

## Association Intelligence.

### COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE Committee of Council will meet at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on TUESDAY, the 28th day of May, 1867, at 3 o'clock P.M. *precisely*.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, May 7th, 1867.

### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

THE Annual meeting of the above Branch will be held on Thursday, June 6th, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, at 1.30 P.M.; ALBERT NAPPER, Esq., in the Chair.

Dinner at 5 P.M. *precisely*. Tickets, not including wine, seven shillings.

Gentlemen desiring to bring forward communications will be pleased to give notice to the Secretary one week before the meeting.

C. HOLMAN, M.D., *Secretary*.

Reigate, May 23rd, 1867.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday, June 14th, at 3 P.M.; when an address will be given by Samuel Berry, Esq., the President.

The annual dinner will take place at 5 o'clock punctually; dinner tickets, 7s. 6d. each, inclusive of wine and dessert.

The Council meeting of the Branch will be held on the same day and at the same place at 2.30 P.M.

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

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Library of the Newcastle Infirmary, on Thursday, June 20th, 1867, at 2 P.M. President for 1866-67, Sir John Fife, F.R.C.S.; President-elect for 1867-68, Edward Charlton, M.D.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, or describe pathological specimens, are requested to communicate with the Secretary, without delay.

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

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, May 7th, 1867.

### EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Athenæum, King's Lynn, on Thursday, June 20th, at 2 P.M. President for 1866-67, T. W. Crosse, Esq.; President for 1867-68, J. V. Hawkins, M.D., King's Lynn.

Members are invited to attend, in accordance with the following resolution, which was passed at the last annual meeting, held in Norwich. Moved by Dr. Copeman, Norwich, and seconded by Mr. Cadge, Norwich: "That the next annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch be held, in combination with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch, at Lynn, and that Dr. Hawkins be elected President.

Gentlemen intending to read short papers or cases, or to be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate with the President-elect, or the Honorary Secretaries, without delay. Dinner tickets, 12s. 6d.

B. CHEVALLIER, M.D., Ipswich } *Hon.*  
J. B. PRATT, M.D., Norwich } *Secs.*

### SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Northampton Infirmary, on Thursday, June 27th, at 2 P.M.; R. W. Watkins, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, are requested to communicate with Dr. Bryan, of Northampton, one of the Honorary Secretaries, without delay.

J. M. BRYAN, M.D. } *Hon.*

G. P. GOLDSMITH, Esq. } *Secs.*

## Correspondence.

### THE REPRESENTATION OF ST. ANDREW'S AND THE OTHER SCOTCH UNIVERSITIES.

SIR,—I desire, through the pages of your JOURNAL, to call the attention of those Doctors of Medicine of St. Andrew's who have no seat in the General Council of the University, to the fact that they are, in consequence, to be denied the privilege of voting for a member of Parliament for the Universities of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, in the new Scotch Reform Bill just introduced into Parliament. The franchise is to be bestowed on those whose names are already on the registers of the General Councils of the Universities; and the new members of the Councils will be the graduates in Law, Divinity, Medicine, etc., who have attended two classes for one session in their respective Universities, and the Doctors of Medicine of St. Andrew's who have graduated *subsequent* to 1863, the year in which a new constitution was conferred on the Scotch Universities. Why exclude those who graduated *prior* to 1863? Is this justice? They underwent the prescribed examinations, paid the full fees, and were duly created Doctors of Medicine. They are equal, at least, in standing with those who have followed them, and are as truly members of the University as any other graduate whose name is or may be on the Council-roll.

I ask my fellow-graduates, are we to continue to submit to this indignity? We have, for four years past, been unjustly excluded from participation in the government of our University; and now we are deemed unfit to exercise the parliamentary franchise, which is to be given to all the graduates of all other Universities both in England and Scotland. It is not too late yet to bestir ourselves in this matter. There is an Association of St. Andrew's graduates in London, which might do good service. And, besides this, each graduate might bring the subject, by letter, under the notice of his own M.P. and any others he may know, and ask his or their support; and this might be strengthened by the presentation to Parliament of a short petition from each graduate, which, I think, would be better than a general petition. And you, sir, as one of the champions of our profession, will you raise your voice in our behalf, and assist us to obtain what are our undoubted rights? I am, etc., M.D. (ST. ANDREW'S).

