

Special Correspondence.

DUBLIN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

ON Monday last, the annual election of President, Vice-President, and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons took place, and there was much more excitement than usual, as there was a contest for the first-named office, which was rendered vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Banon. Mr. Adams was elected by a large majority over Mr. J. Hamilton, in a College of 116 Fellows. There were two vacant places, owing to the resignation of Dr. Pentland and the death of Dr. Banon; and Dr. Butcher and Dr. Mapother were elected to fill them.

The annual meeting of the Irish Medical Association was numerous attended, Dr. Mackesy being in the chair. The resolution which attracted most attention was that which urged the justice of giving superannuation allowance to dispensary medical officers; and now that half the expense of their salaries is paid from the Consolidated Fund, there can be less reason than before for refusing this appeal. It was also urged upon the Medical Council to insist on a uniform and respectable standard of preliminary and professional examination. A warm tribute of thanks was made to the Poor-law Commissioners for having, in many cases, protected the interests of the medical officers in obtaining from guardians a fair remuneration for their services during the cholera epidemic.

The Council of the Association having arranged a plan by which the *Medical Press and Circular* would be constituted the organ of the Association, it was agreed to raise the subscription to £1:1, which will include payment for that journal, separate space being devoted to discussion of its objects and proceedings. Fifty-four of the members of the Association dined together at the Gresham Hotel on the same evening.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Society was also held in the College of Surgeons; the out-going President, Dr. Butcher, being Chairman. That gentleman contributed the handsome sum of £100, thereby setting a laudable example to future presidents of our Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. The subscriptions to the Fund were satisfactory, and the funded money of the Society amounts now to £12,000. There were 79 applications favourably answered, with awards varying from £5 to £35. The profession has much reason to thank the founders of this excellent Society, among the most prominent of whom was the late most benevolent Dr. Kingsley of Roscrea. A laudable effort is being made to have the admirable portrait of this gentleman placed in the board-room of the College of Surgeons, instead of in the comparatively private room of that building in which it now is.

The malignant purpuric fever (to adopt Dr. Stokes's

epithet for the remarkable epidemic which has appeared among us) still numbers three or four victims weekly; and, by its limitation to cholera districts in the late epidemic, it would appear that, whatever may be the nature of the proximate cause of each disease, their promoting causes are identical. Measles has been extremely prevalent and fatal with us for the past few weeks, thirty-one deaths having been caused by it, mainly in public institutions, during the week ending June 1st. To show the remarkable fluctuations of this zymotic, it may be noted that, during the corresponding weeks of 1864 and 1866, no death from this cause was recorded, and only four during the same period of 1865.

The reading-book in Sanitary Science, which has been promised by the Commissioners of National Education, for use in their schools, has not yet appeared. In March last, attention was called to the subject by Captain Stapcoole having moved, in the House of Commons, for copies of the correspondence between these authorities and the Ennis Town Commissioners, who first suggested this very important addition to the subjects to be taught in the elementary schools. It is stated that the compilation of the book has not been entrusted to any member of our profession; and it will be very unfortunate if the first attempt to popularise this subject should fail either in the scientific accuracy or intelligibility so essential to such a work.

Association Intelligence.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

A GENERAL MEETING of this Branch was held at the Hull General Infirmary, on Wednesday, May 22nd, 1867, at 1 o'clock P.M. Twelve members and three visitors were present.

In consequence of domestic affliction, the President, H. M. LEPPINGTON, Esq., of Grimsby, was unable to be present. The chair was consequently taken by R. M. CRAVEN, Esq.

New Members. The following gentlemen were elected members of the Branch:—J. B. Moxon, Esq., Brigg; Dr. J. Cautley, Hedon; the latter gentleman subject to his admission into the Parent Association.

Officers and Council. Mr. H. Gibson was chosen President-elect; Mr. J. A. Locking, Treasurer; Mr. J. F. Holden, Honorary Secretary; and Sir Henry Cooper, M.D., Dr. Daly, Dr. Sandwith, Mr. Sleight, Mr. Craven, Dr. Lunn, and Mr. Nicholson, were elected Committee-men for the ensuing year.

Business affecting the interests of the Branch having been transacted, the following communications were made.

