

# 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.

## 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*.

## METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Committee on Parliamentary Bills, etc., will be held at 37, Soho Square, W.C., on Friday, July 3rd, at 4 o'clock P.M.

*Business*.—Report on Poor Relief and Medical Practitioners (Colonies) Bills; Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill; Proposed Medical Acts Amendment Bill; and other business.

## NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Tuesday, July 7th, at 1.16 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. } *Honorary Secretaries*.

London, June 9th, 1868.

## 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*.

## SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Branch was held at the Town Hall, Hastings, on Thursday, June 4th.

The president for the past year, ALBERT NAPPER, Esq., of Cranleigh, in commencing the proceedings, said that the year had been an important one, on account of the satisfactory progress made both in the Branch and in the Association, and on account of the visit of the Association to Dublin, and the gratifying reception with which the members had there met. The Association, he said, had acquired much importance, and that it might be looked upon as the mouthpiece of the profession. He believed it was generally looked up to as the only body which could do justice to the whole of the profession. He thought it was quite time that the Association backed up the profession in regard to their charges. There had been some very good systems drawn up at Manchester and other places; but there was no system upon which they could all settle. Another subject which he wished to see brought forward was that of gratuitous medical services. Having thanked the members for the honour which they had conferred on him, he introduced the new president, FREDERIC TICEHURST, Esq.

Mr. TICEHURST, on taking the chair, after thanking the members and making a few remarks on his having been many years ago a member of the Association, gave some interesting information respecting the progress of Hastings in the thirty-six years during which he had been connected with the town. Although the chief of the Cinque Ports, it contained in 1817 only 3,175 inhabitants. From 1841 to 1847 the increase was very rapid. In 1848, the value of property was £56,000, and that in 1861 it had risen to £157,000. The town had borrowed £38,000 for the supply of water, and £42,000 for drainage purposes; and a most efficient system of drainage was now very nearly completed, by which the sewage will be discharged from a very large tank into the sea at a distance of a mile from the town; the discharge will take place at low water, and the sewage matter will be taken away from the town by the flowing tide. In speaking of the climate of Hastings, the President thought that the latest publication was by Mr. Savery, who, he thought, gave the best and

most truthful description of it. He next noticed the medical institutions of the borough, viz., the Dispensary, established in 1830; and the Infirmary, established in 1848. He mentioned two interesting cases which had lately been treated at the Infirmary. One was a case of compound fracture of the leg requiring amputation, in which acupressure was used instead of ligature and carbolic acid dressing, and quite successfully. The other case was a dislocation of the hip into the ischiatic notch, which was reduced by manipulation; pulleys had been used unsuccessfully for two or three hours.

Dr. BOWLES (Folkestone) proposed "That the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Ticehurst for his able address." Mr. NAPPER seconded the motion, which was duly carried. Mr. TICEHURST acknowledged the vote.

*Financial Statement.*—The Secretary (Dr. HOLMAN) read a statement of the accounts for the past year, shewing a balance in hand of £35 : 4 : 4.

*New Members.*—The meeting then elected forty new members.

*Representatives in the General Council.*—The following were reported to be elected:—J. Armstrong, M.D., Gravesend; G. Bottomley, Esq., Croydon; J. Cordy Burrows, Esq., Brighton; A. Carpenter, M.D., Croydon; W. Carr, M.D., Blackheath; F. Fry, Esq., Maidstone; A. Hall, M.D., Brighton; C. Holman, M.D., Reigate; A. Napper, Esq., Cranleigh; T. Heckstall Smith, Esq., St. Mary Cray; N. Tyacke, M.D. Chichester; E. Westall, M.D., Kensington.

*Council of the Branch.*—The following members were declared to be elected:—R. L. Bowles, M.D., Folkestone; J. M. Burton, Esq., Blackheath; C. Chaldecott, Esq., Dorking; H. Collet, M.D., Worthing; H. Jeaffreson, M.D., Wandsworth; H. T. Lanchester, M.D., Croydon; A. Martin, M.D., Rochester; T. H. Martin, Esq., Crawley; J. Stedman, M.D., Guildford; J. Steele, Esq., Reigate; C. Trustram, Esq., Tunbridge Wells; R. J. Wilson, M.D., St. Leonard's.

Some discussion, in which Mr. Reid, Dr. Holman, Mr. Cordy Burrows, and Mr. Heckstall Smith, took part, ensued, as to the mode of election of members of the General and Branch Councils.

*The District Societies.*—Mr. REID brought forward a motion of which he had given notice, with respect to the share to be borne by the Branch in defraying the expenses of the District Societies. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, with the understanding that the subject would be again brought forward at the next annual meeting.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. REID gave the following interesting details of the working of the District Societies.

The question of the formation of District Societies was first mooted in a paper read by Mr. Reid at Chichester in 1854. The general argument held at that time was that, as the Branches had very materially developed the Parent Association, and had given power and extent to its action, so in certain districts they might increase the power and extent of the Branch itself; that those points which could not be fully carried out at annual meetings, more particularly the scientific work, might be done better in district meetings. The general propositions of the paper were met favourably by the Council, and action was taken by communicating at once with the secretaries of the various societies existing in the district. The result of that action was reported in 1855 to the meeting at Canterbury, where he was president, and it was unfavourable to the organisation, through existing societies, of those district meetings. During the year 1855-56, a law was introduced, giving the power to organise those districts where thought expedient. In December 1857, the first of the District Branches (the West Kent) was organised; and the result of that organisation was that in one year twenty members were added to the society. In 1861, the East Kent District was organised. In 1866, the East Surrey District was formed; and in 1867, the Surrey and West Sussex District was formed: making altogether four Districts. The result had been that the South-Eastern Branch of the Association had very materially increased in power, and he was sure that all who were acquainted with those district meetings would be perfectly satisfied that two very essential elements of the Association were more fully developed and carried out; namely, the direct effects of social action in smaller districts, and the bringing out that which could not be fairly brought out at larger meetings, when they assembled for more political purposes. In 1854, when the proposition was made, the South-Eastern Branch had 120 members. In making a comparison, he did not mean that the whole of the increase was due to the district meetings; but he thought a large part was so. He knew well that the individual action of many presidents had directly increased the number of members from time to time. Of the 120 members in 1854, there were 41 in Sussex, 21 in Surrey, and 58 in Kent. At the present time, the number of members, as near as he could ascertain, was 255,—of which number 122 were in Kent, 65 in Surrey, 53 in Sussex, and 14 in London. When they considered that the area over which their Branch extended was upwards of three thousand square

