

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Oxford, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th days of August next.

President—WM. STOKES, M.D., D.C.L., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Dublin.

President-Elect—H. W. ACLAND, M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford.

The Address in Medicine will be delivered by W. W. GULL, M.D., Physician to Guy's Hospital.

The Address in Physiology will be delivered by GEORGE ROLLESTON, M.D., F.R.S., etc., Senior Professor of Anatomy in the University of Oxford.

The Rev. Professor HAUGHTON, M.D., of Trinity College, Dublin, will introduce for discussion—"The change of opinion as to the Sources of Vital and Mechanical Force derived from Food, and its influence upon Medical Practice."

The business of the meeting will be conducted under *five* Sections; viz. :—

Section A. *MEDICINE*.—*President*, Sir Wm. Jenner, Bart., M.D., F.R.S. *Secretaries*, Dr. E. L. Fox, Clifton; Dr. William Roberts, Manchester.

Section B. *PHYSIOLOGY*.—*President*, Professor Rolleston, M.D., F.R.S. *Secretaries*, Dr. W. L. Church, London; Professor Beale, M.B., F.R.S., London.

Section C. *SURGERY*.—*President*, James Paget, Esq., F.R.S., London. *Secretaries*, T. P. Teale, M.A., M.B., Leeds; W. Stokes, jun., M.D., Dublin.

Section D. *MIDWIFERY*.—*President*, Sir C. Locock, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., London. *Secretaries*, Dr. Wilson, Glasgow; J. G. Swayne, M.D., Clifton, Bristol.

Section E. *PUBLIC MEDICINE*.—*President*, J. Simon, Esq., F.R.S., London. *Secretaries*, J. E. Morgan, M.D., Manchester; T. J. Dyke, Esq., Merthyr Tydvil.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, cases, or any other communications, are requested to give notice of the same to the General Secretary, at their earliest convenience.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, June 2nd, 1868.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE Committee of Council will meet at the Charing Cross Station Hotel, London, on Tuesday, the 30th of June, 1868, at 3 o'clock P.M. precisely.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, June 10th, 1868.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held, in conjunction with the East Anglian Branch, at Yarmouth, on Friday, June 26th: W. VORES, M.D., *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., *Hon. Secretary*.

Cambridge, May 27th, 1868.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held, in conjunction with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch, at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Friday, June 26th, at 2 P.M., WM. VORES, M.D., *President-elect*, in the chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases will be pleased to give timely notice to one of the Local Secretaries, viz.: Dr. P. W. Latham, Cambridge; Dr. Chevallier, Ipswich; or Dr. Pitt, Norwich.

The dinner will take place at 5.30 P.M., at the Royal Hotel. Tickets 12s. 6d. each, to be obtained of either of the Honorary Secretaries; and it is hoped that gentlemen intending to dine will give a few days' notice, in order that proper arrangements can be made.

J. B. PITT, *Hon. Secretary for Norfolk*.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Board Room of the General Hospital, Nottingham, on Thursday, June 25th, at 2.30 P.M. *President-elect*, JOSEPH THOMPSON, Esq., Surgeon to the General Hospital.

Papers will be read by the *President*; Dr. Morris of Spalding; Mr. Dolman of Derby; Mr. Sympton of Lincoln; Dr. Ransom of Nottingham; Dr. Taylor of Nottingham; etc.

The members and friends will dine together at the George Hotel, at 5 P.M. Tickets for dinner (exclusive of wine) five shillings.

JOSEPH WHITE, *Hon. Local Secretary*.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Central Hall, Darlington, on Wednesday, July 1st, at 1.30 P.M., instead of Tuesday, June 30th, as previously stated. *President* for 1867-68—EDWARD CHARLTON, M.D.; *President-elect* for 1868-69—JOHN JOHNSON, F.R.C.S.

Dinner at the King's Head Hotel, at 4 P.M.

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., *Honorary Secretary*.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, June 1868.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday, July 2, at 2.30 P.M.; W. L. WINTERBOTHAM, M.B., the *President-elect*, in the chair. Dinner at 5 o'clock.

Gentlemen having papers or cases to communicate are requested to send notice to the Secretary.

