

ANTI-COMPULSORY VACCINATION LEAGUE.

A DEPUTATION from the Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League waited upon his Grace the Duke of Buckingham, at the Privy Council Office, on March 5th, for the purpose of presenting a memorial, praying for a commission of inquiry into the hygienic value of vaccination, and the policy of making state grants for its support, or payment from the poor rates, and suggesting that pending such inquiry, if granted, the Compulsory Vaccination Act should be suspended. The deputation, which consisted of Mr. Briscoe, M.P., Mr. Surtees, M.P., Mr. Pease, M.P., Dr. Epps, Dr. Caplin, Dr. Spencer Hall, Dr. Jacob Dixon, Dr. C. J. Pearce, Mr. J. Skelton, Captain C. N. Tucker, Mr. S. Herbert, Mr. J. Gibbs, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. C. Rose, etc., was introduced by Mr. Barrow, M.P.

Mr. PEASE, M.P., said that his colleague and himself had attended with the deputation out of deference to the wishes of several of their constituents who took a very lively interest in the question. The late discoveries of medical men, and especially of French physicians, with respect to this matter, had rendered it worthy of profound consideration as to whether some change in the present law might not be deemed advisable.

Dr. CAPLIN said they had not come to discuss the question in all its various bearings, but simply to object to compulsory vaccination. They had evidence to prove that many persons had been poisoned by vaccination, and in his own practice he had met with patients whose blood had been contaminated through the effects of the operation.

Dr. PEARCE instanced the case of Sir Culling E. Eardley, whose death, he stated, was caused by revaccination. When revaccination was attempted at the camp at Shorncliffe, 13 out of 18 of the soldiers operated upon died from its effects, and it was ordered to be discontinued. Similar effects took place when the revaccination of the French army was commenced among the cavalry at Toulon, and the Emperor was led to order the suspension of the enactment. With regard to other diseases, the effect of vaccination in increasing the mortality in fever, in France, was shown in 1854, by Dr. Perrin. Of 114 cases of typhoid fever, 76 had been vaccinated, 38 unvaccinated. Of the 76 vaccinated, 35 died; of the 38 unvaccinated, 3 died. The mortality, therefore, was in the relation of 35 to 6, or nearly six times greater among those who had been vaccinated. It was to be regretted that in England we had no statistics to show whether fever-patients admitted into hospitals had been vaccinated or not. The evidence adduced, however, clearly showed that the virus of the poison still existed in the frame, and greatly deteriorated the general bodily health, and chances of recovery from fever and other diseases.

Dr. EPPS (of the Royal Jennerian and London Vaccine Institution) said he was a determined opponent of compulsory vaccination, and had been for the last 30 years. He had vaccinated upwards of 120,000 children, and he was aware that it afforded a great security against the spread of small-pox; but they had no moral right to enforce compulsory vaccination upon those persons who objected to it. Vaccination was simply the introduction of a rank poison into the system for the purpose of overcoming another poison, on the principle of choosing the least of two evils; and it should be remembered that, even if the taint was got rid of, the patient was still liable to be attacked by the small-pox. When the late Lord Palmerston was in power he promised Mr. Duncombe that a committee of inquiry should take this subject into consideration; but the promise

was never fulfilled, which was very unjust to all those gentlemen who felt interested in the question.

Dr. SPENCER HALL mentioned several cases of persons who had been vaccinated, and who had subsequently been attacked with small-pox as virulently as though no operation had been performed. He had also known cases in which scrofulous and even secondary syphilitic symptoms had undoubtedly been caused solely by the use of impure lymph for vaccination.

The DUKE of BUCKINGHAM stated that he would lay before his colleagues the representations and memorial of the deputation before any further legislation on the question was proceeded with. He was quite aware of the differences of opinion that existed on the subject, and personally he was not averse to a full and careful inquiry into the matter; but he could not pledge himself on any point before consulting his colleagues.

The deputation, having thanked his grace for his courtesy and attention, withdrew.

Association Intelligence.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: INTERMEDIATE MEETING.

THE intermediate meeting of the North Wales Branch will be held at Wrexham, on Friday, March 15th, at 12 o'clock, at the residence of Edwd. Williams, M.D.

Gentlemen who purpose reading papers, etc., at the meeting, and who intend to avail themselves of the proffered hospitalities of Dr. Williams and Mr. Griffith to luncheon and dinner, will please to give an early intimation to the Honorary Secretary.

D. KENT JONES, *Hon. Sec.*

Beaumaris, February 20th, 1867.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

An ordinary meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday, March 20th. Dinner at 5 o'clock; after which, papers or cases will be communicated.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the dinner, or to read papers after, are requested to give notice to the Honorary Secretary.

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

Taunton, March 1st, 1867.

SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE next meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Greyhound Inn, Croydon, on Thursday, March 21st, 1867. The chair will be taken at 4 P.M., by Mr. Berney.

Papers, etc., are promised by Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Roper, Mr. Morratt Baker, Mr. Berney, etc.

Dinner will be provided at 6 P.M.

HENRY T. LANGHESTER, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Croydon, March 4th, 1867.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. Messrs. Moira and Haigh, of Lower Seymour Street, have presented to the library of the College of Surgeons an album of photographic portraits of two hundred Fellows of the College, to be followed by other volumes.

