker, and Professor W. Thomson, of Glasgow.

POPULATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. The Registrars-General of the three kingdoms estimate the population at the middle of the year 1866, as follows:—England and Wales, 21,210,020; Scotland, 3,153,413; Ireland, 5,571,971; total, 29,935,404.

A CHOLERA HOSPITAL SHIP FOR THE THAMES. The Lords of the Admiralty have granted the ship *Belleisle* for use in the Thames as a cholera hospital. It is to be under the charge of the committee of the Seamen's Hospital Society, and will be moored in the neighbourhood of the *Dreadnought*.

BRITISH HOME FOR INCURABLES. The Board has received a second donation from the Princess of Wales, the patroness of the institution; and the Marquis Townshend has presented a sum of £1,000 to found a perpetual maintenance for one in-patient, in memory of his father, the first President of the institution.

THE ROYAL MEDALS for the encouragement of geographical science and discovery, entrusted annually for award to the Geographical Society, will this year be given to Dr. T. Thomson, Himalayan traveller and botanist, and to Mr. W. Chandless, who performed the wonderful exploration of the Purus river, in South America, mapping it in detail for a length of 1900 miles. (*Athenæum*.)

DEATH OF DR. W. H. HARVEY. The papers announce the death of Dr. William H. Harvey, F.R.S. and L.S., M.R.I.A., etc., Professor of Botany in Trinity College, Dublin, and keeper of the University Herbarium, a highly distinguished botanist, and a most amiable and accomplished man. Dr. Harvey, who had long been ill, died of phthisis on the 15th instant, at Torquay.

THE SCOTCH UNIVERSITIES. The Senatus of Edinburgh University have sent to the care of Sir William Stirling-Maxwell a petition to the House of Commons, pressing the claims of the Scotch Universities to be represented by two members instead of one, as proposed in the Seats Bill; and suggesting that the Universities should be formed into two groups, one comprising Edinburgh and St. Andrew's, the other Glasgow and Aberdeen, each group to return a member. (*Scotsman*.)

SUPPLY OF GAS. The Select Committee on the metropolitan gas bills have arrived at a decision which cannot fail to give general satisfaction. The committee report that they have found the illuminating power greater, and the quality of the gas better, in Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Plymouth, Brighton, and other large towns, than in the metropolis, and the price cheaper to the consumers: that the purification of the metropolitan gas is imperfect, leaving an excess of sulphur, which is most injurious to health, pictures, metals, etc. The report suggests many improvements as to tests, district arrangements, and other matters, and recommends that the legal minimum illuminating power should be increased, and the maximum price reduced.

DR. B. SEEMANN, formerly naturalist on the British ship *Herald*, on her voyage round the world, in 1845 to 1851, is on his way to Nicaragua, to make reports in regard to the mines of Lemon and Matagalpa.

THE EDINBURGH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ART was opened by Prince Alfred on the 19th instant. The opportunity was taken by the magistrates and council to present his Royal Highness with the freedom of the city, and the *Senatus Academicus* of the University conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D.

THE LECTURES given for assisting the funds of the Society for Assisting Scientific Men in Paris in need are now concluded, and have added considerably to the funds. M. Frémy's lecture on ozone and oxygen was perhaps the greatest success of the course. The continued presence of the Empress at these lectures deserves to be recorded.

CHOLERA. Dr. Trench, the medical officer of health for Liverpool, reports five deaths from cholera within the borough during last week; this increase is due to the removal of the passengers from the *Helvetia* and *War Cloud*, to a dépôt within the borough. The registrar of Swansea has reported a death from cholera, which occurred in his district on the 14th inst. The disease proved fatal in four hours. On the morning of the 17th, a woman, who had laid out the deceased, was attacked with all the symptoms of the same disease.

THE CHOLERA IN LIVERPOOL. From a statement made by Dr. Trench, at a meeting of the Health Committee, it appeared that up to that time there had been a total of thirty-one deaths in the port, and that all had occurred among German emigrants, and those connected with the *Helvetia*. Hitherto the disease had attained no foothold in the town, and there was no reason to fear that it would do so. He gives it as his opinion that the disease, with ordinary precautions, is not contagious.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY. The annual conversation of the Pharmaceutical Society was given on the 15th inst. Dr. Thudichum gave a lecture on the trichina spiralis, exhibiting specimens both of the living and dead animal, by means of the oxy-hydrogen light. Mr. Debenham took a photograph of the audience by the aid of the magnesium light, igniting an ounce of magnesium filings at one instant. Mr. S. Highley exhibited a number of enlarged microscopic and other objects on the screen, by the aid of his lantern and the lime light. The exhibition of microscopes was very extensive. Mr. S. Browning exhibited some useful spectroscopes. Messrs. Horne and Thornthwaite exhibited a most ingenious engine, devised by Mr. Acland, for dividing tubes, eudiometers, burettes, thermometers, etc. Mr. Ansell described his diffusion instruments for detecting fire-damp in mines. Dr. Bence Jones exhibited Schultze's electrical induction machine. Another novelty was a number of joints of meat enveloped in paraffine, according to Dr. Redwood's process. It is simply to dip the joint in melted paraffine; the hot liquid drives out the air from the tissue, and on the joint being withdrawn and put in colder paraffine, an additional layer coats it, and a thick white envelope is completed. Specimens have been sent in ships to various foreign parts, to test the process, but none of these examples have yet had time to return for that necessary examination, which is requisite to stamp a permanent commercial value on the method. Around the walls were displayed specimens of ferns and seaweeds, by Mr. Jardine. Professor Bentley brought a number of rare plants, one of which was *Sarracena purpurea* in flower.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 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.—St. Thomas'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 Orthopaedic, 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, 9.30 A.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.

FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society of London, 8 P.M. Annual Meeting. Dr. Blandford, "Some Cases of General Paralysis of the Insane."

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.

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.

Does Mr. Clowes intend his note for publication?

WE have been compelled to defer several letters of correspondents, on account of the length of the report of the proceedings of the Medical Council.

VOLUNTEER UNIFORMS.—SIR: Will you, or any of your readers, kindly state what are the exact accoutrements, uniform, and ornaments, of—1, a surgeon to a battalion of volunteers; 2, an assistant-surgeon to ditto; 3, a surgeon or assistant-surgeon of a company. I am, etc.
May 21st, 1866. F.R.C.S.

THE GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.—SIR: The following subscriptions have been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—W. B. Irving, Esq., Newark (second), 1s.; Thomas Robinson, Esq., Alton (second), 5s.; H. J. Mathew, Esq., Horsham, 10s. Amount previously announced, £136:6:3. Received at the office of the *Lancet*, £13:11:6.
I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopgate Street Without, May 23rd, 1866.

A SENSIBLE PROPOSAL.—M.D. writes: "I beg leave to endorse the views expressed by a correspondent in the JOURNAL of last week, that the expenses incurred by Dr. Armstrong and his son in resisting the attempts to extort money from them, should be defrayed by voluntary contributions. As mostly happens in these cases, more money is raised than is required, and then a difficulty arises what to do with the surplus; to obviate which, I propose that each subscriber be asked to advance five shillings, and in case that is not sufficient, each be expected to give an equal amount to make up the deficiency. By that means, I think many will be induced to join, who otherwise would not; and as the object of such subscriptions is to show our sympathy for our unfortunate confrères; by adopting this course, two good things would result—a hearty response on the greater part of the profession, and a grateful proof to the Messrs. Armstrong of the esteem and respect entertained for them by a large body of their medical brethren. Should you consider my suggestion practicable, I beg you will put my name down as a subscriber."

[M.D.'s views on this subject are quite in accordance with the expressed opinion of the committee. EDITOR.]

PARADOX IN THE TREATMENT OF CHOLERA.—SIR: In the JOURNAL of May 5th, the word "elimination" is used in the curing of cholera. It strikes me, and it may strike others, that giving aperient medicines of any kind, as therein prescribed, would not produce such an act of Nature as would be desirable. It will be admitted that elimination may be normal and abnormal in effect. We cannot say that we can grow wheat, or make an ox fat; but we can use the proper and usual manure and food to effect each object. If disease exists in the wheat or the ox, the one would not grow nor the other get fat, through the exertions of the most attentive farmer; so also in the treatment of cholera by the use of aperients—viz., castor oil, calomel, rhubarb, salts, etc.; or by other means, as opium, brandy, and chalk mixture, which were found wanting on former occasions amongst persons of distinction, whose cases at the first moment of attack were considered hopeless, especially in the late Mr. Key's case, of Guy's Hospital. The proposal of such means seems a paradox to physiological knowledge.

I beg to say that the abnormal state of the blood in cholera, marked by low degree of heat at 77° (see Müller's *Physiology* by Baly, second edition), has again and again been found and suspected to be the seat of disease in cholera; therefore, restoring the blood to its normal condition, seems to be the only mode of cure, which was practised by myself in the Barnstaple Union in 1849, where the guardians had full power of knowing the facts, when one hundred and eleven cases were cured, without a single death occurring, under the same (published) treatment, whilst forty or more cases died under others' treatment. Furthermore, the disease is so very weakening, that the abstraction of blood has been found injurious, and the evacuation of other fluids from the system seems also palpably wrong; whereas, in addition to the system, should be sought to make good the loss from excessive evacuations.

Further communication on the subject with you may be desirable, if my views are worthy of notice in your columns.

I am, etc., WILLIAM PARKER, M.R.C.S.

Bath, May 10th, 1886.

ANIMAL QUININE.—P. Z. writes: "I was delighted to see the way in which you notice Dr. Benze Jones's speculations on his new fluorescent substance. I had intended to write to you on the subject, and to call your attention to the absurdity of any such hypothesis being based upon such facts as Dr. B. Jones appeared to have made out. The reasoning reminds me very much of the hypothetical views which we are apt to hear very frequently in our admirable societies, and where, besides the accurate and cautious men, there are always two or three who are distinguished for the extraordinary hypotheses which they are always building up."

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