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

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Tuesday, July 7th, at 1.15 P.M., at the Parade Hotel, Rhyl; J. WILLIAMS, Esq., Holywell, *President-elect* in the chair.

Dinner will be provided at four o'clock precisely; tickets 12s. 6d. each, to be had at the bar of the above hotel. Gentlemen intending to dine will please give a few days' notice.

It is requested that members having papers or cases to communicate, will be good enough to forward the titles of the same to the Secretary.

Beaumaris, June, 1868.

D. KENT JONES, *Hon. Secretary*.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE sixteenth annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Wednesday, July 8th, at 3 P.M. *President* for 1867-68, W. O. MARKHAM, M.D.; *President-elect* for 1868-69, J. E. ERICHSEN, Esq., F.R.C.S.

At 5.30 P.M. the members will dine together; JOHN E. ERICHSEN, Esq., in the Chair.

A. P. STEWART, M.D.

ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D.

London, June 9th, 1868.

} *Honorary Secretaries*.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Mineral Water Hospital, Bath, on Thursday, July 9th, at 4.45 P.M. R. N. STONE, Esq., *President-elect*.

Members and friends will dine at the York House, at 6.30. Dinner tickets, exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d.

Bath, June 1868.

R. S. FOWLER, *Hon. Secretary*.

AN UNPUNCTUAL CORPSE.—Of all the adventures attributed to the profession of the *verificateur de décès*, who, in France, visits the house where death has occurred, prior to signing the necessary certificate, this is certainly not the least *bizarre*. "I had lately (writes Dr. G., in the *Gazette Médicale de Lyon*) to go and verify a death at Rue B, No. 14. I go there and ask to see the corpse. 'The corpse' is the answer, 'is not in; has not come back yet.' It had often happened to me to find my patients out at the time appointed for my visit; but a corpse! I thought I might fairly have counted on his punctuality. Asking for explanations, I found that it had been necessary to examine the body of the poor fellow after death, he having been killed in a quarrel; and that I must wait till it was brought back from the *post mortem* theatre."

The support of the Government was sought for the Local Officers Superannuation Bill; but the result of the interview was not satisfactory; and, indeed, such practical and desirable measures run much risk of being neglected at this period of the session.

METROPOLITAN UNIONS.

At POPLAR, a motion by Mr. Currie has been carried, that an Assistant to Dr. Sargent be appointed at a salary of £120 a year for twelve months, the officer to reside in the district, and to be supplied with drugs by the chief medical officer.

It has been resolved by the guardians of CLERKENWELL to appoint an officer to see the Vaccination Act carried out. We commend the precedent to the attention of medical officers of health and public vaccinators.

At PADDINGTON, the Poor-law Board have intimated their approval of the plans for a new infirmary; the cost is to be £11,300.

CREWKERNE HOSPITAL.

THE second annual meeting of the Crewkerne Cottage Hospital gave a satisfactory view of the progress of the institution. The hospital has eight beds (but with room in the house for twenty). During the year, twenty-nine patients were treated, of whom twenty-five have been discharged; and thirty-four out-patients have been attended. The average stay in hospital of each patient was forty-four days; the total outlay was £200, including £24 for baths. This gives a total of about £8 a case for the in-patients treated—rather a high average, but perhaps inevitably so in a small institution.

DR. ROGERS forwards to us a copy of a printed handbill, addressed to the Medical Students of London, inviting them to take part in the aggregate meeting of Poor-law medical officers on Wednesday next, which has already been announced in our columns.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

THE following class-list has been issued by the Examiners in the Physical Science Schools:—Class i.—Lankester, E. R. Christ Church; Moseley, H. N., Exeter; Smart, E., Jesus. Class ii.—Reeves, T. J., Exeter. Class iii.—Meredith, T., Exeter. Class iv.—*Nil*.

A. G. V. HARCOURT, M.A.,
G. W. CHILD, M.D.,
R. B. CLIFTON, M.A., } *Examiners.*

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

NATURAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP.—Mr. C. Fox, a student at University College, and son of Dr. Fox of Broughton, has been elected to the Natural Science Scholarship at St. Peter's College. The value of the scholarship is £60 a year. The examination was in Botany, Comparative Anatomy, and Chemistry.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

A PRELIMINARY meeting of the London Committee for promoting the election of Mr. Gladstone as Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, was held on Saturday last, when Mr. S. Chisholm Batten of Angus was elected Chairman, and Dr. W. S. Playfair, Honorary Secretary. A large number of the most influential graduates in all the faculties have already intimated their intention of supporting Mr. Gladstone. A resolution was formed to admit as members of the London Committee, not only the present members of Council, but all who will become qualified to vote under the new act. This includes all graduates in medicine, whatever their residence at the university may have been, and such non-graduates as have studied at Edinburgh for four academical years.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, IRELAND.