1. On the Indications for Manual Interference and other Agencies in the Treatment of Abortions; with Cases in Illustration. By H. Sandwith, M.D.

2. The Remedial Use of Iodide of Potassium. By Sir H. Cooper, M.D.

3. Illustrations of Surgical Practice. By R. M. Craven, Esq.

Dinner. At the close of the meeting, the members and friends dined together at the George Hotel.

REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

Held at Birmingham, May 28th, 1867.

PRESENT—Dr. Sibson, F.R.S. (in the Chair); Mr. Bartleet; Mr. T. H. Bartleet; Dr. Bryan; Mr. Clayton; Dr. Falconer; Mr. Husband; Dr. Simpson; Mr. Southam; Dr. Stewart; Professor Stokes, M.D.; Dr. A. T. H. Waters; Dr. Edward Waters; Dr. Wilkinson; Mr. Wood; and Mr. T. Watkin Williams (General Secretary).

The following resolutions were unanimously passed.

1. That the Annual Meeting shall be held on the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of August.

2. That the Treasurer's Financial Statement be received, and published in the JOURNAL.

3. That the quarto size recommended by the Journal Committee be adopted.

4. That this Committee consider that it is of the greatest importance that this Association should support the Medical Council in their endeavours to amend the Medical Act, and improve Medical Education; and they trust that the various Branches of the Association will take the subject of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, about to be proposed by the Medical Council, into their consideration, and give it their support by means of petitions to the Legislature and representation to Her Majesty's Government.

5. That a petition be forwarded to the Houses of Parliament from this Committee, and a representation be made to Government in support of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, when prepared by the Medical Council: to be signed by the President of the Council on behalf of the Committee of Council.

6. That, in any alteration of the Medical Act, the constitution of the Medical Council ought to be reconsidered, so that the great body of the profession should be fairly represented.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

Birmingham, June 1st, 1867.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1866.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	2137	16	0
Arrears	106	1	0
Advertisements and Sales	582	1	0
Balance in hand, Dec. 31st, 1865	318	14	8½
Balance due to Treasurer, Dec. 31st, 1866	503	9	1½
	3648	1	10

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
JOURNAL EXPENSES:			
Mr. Richards (Printing and Stamps)—five quarters	2252	6	0
Mr. Richards (Directing, etc.)—two years	100	0	0
Mr. Honeyman (Office Expenses)—two years	208	13	5
Mr. Davidson (Commission)	147	0	6
Mr. Orrin Smith (Engraver)	2	12	9
Editor of Journal	200	0	0
Dr. Henry (Sub-editor)	50	0	0
Contributors	239	18	6
Dr. Henry (Salary, for work at Office)	50	0	0
EXECUTIVE EXPENSES:			
Secretary	250	0	0
Secretary's Petty Cash	41	12	6
Branch Secretaries and Collectors	25	13	5
Reporting Proceedings at Chester	16	16	0
Mr. Moore (Hastings Medal)	21	0	0
Anniversary Expenses	12	13	9
Stationery	14	15	6
Sundry other Expenses	14	19	6
	3648	1	10

The balance against the Association is due to the payment of outstanding accounts of Messrs. Richards and Honeyman. All demands upon the funds for 1866, and those for the present year, up to the last quarter, have been paid.

R. WILBRAHAM FALCONER, M.D., *Treasurer*.

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 waiters 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. BARTLEET, *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.

Dinner at the Queen's Head Hotel, at 5 P.M.

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

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

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, June 6th, 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. PITT, M.D., Norwich } *Secs.*

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held, in conjunction with the East Anglian Branch, at the Athenæum, King's Lynn, on Thursday, June 20th, at 2 P.M.; J. V. HAWKINS, M.D., King's Lynn, President.

Members intending to read papers or cases are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary at their earliest convenience.

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

Cambridge, May 28th, 1867.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in Chester, on Wednesday, June 26th, at 2 P.M.; JOHN HARRISON, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Dinner at 4.30 P.M.

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. Secretary*.

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 THE SCOTCH UNIVERSITIES.

LETTER FROM W. O. MARKHAM, M.D.

SIR,—As you have mentioned my name in connection with the prospective election of a representative in Parliament of the Scotch universities, you will perhaps allow me to say how deeply I regret that, through official ties, I am unable to respond to the suggestions made to me by influential friends. These ties alone prevent me from attempting the candidatureship.