CATTLE DISEASE. Some cases of contagious typhus having appeared amongst horned cattle in several districts of Germany, especially at Frankfort, a Ministerial Ordinance, dated May 15th, has been issued, prohibiting the importation and transit of ruminating animals, fresh hides, or carcases, along the whole length of the French frontier, from Lauterbourg to the department of Savoy, inclusive.

## Obituary.

### JAMES BLACK, M.D.

WITH sincere regret, we have to announce the death of Dr. James Black, 2, George Square, Edinburgh, where, for the last few years of his energetic and active life, he has resided.

He commenced his professional studies in 1806 at Edinburgh. In 1820, he took his M.D. degree in Glasgow. In 1860, he became F.R.C.P.Lond.; and in the intermediate time was L.R.C.S. Edinburgh. He was also a Fellow of the Geological Societies of London and Paris, and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, to which he was elected in 1857.

As soon as he had passed the requisite examinations, he was in 1809 made an assistant-surgeon of the Royal Navy; and, after twelve months' service, he was promoted to be surgeon of the *Raven*, sloop of war, and sent to the West Indies. At the end of the war, he was placed upon half-pay. He then commenced private practice at New Stewart, to be near his aged parents; in which place he resided only a short time, and removed to Bolton, Lancashire, where he resided till 1839, and was one of the physicians to the Infirmary and Dispensary. In order to afford his children greater advantages, he then went to Manchester, and was appointed Physician to the Manchester Union Hospital, and Lecturer on Forensic Medicine at the Medical School.

He was the author of many professional works. In 1825, he wrote on the Capillary Circulation of the Blood and Intimate Nature of Inflammation. In 1826, he published a Comparative View of the Intimate Nature of Fever; and in 1840, a Manual on the Diseases of the Bowels.

In the year 1848, he returned to Bolton, the objects for which he left the place being accomplished.

As years rolled onwards, age produced its usual results, and increasing infirmities compelled him to retire from all active duties; and the latter years of his life were passed in Edinburgh, and on April 30th, 1867, he expired.

The mind of Dr. Black was of an active and intelligent nature, always engaged in some useful and literary occupation; and his contributions to general science were very numerous.

In 1842, he was President of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association; and in the *Transactions* of the Association were published his Retrospective Address on Medicine and a work on the Medical Topography of Bolton.

He was also a member of the Manchester Philosophical Society, and then published some Remarks on the Seleic and Belissuma of Ptolemy, and on the Roman Garrison of Mancupium. As a geologist, he was energetic and thoughtful, and belonged to the Manchester Geological Society. He then produced a work on the *Object and Uses of Geological Research*, and *Some Eclectic Views on the Coal Formations*.

Many other essays on scientific and professional subjects are in existence. Some of them will be found in the back numbers of the *PROVINCIAL MEDICAL JOURNAL*; but what has been mentioned is sufficient to prove that his life was energetic and useful; and when it terminated he was at peace with the world, and exhibited a sure and Christian expectation of a joyful resurrection to a happier state.

## Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND. The following gentlemen, having been elected to the Fellowship at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as Fellows on May 16th.

Batten, Thomas, Coleford, Gloucestershire; diploma of membership dated May 18, 1837  
Jones, Richard, M.D. St. Andrew's, Newtown, Montgomeryshire; June 9, 1837

At the same meeting of the Council, Mr. John Clay of Birmingham, a member of the College, attended, and received from the President, the Jacksonian Prize, awarded to him for his essay on "Ovariectomy: Pathology and Diagnosis of cases suitable for this operation, with the best method of performing it."

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

Hickson, George, Kenmare	Nyhan, John, Drimoleague
Lyall, Andrew, Macduff	O'Reilly, Francis J., Rathmore
Lyne, Daniel J., Cork	Power, Thomas, Cork
Neville, John J., Macroom	Wilson, John, Dumbartonshire

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

Ashmead, George, Northampton	Little, William, Kilkenny
Clapperton, Jas., Queen's County	M'Cormac, Jno. M'Gee, co. Down
Hamilton, Alexander, Dundee	Meikle, John, Douglas
Hegarty, Daniel, Passage West, Cork	O'Kelly, Richard A., Limerick
Hetting, Henry Ernest, Bristol	Porteous, J. L. H., Ayrshire
Jones, Leslie, Cork	Erytherch, Thomas G., Wrexham
Kennelly, Michael, Nenagh	Warren, Philip S., co. Cork
	Windele, Richard, Cork

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH. The following gentleman passed their final examinations, and were admitted Licentiates of the College on May 3rd.