THE First Lord of the Treasury received a deputation on last Monday, which was sent for the purpose of bringing the claims of the graduates of the Queen's University to representation under the Reform Bill before the notice of Government. The Lord Bishop of Killaloe, Professor Nesbitt, Mr. Hyndman, Drs. Mapother, Hughes, Roe, Evans, and other graduates attended. Although the Premier expressed himself favourable to representation of the educated classes, he could not hold out hopes of a seat for this University; and as disfranchisement is not likely in Ireland, there was little probability of representation being now attained.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

ONE hundred and thirty of the former pupils of Dr. Alexander R. Simpson of Glasgow have signed a testimonial in his favour as candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such, on June 11th.

Cornwall, James, Fairford, Gloucestershire; diploma of membership dated July 8, 1842.

Dale, George Peckitte, Scarborough; March 31, 1843.

Master, Alfred, St. Giles' Plain, Norwich; April 6, 1838.

Ruggs, Richard, Middle Street, Brighton; May 10, 1833.

White, John Pagan, Moss Street, Liverpool; May 3, 1837.

The above is the last meeting of the Council for the admission of Fellows, previous to the annual election on July 2nd.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

BALLINA UNION, co. Mayo—Medical Officer for the Crossmolina Dispensary District.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire) BOROUGH POLICE—Physician.

CARDIFF UNION, Glamorganshire—Medical Officer for the Llandaff District, the Workhouse, and the Industrial Schools.

CASTLE WARD UNION, Northumberland—Medical Officer for the Workhouse and District of Ponteland.

DUBLIN, TRINITY COLLEGE—King's Professor of the Practice of Medicine.

DUNFANAGHY UNION, co. Donegal—Medical Officer for the Workhouse.

EASTERN DISPENSARY, Leman St., Whitechapel—Resident Medical Officer.

HALIFAX INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—Assistant-Surgeon.

JERSEY GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Visiting and Dispensing Medical Officer.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Resident Assistant-Surgeon.

MANCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR SICK CHILDREN—Assistant Medical Officer, Dispensary Department.

NEWMARKET UNION—Medical Officer for the Workhouse; Public Vaccinator for District No. 2.

NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Liverpool—Junior Surgeon.

NORTH SHIELDS AND TYNEMOUTH DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon and Dispenser.

POPLAR UNION, Middlesex—Medical Officer for the Cubitt Town District.

ROSS UNION—Medical Officer for the Sollershope District.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, Reading—House-Surgeon.

ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY, Bartholomew Close—Physician; Assistant-Physician.

ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY—Two Medical Officers for Greenwich; Resident Medical Officer.

ST. PANCRA'S, Middlesex—Medical Officer for the Workhouse.

TORRINGTON UNION, Devon—Five Public Vaccinators.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW—Professor of Midwifery.

WELLINGBOROUGH UNION, Northamptonshire—Medical Officer for the Wollaston District.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ROYAL NAVY.

ATKINSON, Thomas H., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Lee*.

BOYLE, Wm. P. M., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Duke of Wellington*.

CONOLLY, W., M.D., Surgeon, to the *Donegal*.

DOYLE, Edward W., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Dauntless*.

D'OLE, Patrick O'Connell, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Rattlesnake*.

DREW, James B., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Trafalgar*.

EDNEY, William, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Favorite*.

GORHAM, Anthony, M.D., Acting Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Rattlesnake*.

GRAHAM, William, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Cumberland*.

HAY, Robert, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Asia*.

M'SHANE, Charles, Esq., Staff-Surgeon, to the *Durham*.

OLIVE, Edward, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Fox*.

ROBERTSON, Jas., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Rattlesnake*.

WALSH, John, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Pioneer*.

MILITIA.