I sincerely trust that some medical candidate who may be likely to obtain the sympathies of the profession will appear in the field. If Edinburgh University is famous, it is so mainly as a school of medicine. If her professors are famous, it is mainly as professors of medicine. If any profession or any trade is unrepresented in Parliament, it is the profession of medicine. If special knowledge of any kind is deficient in Parliament, it is the knowledge of medicine—of that sort which only a man who has been educated to medicine, and who has practised it, can possess; and who, indeed, but the man of medicine ought to be the promoter and director of matters medical and sanitary in Parliament? The medical profession are constantly proclaiming their regret at the absence of the medical element there. Now, then, surely here, if ever, is an occasion for them to satisfy the feeling.

The prospects of a medical candidate for the Universities are, in my opinion, excellent. There are, I believe, about 850 medical graduates of Edinburgh University in England, and about 150 in Ireland. Besides these, there are what may be called a "floating" population of graduates of about 200 to 300 more in the army and navy—active as well as retired medical officers who would be able to exercise the franchise.

It must be also remembered that the same Universities' Bill which proposes to extend the vote to all Edinburgh medical graduates, proposes to prevent the St. Andrew's graduates from having such vote, on the grounds of their non-residence. Of the justice or otherwise of this proposal I have nothing to say; I only wish to observe of it that it is not yet law, and that it is not certain that the attempt to exclude these non-resident St. Andrew's graduates will succeed.

Rather, *à priori*, we may anticipate its failure. And if it fail, some 750 or more voters will be added to the above. And in this way we should get a number, viz., 1850 voters, all men of medicine, living out of Scotland, and about equal to the half of the total number of voters of the two universities roughly put at about 3700. Are not such figures enough to flatter the hopes of any medical man who could be entered to run as a favourite of the profession? Such a man as Dr. Symonds of Clifton would, I am sure, if he could be prevailed on to stand, meet with universal support.

Of course I have not a word to say against the candi-

dates already announced. They are doubtless all excellent men. My only complaint against them is that they are not graduates in medicine; and if ever I felt sure of anything, it is, that these universities have a right to, and ought to possess a medical, if any, representative in Parliament.

I am, etc.,

W. O. MARKHAM.

THE COMMITTEE ON VENEREAL DISEASE.

LETTER FROM J. COOPER FORSTER, Esq.

SIR,—Upon reading the report of the Venereal Committee of the Harveian Society, published in the JOURNAL of last week, I observe the abstract of Dr. Steele's letter as to the number of venereal out-patients treated at Guy's Hospital in proportion to other cases. When the subject was mentioned to me by Dr. Steele a few weeks ago, I gave him a rough estimate of the numbers, as taken by me some years since, from which I gathered that a half or even two-thirds of my out-patients at that time were more or less connected with venereal disease.

Since that period I have not kept any record, but during the last four weeks, as the subject is again attracting attention, my dressers have faithfully recorded the respective numbers of venereal and non-venereal cases, including both sexes and all ages. Thinking they may be of interest to the Venereal Committee, I beg to subjoin them. I should premise that Saturday, on which I see my out-patients, there is always, as usual at most hospitals, a very small attendance compared to other days.

Two hundred and ninety-five new cases have been attended during the last month, out of which there has been venereal, 174; non-venereal, 121.

These numbers speak for themselves; comment is unnecessary. Verily something should be done. This subject is endless, but whilst writing these few lines, let me also say that our female syphilitic beds are not always full, and our applicants almost invariably less in number than our empty beds: this I attribute to the general management of the ward, and not to any scarcity of cases; the purlieus of Kent Street and Tooley Street, to say nothing of Woolwich, would afford us a supply quite large enough.

I am, etc.,

J. COOPER FORSTER.

10, St. Thomas's Street, Southwark, May 27th.

THE MEDICAL REGISTER AND PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

LETTER FROM SEPTIMUS GIBSON, M.D.