Medical News.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE. The Military Secretary, India Office, presents his compliments to the Editor of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, and begs to enclose a list of the candidates for Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service, who were successful at the competitive examination at Chelsea in August 1866, and who have undergone a course of instruction at the Army Medical School, together with the total number of marks obtained at the examinations at Chelsea and at Netley.

Names.	Studied at.	No. Marks.
Brockman, E. F.	London	5420
Stewart, W. D.	Edinburgh	5028
Dutt, O. C.	Edinburgh	4420
May, W. G.	Edinburgh	4172
Compigné, H. D.	Edinburgh	4113
Metcalfe, F.	London	4080
Sargent, J. F.	London	3962
Mullen, T. F.	Ireland	3922
Gaffney, J. B.	Ireland	3718
Curran, R. H.	Ireland	3635
Hyde, H.	Ireland	3505
McKeena, C. J.	Edinburgh	3488
Strong, J. W.	Edinburgh	3293
Nolan, W.	Dublin	3236
Wood, J. J.	Edinburgh	3158
Finden, W.	Edinburgh	3048
Paterson, A. McM.	Edinburgh	3000
Cowell, A. R.	Ireland	2728
Heffernan, M.	Edinburgh	2670
Simpson, J.	Aberdeen	2543
Banks, S. O'B.	Ireland	2395

The maximum number of marks obtainable is 6900.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On February 28th, 1867, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Batt, Charles Dorington, Witney, Oxfordshire
 Cockedge, Thos. Abraham Jerningham, Kensington Dispensary
 Martin, Anthony Herbert, Evesham, Worcestershire
 Parsons, Henry Franklin, Frome, Somersetshire
 Ridley, Herbert, Hood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 Wyman, John Sanderson, Alcester, Warwickshire

APPOINTMENTS.

NEAL, James, M.D., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Counties Lying-in Hospital and Dispensary for Diseases of Women and Children, *vice* J. Archer, Esq., resigned.

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

BEALES, R., M.D., to be Surgeon 5th Administrative Battalion Cheshire R.V.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR GOODSIR. We deeply regret to learn that Professor Goodsir, of Edinburgh University, one of the most distinguished anatomists of the day, died on Wednesday, in his fifty-third year.

CHOLERA IN PORT GLASGOW. After a cessation of nearly two months, cholera has once more appeared in Port Glasgow. Within the last few days four fatal cases have occurred, the cases being an adult and three young persons. Choleraic diarrhoea is said to prevail to a considerable extent.

THE HUNTERIAN MUSEUM. Mr. Ayling of New Oxford Street has taken a series of excellent photographs on a large scale of the interior of the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons. Everything appears sharp and well defined, and by the aid of a pocket-lens even the labels can be read. In one photograph we have in the foreground the large whale recently added to the collection, with the statue of John Hunter in the distance. In another are skeletons of various animals, all clear and distinct. Those members who have not seen the College Museum for many years will be glad to have their attention directed to these photographs.

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, 2 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.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.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.

TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. T. Bryant, "On Internal Strangulation of the Bowel, with Hernia"; Dr. Gibson, "On the Condition of the Urine in Epilepsy."
WEDNESDAY. British Archæological Association, 8.30 P.M.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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OWING to pressure on our space, we are compelled to postpone various letters and articles, and numerous answers to correspondents.

A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—Dr. Quain has no cognisance of the circumstances mentioned, and will probably take occasion to say so at the next meeting of the Society.

FIAT JUSTITIA.—Should such a bill be introduced, we shall be happy to support it also.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—Mr. R. Thomas; Dr. C. E. Brown-Séquard; Dr. J. Althaus (with enclosure); The Registrar-General; Dr. D. B. White, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. E. Heffernan, Springmoor; Mr. Furneaux Jordan, Birmingham (with enclosure); Dr. Henry Browne, Manchester (with enclosure); Dr. James Neal, Birmingham; Mr. Higginbottom, Nottingham; Mr. K. Branthwaite, Lincoln; Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson; Dr. J. More Madden, Dublin; Dr. E. Symes Thompson (with enclosure); Mr. Jno. Colam (with enclosure); Mr. Benson Baker; Mr. T. M. Stone; Dr. C. Handfield Jones; Mr. Berkeley Hill; Dr. Logan; Mr. W. P. Swain, Devonport; Dr. T. O. Duffield (with enclosure); Dr. Septimus Gibbon (with enclosure); The Hon. Sec. of Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Dr. Arthur Leared; Dr. G. H. Phillipson, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. Harry Leach; Mr. A. B. Steele, Liverpool; Mr. Richard Griffin, Weymouth; Mr. George Pollock; Mr. F. Poole Lansdown, Bristol (with enclosure); Mr. John Jackson, Gateshead; Dr. H. T. Lancaster, Croydon; Mr. William Copney; The Honorary Secretary of the Pathological Society; Mr. Charles James Fox; Dr. George Edwards; Mr. Elias Bremridge; Dr. Humphry Sandwith, Beverley; Mr. J. Z. Laurence; Dr. Hillier; Dr. Beigel; and Fiat Justitia.