EDWARD, J., M.D., to be Surgeon Highland Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

MARRIAGES.

COTTER, Samuel Kyle, M.B.T.C.D., Army Medical Staff, to Alice, second daughter of Captain Thomas JAMIESON, The Firs, Portswood, Southampton, on June 8th.

*HARVEY, Richard S., Esq., Surgeon, of Lincoln, to Elizabeth SIMPSON, of the same place, at Cleethorpes, on June 11th.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—The following are the names of the eligible Fellows who are candidates for seats in the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons at the ensuing election on Thursday, July 2nd; together with the names of those Fellows by whom the candidates have been nominated: 1. Richard Partridge, F.R.S., New Street, Spring Gardens; 2. Sir William Fergusson, Bart., F.R.S., George Street, Hanover Square (retiring from the Council in rotation); 3. William James Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, nominated by John Wiblin, H. D. Carden, John E. Erichsen, Sir Henry Thompson, Henry Smith, and Thomas Carr Jackson; 4. John Gay, Finsbury Place South, nominated by Barnard W. Holt, H.

Haynes Walton, William Adams, Henry Smith, Joseph Jordan, and William S. Savory; 5. George Lewis Cooper, Woburn Place, nominated by P. C. De la Garde, John E. Erichsen, Sir Henry Thompson, John Marshall, John Wiblin, and Holmes Coote; 6. Charles Brooke, F.R.S., Fitzroy Square, nominated by Bernard W. Holt, Luther Holden, John E. Erichsen, Henry Power, Charles H. Moore, and William Harvey; 7. John Simon, F.R.S., Kensington Square, nominated by William Bowman, John E. Erichsen, Henry Lcc, Sir Henry Thompson, T. Spencer Wells, and John Wiblin; 8. George Murray Humphry, F.R.S., Cambridge, nominated by William S. Savory, George D. Pollock, William Bowman, Henry Smith, J. W. Hulke, and Timothy Holmes; 9. Luther Holden, Gower Street, nominated by John Wiblin, John E. Erichsen, Charles Brooke, William S. Savory, Arthur E. Durham, and George W. Callender.

BEQUESTS.—Mr. Thomas Bridges, of Elmer, near Fetcham, Surrey, bequeaths £1,000 each to the Cancer Hospital, Fulham; the Idiots' Asylum, Red Hill; and the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. The Rev. Wm. Crawford, of Suffolk, bequeaths £1,000 each to the West and East Suffolk Hospitals, the Suffolk Lunatic Asylum, and the Asylum for Idiots. Miss Louisa Hall bequeaths £500 to the Convalescent Hospital. Mr. James Ingham, of New Mills, Glossop, bequeaths £300 to the Manchester Royal Infirmary and £200 to the Stockport Infirmary.

EXAMINATION IN ARTS.—During the present week the authorities of the Royal College of Preceptors have been busily engaged in conducting the preliminary examination in arts, etc., at the Royal College of Surgeons, for the fellowship and membership of the latter body; and it is stated that as many as 39 offered themselves for the higher distinction, and 209 for the membership, making a total of 248; or in excess of the corresponding period last year of 108. The successful candidates can at once enter on their professional studies.