SIR,—Last year it was proposed, in the Parliamentary Committee of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, when the Reform Bill was under discussion, that the *Medical Register* might be constituted into a constituency returning two members to Parliament. It was urged, that one admitted defect in the present Houses of Parliament was the absence of gentlemen, except Dr. Brady and Mr. Clement, who possess an adequate knowledge of medical and sanitary science; that, as the medical profession does not and cannot obtain adequate representation in the legislature indirectly, it would be politic to give it direct representation. This could be readily and fairly effected, as all its members are now placed on one Parliamentary Register. It would be no "fancy" franchise, but one due to heavy taxes paid, and large services rendered often gratuitously to the public. The knowledge and experience of medical practitioners on all social questions would be most valuable to the legislature. The proposition was

then discountenanced by the Committee as visionary. It was stated that now-a-days direct representation would never be given to a profession, although the Church might continue to maintain her representatives in Parliament.

The reform question has since undergone great changes; and, as this proposition may again come before the Committee, it would be desirable to elicit the general opinion of the profession on the subject. If in itself medical and scientific representation be thought good, not only for the profession, but for the country at large, I think, judging from the proceedings of the House of Commons, it may be had for the asking. Certainly the health of the nation constitutes the greatest part of its wealth, and ought, consequently, to be one of its greatest interests. I shall be happy to submit any observations on the subject to the Committee at its next meeting, when a few other points in the Reform Bill will occupy its attention. The communications received from old graduates of St. Andrew's University will be attended to.

I am, etc., SEPTIMUS GIBBON, M.B.Cantab.

13, Finsbury Square, June 1867.

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On May 30th, 1867, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Chapman, Charles William, Dalton
Dabbs, George Henry, Reque, Newport, Isle of Wight
Macpherson, Samuel Hyde, Gayton, Lyme Regis
Mule, Philip Henry, Cheddar, Somersetshire
Scott, John, 102, Lambeth Walk
Smith, Frederic Walter, Brencley, Kent

BIRTH.

JAMES. On May 24th, at Perry Vale, Forest Hill, the wife of A. James, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BROOKS, Charles C. R., Esq., of Foxborough, near Durban, Natal, to Emily Gertrude, second daughter of J. L. MISKILL, Esq., Surgeon, of Liverpool, on March 13.

M. NÉLATON has been elected a member of the French Academy of Science.

ROBERT JORDAN, was, on Tuesday last, fined £20 at the Marlborough Street Police Court, at the instance of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. An appeal was made against the decision.

TESTIMONIAL. A handsome surgical pocket-case and ophthalmoscope have this week been presented to Mr. J. J. H. Bartlett, late Resident Medical Officer to the Kensington Dispensary. The former bears, on a silver plate, the following inscription: "Presented to J. J. H. Bartlett, Esq., on his leaving the Kensington Dispensary, as a token of gratitude from those who have experienced his great kindness and skill. May 1867."

BEQUESTS. Mr. W. J. Hall, of Trinity Square, has bequeathed £2000 each to the *Dreadnought* Seamen's Hospital Ship, and to the London and Lock Hospitals; £750 to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park; and £500 each to the Tower Hamlets Dispensary and the Eastern Dispensary.—Mrs. Mary Gregory has left £5000 to the Middlesex Hospital.—Mr. Edmund Buckley, of Higher Ardwick, has bequeathed £500 to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.—Miss Charlotte Rane has bequeathed £500 to the Windsor Royal Infirmary.

AN UNQUALIFIED PRACTITIONER, named Odder, has been sent for trial for manslaughter by the Sheffield coroner, for having caused the death of a woman whom he attended in her confinement.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND. On Tuesday, June 4th, the foundation stone of the "Prudhoe Memorial Convalescent Home," was laid at Whitley, on the Northumberland coast, by Lord Warkworth, the young heir to the Dukedom of Northumberland, who in the previous week attained his majority. After prayer, for a blessing upon the undertaking, by the Archdeacon of Northumberland, Sir W. G. Armstrong, C.B., as chairman of the building committee, presented a massive silver trowel, elaborately engraved, to his lordship, who then performed the ceremony. In addition to the Earl and Countess Percy, Lady Armstrong, and a large and brilliant assembly, the 1st Northumberland Artillery Volunteers, the Cullercoats Volunteer Life Brigade, and the children of the Cullercoats National School, were upon the ground. The building is to be erected for fifty patients, upon the pavilion plan, from a design by Thomas Oliver, Esq., Architect, Newcastle, and will cost £16,000. Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland has intimated her intention of entirely furnishing the Home.