Finlayson, James, Glasgow	Rogers, Cecil, London
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### APPOINTMENT.

HARDIE, James, M.D., L.R.C.S., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Clinical Hospital, Manchester.

### BIRTHS.

HINTON. On May 17th, at Hinton, near Bath, the wife of Joseph Hinton, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.  
WHITTING. On May 3rd, at Croydon, the wife of H. Townsend Whitting, Esq., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGE.

BAILEY, the Rev. Hammond Roberson, M.A., rector of Great Warley, Essex, Fellow and late Tutor of St. John's College, Cambridge, to Pontine Harriet, only daughter of Henry Bock, Esq., Surgeon, of Needham Market, Suffolk, at Barking, on May 18.

### DEATH.

DIX, John, Esq., Surgeon, in practice for upwards of fifty years at Smallburgh, Norfolk, aged 75, on May 10.

CHOLERA. There has for some time past been cholera at Bergamo, although it does not seem to have as yet committed any great ravages.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL. At a meeting of the Committee of Management of this hospital, held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., it was resolved, "That the warmest thanks of the Committee be presented to Mr. Alderman Copeland, their esteemed vice-president, for his munificent donation of £500 to the funds of this hospital."

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY.**... Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 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.—Gharing 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. C. H. Moore, "On the Influence of Inadequate Operations on the Theory of Cancer"; Dr. Ryan, "On Atelectasis Pulmonum."

**FRIDAY.** Western Medical and Surgical Society of London, 8 P.M. Annual Meeting. Report of Council and Financial Report. Election of Officers for next Session. For the Narration of Cases.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**MEMBERS** are reminded that it is a matter of great convenience and economy to the Association, and conduces to the efficiency of its working, and to their comfort and advantage, that their subscriptions, which are now due, should be paid promptly to the Secretary, Mr. T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, Newhall Street, Birmingham; or to the Secretaries of their respective Branches.

All Letters and Communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the Editor, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

**AUTHORS** of PAPERS are respectfully requested to make all necessary alterations in their copy before sending it to the JOURNAL. Proofs are furnished to authors, not for further changes, but that the writer may correct the printer when he has misread the manuscript.

Communications as to the transmission of the JOURNAL, should be sent to Mr. RICHARDS, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

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

## MEPHITIC ATMOSPHERE OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.

SIR,—I am glad to see that the Underground Mephitic Railway Atmosphere, to which you first called attention, is attracting the notice of others. Pray use your influence with the Builder, that he may not patronise any sanitary doctor's patent ventilating schemes for the cure of the evil. There seems to be a move in that way. Surely experience, and a very expensive experience, has shown to demonstration that no artificial schemes of ventilation are needed, when you can get fresh air without their aid. There is only one possible way to improve the atmosphere of underground railways, and the way is as simple as need be. Indeed, it is so simple and plain and costless, that, as usual, it does not recommend itself to the directors. It is this; viz., wherever it is possible, to make an outlet from the underground tunnel. Every one who travels by this road, and who has any eye for ventilation, will see that, by this simple process, a very much larger amount of fresh air might be admitted. Hundreds of square feet of glass and brickwork, which are capable of being removed, without prejudice or injury to the railway, or any other body, at present obstruct the ventilation; i.e., keep in foul and keep out fresh air. If the directors would for once perform a cheap work of common sense—which, I fear, is hardly to be expected at present—they would order their bricklayer and glazier to remove every useless pane of glass and every useless piece of brickwork which at this moment obstructs the circulation of air into and out of their railway. I am, etc., W. O. M.

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.**—Advertisements should be forwarded direct to the Printing Office, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, addressed to Mr. Richards, not later than Thursday, ten o'clock.