DR. GIMSON OF TERLING.—A most fitting conclusion to the various incidents which have occurred during the Terling epidemic, took place in the village schoolroom on the 4th instant, when Lady Rayleigh, in the name of the inhabitants, presented Dr. Gimson with a handsome testimonial, consisting of a purse containing one hundred sovereigns, and two massive silver cups, "in grateful remembrance," as the inscription on the latter stated, "of his self-denying attendance on the poor, his unremitting care, his management of the temporary hospitals, and his valuable assistance to all classes during the late calamitous visitation of typhoid fever." From what we have heard, we are convinced that it would not be easy to exaggerate the manner in which Dr. Gimson devoted himself, without the prospect of remuneration, to the relief of the poor and sick during that fatal epidemic; and it is most satisfactory to notice how those who were all but destitute came forward to add their mites to this testimonial. One poor woman gave all she possessed, namely, three half-pence. Lord Rayleigh spoke in the highest terms of Dr. Gimson's skill, and of his devotion to the arduous task which he undertook; and the proceedings, which were of a very enthusiastic nature, terminated by an entertainment at Terling Place, the residence of Lord and Lady Rayleigh.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.—The distribution of prizes to the students of the Westminster Hospital took place on Thursday, May 28th, James Hughes Anderson, Esq., one of the vice-presidents, in the chair. Mr. Holthouse, the Dean of the school, read a report upon the condition of the medical school, in which he spoke in high terms of the diligence, steadiness, general good conduct, and gentlemanly bearing of the students; and these had borne fruit in the remarkable success with which they had acquitted themselves before the examining boards, there not having been a single rejection. Mr. Holthouse next alluded to the changes which had taken place in the staff of the school, and passed a well merited eulogium on Mr. Power, whose loss they all regretted. Adverting to the connection between the hospital and the school, he expressed an opinion that it would be an ill day for the hospital when it had no school; and that the patients, the medical officers, and the governors all derived benefit from the connection. He hoped some of the governors might be induced to emulate the noble example of Mrs. Chadwick, who, in 1862, endowed the school with the interest of £700 three per cent. consols for distribution in prizes for general proficiency. The successful candidates were then presented by the several lecturers to the chairman, from whom they received their prizes, consisting of handsome and well chosen volumes and certificates of honour. After the distribution, the chairman, in a brief speech, referred to the advantages possessed by the students of the present day in being able to pursue their studies, and receive such systematic training as was afforded at institutions similar to this hospital. He recalled to their minds that the neighbourhood of Westminster had been honoured by the residence of the great Sydenham, who had done so much to advance rational me-

dicine and to improve the whole character of the treatment of small-pox. Sir R. Meade, too, who was honoured by being appointed the first royal physician, took up his abode at Westminster after his return from abroad, where he had gained the friendship of the celebrated Boerhaave. After a few more remarks, encouraging the students to ever increasing industry, the chairman sat down amidst loud applause. A vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Basham, and carried with acclamation, terminated the proceedings. The following is a list of the successful candidates. *Summer Session, 1867.*—*Practical Chemistry:* Prize, Mr. F. W. E. Dawson; certificate, Mr. W. H. Box. *Materia Medica:* Prize, Mr. W. H. Box; certificate, Mr. F. W. E. Dawson. *Botany:* Prize, Mr. F. W. E. Dawson; certificate, Mr. Walter Wearne. *Forensic Medicine:* Certificates, Mr. F. S. Palmer and Mr. W. J. R. Ray. *Midwifery:* Prize, Mr. Stephen Francis Solly, jun.; certificate, Mr. Robert H. Lloyd. *Winter Session, 1867-68.*—*Anatomy:* Prize, Mr. Walter Wearne; certificates, Mr. F. W. E. Dawson and Mr. S. F. Solly, jun. *Physiology:* Prize, Mr. Walter Wearne; certificates, Mr. F. W. E. Dawson and Mr. Walter Pippette. *Chemistry:* Prize, Mr. Ferdinand Wallis; certificate, Mr. Christopher Harvey. *Medicine:* Prizes, Mr. F. S. Palmer and Mr. Edward Swain (equal). *Surgery:* Prize, Mr. Edward Swain; certificate, Mr. Robert H. Lloyd. *Clinical Medicine:* Prize, Mr. F. S. Palmer. *Clinical Surgery:* Prize, Mr. Robert H. Lloyd. *Chadwick Prize for General Proficiency:* Mr. Edward Swain.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
TUESDAY.....Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—National Orthopaedic Hospital, 2 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M.
WEDNESDAY..St. Mary's, 1.15 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.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 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.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.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 Demonstrations and Operations), 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.—Ethnological Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Schetelig, "On the Characteristics in the Dialect and Formation of Skulls of the Natives of Formosa"; Dr. Shortt, "On the Natives of Certain Districts of India."—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. G. Harley's "Case of Acute Progressive Paralysis"; Mr. Hinton, "Case of Perforation of the Mastoid Cells." Other papers by Drs. Elliot, F. Ballard, Z. Johnson, Reg. Thompson, and Dickinson, and Mr. Lockhart Clarke.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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

AUTHORS OF PAPERS, desirous of having extra copies printed for their own use, are requested to communicate with the printer, Mr. Richards, 37, Great Queen Street.