THE SCOTTISH REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S RETURN. The return just issued records 19,981 deaths in Scotland in the first quarter of 1867, being in the annual proportion of 25.1 deaths per 1000 of population. This mortality is much above the average of the corresponding quarter of 10 previous years, which was in the annual proportion of 24.6 deaths per 1000 of population. The annual mortality of the town population in the March quarter of the present year was 29.3 per 1,000, while the annual death-rate among the rural population was only 17.5 per 1000. The high mortality of the quarter appears to have been attributable to the severity of the weather rather than to the prevalence of any epidemic. An unusual number of aged persons have been cut off, and bronchitis, pneumonia, and other affections of the respiratory organs have been very prevalent. Typhus and typhoid fever prevailed to a considerable extent over the country, as did also scarlatina, measles, and whooping cough. Cholera still lingered in Scotland, 33 deaths having been reported during the quarter; 25 of these occurred in January, six in February, and two in March. The month of January was severe in the extreme, with deep snow and intense frost, to which the oldest inhabitant scarcely recollects a parallel. The consequence was that the deaths in the month were double the usual number. In March, also, in this district the frost was so intense, with biting east winds, hail, snow, and sleet, that all agricultural operations were completely stopped. The mortality which prevailed in Scotland during each month of the quarter kept pace with the mean temperature. Thus January, with its low temperature of 31.8 degrees, caused 238 deaths daily. The mild weather of February, with its mean temperature of 41.4 degrees, diminished the daily deaths to 210; but the colder weather of March, with its temperature of 36.2 degrees, caused the daily deaths to rise to 217. The mean temperature of the quarter was 36.5 degrees. 27,969 births were registered during the quarter, being in the annual proportion of 36.2 per 1000 of population. This is slightly above the average birthrate of the corresponding quarter of the ten previous years, but is greatly below that of 1864, 1865, and 1866. Of the 27,969 births, 25,181 were legitimate, and 2,788 illegitimate, indicating that 9.9 per cent. of the births were illegitimate.

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.—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. Ethnological Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. Frederick Boyle, "On the Free Indian Tribes of Central America"; Mr. J. Crawford, "On the History and Migration of Cultivated Plants in reference to Ethnology—Spicerias"; Colonel Phayre, "On the Tenure and Distribution of Landed Property in Burma."—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M., Ballot, 8.30 P.M., Mr. Erasmus Wilson, "On a Change of Structure of the Hair produced by Syphilis." Mr. James Lane and Mr. G. G. Gascoven's "Report on Syphilisation."

WEDNESDAY. British Archaeological Association, 8.30 P.M.

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, New-hall 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.

THE FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW. We have received a communication from the Secretary of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, complaining in warm terms of the injustice done to the Faculty by the reference which we recently made to an impression prevalent here, that rejected candidates of the College of Surgeons of England have found a haven at that Corporation. We need not say that we are most anxious to do full justice in the matter; and far from thinking it a point of honour to persist in any statement which is founded on an erroneous foundation, we should take pleasure in fully correcting it. But the inquiries which we have made at the College of Surgeons, induce us to request the Secretary of the Faculty to place himself in communication on this subject with the officers of the London College, who unquestionably entertain the belief to which we have referred; and we shall be happy to publish the correspondence. We are to the full as jealous of the honour of the Scottish as of the English Corporation, and shall be only too pleased to see the matter fully examined and explained.

LETTERS from our Special Correspondents in Berlin and Calcutta, and other articles, are unavoidably deferred.

DR. J. WILLIAMS (Sudbury).—We have forwarded the letter, as requested. The address is Mr. Baker, Optician, etc., High Holborn, London, W.C.

DR. WADE (Birmingham).—A proof shall be sent in a few days.

RAWUL PINDEE (India).—The number of the *Friend of India* did not come to hand. We are much obliged for the tenour of the letter. We shall always be anxious to defend the interests and character of our military medical brethren in India as in Great Britain.

MR. FOWLER (Bath).—We will send for an estimate. Probably, about four guineas.