H. W.—Yes, with pleasure, keeping within the limits named.

MR. EDGECUMBE VENNING has read the letter, but not the recantation, which subsequently appeared, and which made the *amende honorable*. We are much obliged by his communication.

In case of any recurrence of irregularity in the delivery of the JOURNAL, Mr. Sercombe is requested to communicate with Mr. Richards, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., to whom all applications on the subject should be addressed.

## VERNIX CASEOSA.

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers oblige me with any information regarding the origin and nature of the "vernix caseosa" of new-born infants? I can find little or no account of it in the books within my reach. I am, etc.,

Diis, Norfolk, May 1867. F. C. P. HOWES, M.D.

\*S. Dr. Howes will find an account of the "vernix caseosa" in Hebra's *Skin Diseases*, vol. i, p. 106 (New Sydenham Society); and in Dr. Hillier's book on *Skin Diseases*, p. 189. It is an accumulation of secretion from the sebaceous follicles, and has been called "seborrhoea or steorrhoea".

DR. ALTHAM.—Members intending to read papers, or make short communications of any kind at the Dublin meeting of the Association, should place themselves in communication with William Stokes, Esq., Jun., Dublin, one of the local Honorary Secretaries of the meeting.

DR. W. P. STIFF (Swinton) shall receive a private letter.

Owing to great pressure on our space, we are compelled to omit Reports in type on the *British Pharmacopoeia* and on the Mortality of Lying-in Institutions; reports of the Obstetrical and Pathological Societies; many letters, notices, and other communications of interest.

PAPERS of Dr. Southey, Dr. Cotton, Dr. Waters, Mr. Moore, Dr. Andrew Clarke, and others, are in type, and shall have an early insertion.

**COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, &c.**, have been received from:—

Dr. James Johnston, Leamington; The Honorary Secretary of the Obstetrical Society; Mr. Stone; Dr. Samselton, Manchester (with enclosure); The Honorary Secretary of the Harveian Society of London; Dr. Hillier; Mr. E. Sercombe; Dr. Southey (with enclosure); Mr. Solly; Dr. Wade, Birmingham; Mr. G. Mallett, Belton-le-Moors (with enclosure); Dr. Fred. J. Brown, Rochester (with enclosure); Dr. Carr, Blackheath; Dr. Marcet; Lord Robert Montagu, M.P.; Dr. W. P. Stiff, Swinton; Mr. E. Venning; Dr. Jenner; Dr. Joseph Rogers; Dr. V. Bazire; Dr. A. E. Sansom (with enclosure); Dr. H. Garvis; The Honorary Secretary of the Western Medical and Surgical Society of London; Mr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Mr. De la Garde, Exeter (with enclosure); Dr. A. T. H. Waters, Liverpool; Dr. H. Weber; Mr. J. Hinton, Hinton, near Bath; Mr. J. Abraham, Harrogate; Dr. G. Johnson; Mr. Evans, Northampton; Dr. Markham; Dr. A. P. Stewart; Mr. Squire (with enclosure); Dr. Buchanan, Glasgow (with enclosure); Mr. John Dix, Hull; Dr. Partridge, Birmingham; Dr. Lancaster, Croydon (with enclosure); The Honorary Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Mr. Bremridge; Dr. Charles Kidd; Dr. Murchison; Dr. J. B. Pitt, Norwich (with enclosure); Dr. Rowles, Rathmines (with enclosure); Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Birmingham (with enclosure); Dr. Fairless, Cupar Angus; The Registrar-General of England; Dr. Broadbent; Dr. Lankester (with enclosure); Dr. Hardie, Manchester; Mr. Henry Beck, Needham Market; Mr. James Johnston; Dr. Septimus Gibbon (with enclosure); Mr. Thring; Mr. V. Jackson; Dr. Holman; and Mr. Mackie.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

Shaw's Medical Remembrancer. Fifth edition. London: 1867. Report to the Superintendents and Visitors of Sections in the recent Sanitary Visitation Movement. Glasgow: 1867.

North British Daily Mail, May 17th.  
Boro' of Greenwich Standard, May 18th.  
The Sunday Gazette, May 19th.  
The Limerick Chronicle, May 16th.  
The Leeds Mercury, May 20th.  
The Clerkenwell News.