EXTENSION OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

WE have forwarded further parcels of forms of application for membership, with the programme of the Oxford Meeting and copies of the JOURNAL, to Dr. Bryan, Northampton, Dr. Philipson, Newcastle, and Mr. Dyke, Merthyr Tydfil; and shall be happy to send them (in numbers to be specified by each correspondent) to Officers of Branches or Members of the Association proposing to circulate them in their respective districts, with the view to enlarging the Branch and general organisation of the Association prior to the annual meetings of the Branches and the close of the half-year.

A RETIRED SURGEON.—The fault is your own, in not acquainting the Secretary of the College of Surgeons with your address. We are informed that notices of the election have been sent to every Fellow in the United Kingdom, whose residence is known at the College. Write at once to Mr. Trimmer or Mr. Stone.

THE letters of Dr. T. W. Evans, Paris, and Mr. Coleman, London, on the Protoxide of Nitrogen, are unavoidably postponed.

A PROVINCIAL FELLOW.—It is a mistake on the part of the printer. The gentleman named is *not* a Fellow: it is intended for his brother practising in Brighton.

NOTICES of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Appointments, intended for insertion in the JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.

PREPARATORY SCHOOLS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS.

SIR,—I cannot help thinking the question raised by "Habituans in Rure" far more important than "Habituans in Urbe" is disposed to admit. Surely, unless contented that in "this transitory life" secular education should take precedence of religious teaching, a father desires his boys should rise up in his place, and is anxious (if he have any faith in his own principles) his sons should continue to uphold the same. It is true, that the term "Church of England principles" may appear "vague" now-a-days, unless those principles be viewed in the same light with our reformers; but if "Habituans in Rure" desire to place his boys in a Church of England school, where religious training in the reformed Protestant faith is considered of paramount importance, and by no means incompatible with art and science, I would recommend to his notice the middle class school, known as "Trent College", erected to accommodate three hundred boys, and under the superintendence of a most able head master and staff of assistants.

I must protest against the Epsom College being called "simply a medical charity"; it is certainly also a Church of England school; for I opine that even the sons of Dissenters must attend the services of the College Chapel.

Codnor Park, June 1868. I am, etc., WM. LEGGE.

THE EPSOM MEDICAL COLLEGE.

SIR,—"Habituans in Urbe" will scarcely deny that Epsom College is a Church of England establishment, being presided over by a Churchman, and the religious services being those of the established Church. In writing my first letter, I had no wish to raise any sectarian or Church Catechism question; but the far more important one, whether Epsom College is doing, what it undertakes to do, in the best manner. I think results as evidenced by the Matriculation Honours List shew that it is not, and I have ventured to suggest a remedy. The schools which I have mentioned as containing respectively 50 and 100 boys, and passing 4 and 11 pupils in Honours in three years, make no more of a specialty of Matriculation than does the Epsom College; and surely in the case of an institution of such magnitude and public importance, we have a right to inquire of the masters and managers why its results will not bear comparison with those schools.

June 1868. I am, etc., HABITUANS IN RURE.

AN UNFORTUNATE.—There will be an examination in Arts, etc., at Apothecaries' Hall in September. If more successful there, you could enter on your hospital studies the following October.

DR. M'CALL ANDERSON'S NEW HAIR-DYE.

SIR,—I think a word of caution is called for by the extensive publicity that Dr. M'Call Anderson's new hair-dye has attained through your columns, and the partial explanation of its action that has appeared in your number of June 13th.

"A First Year's Student" is right in attributing the efficacy of the dye to the formation of the sulphide of mercury, which, as he says, is black. But others who may adopt this novel mode of hair-dyeing will, if they use in place of the hyposulphite of soda the more usual mordant for hair-dyes, try the sulphide of ammonium, and to their surprise that instead of a black a bright red colour will result.

The *modus operandi* of Dr. Anderson's dye is this, the hyposulphurous acid on being liberated from the soda decomposes into sulphurous acid and sulphur ($S_2O_3 = SO_2 + S$). The sulphurous acid reduces the bichloride of mercury to the chloride, and the sulphur converts the chloride into (black) sulphide.

The effect of sulphide of ammonium on the bichloride of mercury is to produce the (red) bisulphide, which is the common vermilion of commerce.

9, Weymouth Street, W., June 1868. I am, etc., BALMANN SQUIRE.