A PRACTITIONER in Devon states the details of a case, and asks our opinion in respect to it. Ought the gentleman, though called in by the friends, to have gone without communicating with the actual attendant, knowing him to be in charge of the case? 1. If it were understood that there was to be a meeting and consultation, we do not think any previous communication absolutely necessary. 2. There is no rule to force a medical man to meet another, if he declines. 3. Under the circumstances stated, our correspondent would, we think, have been justified in giving up the case at any stage. 4. As to the calling a court medical, he must use his own discretion. It would perhaps be hardly worth while.

TREATMENT OF CANCER.

SIR,—I have just received the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of this week (June 1st, 1867), in which you have kindly published one of my papers on Cancer. Allow me to correct an error in it. The man, whose case I relate at p. 628, had not been a patient at the Cancer Hospital at Brompton.

I am, etc.,
102, Piccadilly, May 31st, 1867.

CHARLES H. MOORE.

VACCINATION CONFERENCE.

DR. FARR, writing to us concerning the Conference on Vaccination, said that the full sense of what he said at the Conference, details omitted, would run as follows:

"The Registrar-General objected altogether to the registration of cases of successful vaccination; so did Dr. Farr; but if overruled, if it were decided to register such cases, he was of opinion that 'vaccinated,' as Mr. Bottomley proposed, should be simply inserted in the entry of the birth register. It would be more difficult than it was in Scotland, as the English books, as soon as full, passed into the hands of the superintendent registrar."

THE "LANCET" GHOST COMMISSIONER.

A CORRESPONDENT at Margate writes us an amusing letter on ghosts and ghost-commissioners, but if he really is in the distress he describes, he must apply to the *Lancet*. We have no ghost-commissioners associated with the JOURNAL. We dare say that his suggestion is well founded, that when the gas-lamp was turned out at the corner, according to the commissioner's suggestion, he was as much in the dark about the ghost as the rest of the mob were. An expert at hobgoblins must, however, be a very entertaining person in the dull season.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—

Mr. Arthur Ransome, Manchester; Dr. Skinner, Liverpool (with enclosure); Mr. A. A. Tindall; Mr. Broadbent, Manchester (with enclosure); Mr. Cork; Mr. Maunders (with enclosure); Dr. Drysdale (with enclosure); Mr. T. Heckstall Smith, St. Mary's Cray (with enclosure); Dr. Samelson, Manchester; Mr. W. M. Clarke, Clifton (with enclosure); Mr. Bartlett, Birmingham (with enclosure); The Scottish Provident Institution; The Revd. S. Hiansard (with enclosure); Dr. Andrew Clark (with enclosure); Dr. Semple (with enclosure); Dr. T. O. Dudfield (with enclosure); Mr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. James Edmonds, Liverpool; Mr. Wm. Stokes, jun., Dublin; Dr. E. Sieveking; Dr. Lory Marsh; Dr. Septimus Gibbon; Dr. Vintras; Mr. C. Savory; Dr. Marcet; Dr. Barnes (with enclosure); Mr. C. H. Moore; Sir Henry Cooper, Hull (with enclosure); Mr. Alfred Napper, Cranley; Mr. Stone; Dr. Birch (with enclosure); Dr. G. H. Philipson, Newcastle; The Honorary Secretaries of the Ethnological Society of London; Mr. Fowler, Bath (with enclosure); Dr. John Armstrong, Gravesend (with enclosure); The Honorary Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Mr. Schweitzer; Dr. MacLoughlin; Dr. John Wades, Hanley; Dr. Williams, Sudbury; Dr. Wade, Birmingham; Dr. Wm. Farr; Dr. Robert Barnes (with enclosure); Sir Thomas Watson; Dr. Mapother, Dublin; Mr. Tibbitts; The Honorary Secretary of Western Medical and Surgical Society; Mr. Edward Crossman; Dr. Hughes Bennett, Edinburgh; Mr. A. Gamgee, Edinburgh; Dr. A. Meadows; Dr. Percy Leslie, Birmingham; and Dr. Markham.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

The Liverpool Daily Post, May 27th.
The Sunday Gazette, June 2nd.
The Chronicle, June 1st.
The Laboratory, June 1st.
The Newcastle Daily Chronicle, June 5th.
The East London Observer.
The Morning Post, June 1st.
The Longford Journal, June 1st.