SIR,—It would be of use to country practitioners if "A First Year's Student" would kindly give two or three receipts for hair-dyes. We are continually asked for them. A chemist told me that the best known was plumbate of lime; and that walnut-pomade was a solution of nitrate of silver.

Pershore, June 1868. I am, etc., FRANCIS DAVIES.

. Other correspondents echo Dr. Davies' request.

A PROVINCIAL FELLOW.—Not having signed the bye-laws, you will be unable to record your votes for the gentlemen named at the election on the 4th proximo. You can, however, attend the annual festival of the Fellows the same evening. Mr. Partridge will occupy the chair.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR,—I shall feel much obliged by the insertion of the following letter in your valuable and independent JOURNAL. In consequence of severe indisposition, Mr. H., a patient of mine, found it necessary to entrust his nephew (also my patient) with the management of his farming business. Upon Mr. H.'s recovery, he was very anxious to ascertain the state of his affairs, and made several ineffectual attempts himself, and through other members of his family, to obtain an account from the nephew of his stewardship. In this dilemma, Mr. H. put the matter into my hands, and an appointment was made with the nephew to meet me for the purpose of rendering a debtor and creditor account, and, at the same time, he was required to return certain papers, etc., taken away by his wife. At this meeting, the accounts produced were most unsatisfactory, and I discovered that a sum of nearly £500 belonging to Mr. H. had been entered by the nephew at the bank in his own name. The nephew refused to comply with my demand that this money should be transferred to Mr. H.'s account, and also to return the papers, etc., he held. On the following day, Mr. Earle, a surgeon at Brentwood, accompanied the nephew to visit Mr. H. without my knowledge; after staying about five minutes, and asking a few questions, these parties left. I hold a written authority from Mr. H., duly signed and attested, to act as his agent. It is now sought to set aside this instrument, and the nephew retains possession of the property upon the plea "that Mr. H. is not in a condition to give instructions to any one upon any subject." Having been Mr. H.'s medical attendant for the last four years, and being well acquainted with his state of mind, and all the accompanying circumstances, I have no hesitation in saying that such an assertion is untrue. As the integrity and honour of the medical profession must stand or fall by the conduct of its members, I am anxious to learn from you, whether Mr. Earle's proceeding in this matter is in accordance with medical etiquette? and also, whether in your opinion, such transactions are calculated to increase public confidence in the profession?

I am, etc., BENJ. BAKER.

Brentwood, April 20th, 1868.

. The question is complicated by Mr. Baker's business relations as his patient's financial agent. Mr. Earle will perhaps think it well to explain the circumstances of his visit.

DR. EDWIN LEE'S letter appears to us to contain offensive imputations, to which we decline to give currency.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE JOURNAL.—Dr. BARNES (Carlisle) letter reached the office on Friday. Communications for the JOURNAL should arrive not later than Wednesday, and only very brief communications are available on Thursday. The JOURNAL is printed on Thursday night, and distributed Friday morning.

CURE FOR HEADACHE.

SIR,—In the JOURNAL of June 13th, Dr. Kennion of Harrogate calls attention to the efficacy of the vapour of bisulphide of carbon in relieving certain forms of headache. I have for a long time been in the habit of applying chloroform in the same manner as he uses the bisulphide of carbon, and with the same happy results. Among other cases, I have found it give relief and procure sleep in one of agonising hemicrania, which came on a few hours after childbirth. Without any wish to lessen the merit of Dr. Kennion's suggestion, I have ventured to recommend a different agent for the following reasons:—Chloroform is much more likely to be at hand than the bisulphide; it is devoid of the offensive odour of the latter; and, if I am not mistaken, it will be found quite as effectual. I may add that, in those cases of hemicrania which depend on gastric derangement, eight or ten minims of chloroform, given internally, will materially assist the effect of the local application.

I am, etc., G. F. E.

MR. PERCIVAL.—The conduct of the notorious individual is being discussed by both Colleges, of which he is a member; and, from what we learn, there is no doubt the Medical Council will strike him off the Register.

THE PROFESSION IN CANADA.

SIR,—If Dr. Dickie writes to me, I think I may be able to give him the information he requires about Canada, as I was in practice there for nearly five years, and was coroner for the county in which I resided. In reply to his queries in your JOURNAL of June 13th, I may state—1. There is no Poor-law service; 2. Appointments are scarce and difficult to obtain; 3. A well qualified man who knew his business and minded it could do well. I shall be glad to give him or any other person whatever further information they require.

I am, etc., EDMOND NUGENT, F.R.C.S.I.

PALMAR CONTRACTION.

SIR,—Can any correspondent tell me if he has ever had any success in treating aponeurotic (or so called) palmar contraction, and, if so, how he attained it? Like every one else who has tried subcutaneous section, I regret ever having done so; and only did it, to tell the truth, in ignorance of what the disease is, and that was long ago, when a student. In a case I have now, the skin much more than the subcutaneous structure seems involved; but, in short, I do not know what the disease is. I know what has been said about it, of course, as well as seen it more than once, and I am much inclined to agree with those who think it incurable, and would tell the man so at once, did I not think that iodide of potassium—that last refuge of the destitute—might be useful, on the Listonian conception of the disease; but then, again, there is no alteration in the phalangeal joints or ends; none, at all events, physically explorable.

I am, etc., M.

Sutherlandshire, May 1868.

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Western Gazette and Flying Post, June 12th; The Leader, June 13th; The Wiltshire County Mirror, June 17th; The Dublin Daily Express, June 16th; The Irish Times, June 15th.

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

Dr. Nunneley, Leeds; Mr. John Tibbits, Warwick; Mr. R. S. Fowler, Bath; Dr. G. H. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Mr. Berkeley Hill, London; Dr. T. Evans, Paris; Dr. Gairdner, Glasgow; Dr. E. Lee, London; Mr. E. Nugent, Drogheda; Mr. Davies, Pershore; Dr. Elliott; Mr. Coleman, London; Dr. Tension, London; Dr. Lomas, London; Mr. J. White, Nottingham; Dr. E. Watson, Glasgow; Dr. Acland, Oxford; Dr. Skinner, Liverpool; Dr. Aldis, London; Dr. Sharpey, London; Dr. Seaton, Cologne; Dr. Mackey, Birmingham; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. Dyke, Merthyr Tydfil; Dr. Humphry, Cambridge; Mr. Heckstall Smith, St. Mary Cray; Mr. B. Baker, Brentwood; Mr. Holthouse, London; Dr. Dupré, London; Mr. Constable, Cambridge; Mr. G. L. Cooper, London; Dr. J. C. Reid, Newbiggin; The Registrar of the University of Glasgow; The Honorary Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Dr. Strange, Worcester; Dr. Parkes, Netley; Sir William Jenner; Mr. Spencer Watson, London; Mr. Coleman, London; and Mr. Lock, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

LETTERS, ETC. (with enclosures) from:—

Dr. Barnes, Carlisle; Mr. Garland, Yeovil; Mr. T. Smith, London; Dr. Daldy, London; Dr. Broadbent, London; Dr. Falconer, Bath; Mr. Balmanno Squire, London; Mr. Chapman, Oxford; Mr. Hodgson, Brighton; Mr. White Cooper, London; Dr. Wood, Banff; Dr. G. Johnson, London; Dr. Allbutt, Leeds; Dr. Gervis, London; Mr. C. J. Jeaffreson, London; Dr. Kelburn King, Hull; Dr. Murchison, London; Dr. Wardell, Tunbridge Wells; Mr. St. George Mirart, London; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. Holloway, London; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Dr. John Murray, London; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; Dr. T. Ballard, London; Mr. Peter Marshall, London; Dr. R. Thorne Thorne, London; Dr. Whitmore, London; Mr. T. H. Bartlett, Birmingham; Dr. Habershon, London; Mr. G. May, juni, Reading; The Rev. R. H. Blair, Worcester; The Honorary Secretary of the Clinical Society; Mr. Wheelhouse, Leeds; The Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

A Compendium of Practical Medicine and Morbid Anatomy. By William Dale, M.D. Lond. London: 1868.

Autorship of the Practical Electric Telegraph of Great Britain, etc. By the Rev. Thomas Fothergill Cooke, M.A. London and Bath: 1868.

Diseases of Children: a Clinical Treatise based on Lectures delivered at the Hospital for Sick Children. By Thomas Hillier, M.D. Lond. London: 1868.