miles, it must be evident that one meeting could not be sufficient. The district meetings were a very essential part of their existence.

*Report of Council.*—Dr. HOLMAN (Honorary Secretary) read the following report.

"The Council have much pleasure in reporting a continuous increase in the numbers of the members of the Branch; and they hope that on this, the first visit to Hastings, many more of the practitioners of East Sussex may be induced to join.

"The different bills brought before Parliament affecting the profession, have received the attention of the Council. They have had great satisfaction in acquiescing in the proposal of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, to send a representative as a member of their Parliamentary Committee. The step of inviting representatives from all the Branches to co-operate is most judicious, and provides that the whole organisation of the Association shall be represented; and thereby gives additional weight to the conclusions of the Committee. Dr. Holman, the Secretary, has thus far acted as the representative for this Branch. There, perhaps, was never a time in which it was more necessary to watch the bills brought before Parliament, or when it was more requisite to impress upon the legislature the necessity of passing laws for the better governance of the profession and the proper protection of the respectable practitioner.

"The Bill for the amendment of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill is suffering, as others, from the arrears of business in the House; and it is feared that no advance will be made with it in the present session. Dr. Burrows, the President of the General Medical Council, has been indefatigable in his endeavours to persuade the Home Secretary to forward the measure.

"The position of the profession in the state is rapidly improving, as is shown by the constant recurrence of the Government to professional men for advice and assistance on those subjects in which they may be supposed to be able to afford valuable information. The announcement that after October next the examinations in medical subjects of the College of Physicians will be recognised for the College of Surgeons' diploma, and the examinations in anatomy and surgery of the College of Surgeons will be recognised for the College of Physicians' licence, will be received with great satisfaction by all members of the profession.

"The JOURNAL is fast attaining the position which the paper representing the Association ought to hold. Great credit is due to Mr. Ernest Hart for the unflagging energy and ability which he has thrown into the editorship. He has sought determinedly to unveil some of the darker spots of our social system; to advocate the just rights both of the Poor-law medical officer and of the pauper; to obtain the earliest and best possible scientific intelligence; and to introduce good papers and reports of cases of clinical interest—invaluable to medical men practising in the rural districts. The Council would especially invite members to send reports of cases of obstetric interest; many of these are now lost to the profession with the decease of the practitioner.

"The suit of Bonney v. Smith has at last been tried, and terminated by the plaintiff withdrawing a juror. Mr. Heckstall Smith has gained a moral victory, but at the cost of a large pecuniary loss and much mental worry. For his conduct in this matter, the Council consider that Mr. Smith deserves the warm approbation and sympathy of the profession. From a perusal of the evidence, it would appear well nigh impossible for Mr. Smith to allow the case to end here; but that he should seek for some expression of opinion from the members present at the annual meeting at Oxford, strictly based upon the evidence given in the trial in the Court of Queen's Bench.

"The intelligence of the death of Dr. Ray of Dulwich, for years an active member of the Branch, was received by all who knew him with great regret; and the gathering of friends, medical and social, at his funeral, marked the position Dr. Ray had earned by his high professional attainments, his unswerving integrity and independence of character, and the possession of those qualities which attracted to him the regard and esteem of all those who became acquainted with him.

"The districts of the Branch have been actively engaged since the last annual meeting, and the best thanks of the Council are offered to the Secretaries for their efficient services. Mr. Dulvey of Chatham, whose life has just been brought to an untimely close by an accident, must have truly rejoiced to witness the exceeding good result emanating from these gatherings. He was one of the founders of the West Kent District, the first springing from the South-Eastern Branch, and acted for some time as secretary. It would be highly desirable if all members of the Branch would become members of these district meetings. The scientific work of the Association could then be transacted by the Districts, unless any very important fact transpired; and the annual meeting could be devoted entirely to the business of the Branch, to the politics of the profession, and to the social recreations of the day.

"The Council have learned from Dr. Holman with extreme regret that his engagements no longer permit him to continue his valuable services as Secretary to the Branch. Members will bear in mind that this post has been filled by members of one family since its formation, twenty-four years since; by the late Mr. Martin; by Mr. Peter Martin, his son; and for the last five years by Dr. Holman; and it is well known how much of the success of the Branch is due to the able and energetic manner in which their duties have been performed. The Committee cannot too strongly express a feeling regret, which they are sure will be endorsed by every member, at the step which Dr. Holman has found it necessary to take. It will be requisite that this office should at once be filled up, and Dr. Holman has kindly consented to give his successor every assistance in his power.

"As the next meeting will be the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Branch, the Council trust that as many members as possible will attend, and they recommend that the meeting should be held at Reigate."

Mr. TRISTRAM moved, and Dr. MOORE (Hastings) seconded, the adoption of the report, which was unanimously agreed to.

**Officers.**—Mr. HECKSTALL SMITH proposed, Mr. REID seconded, and it was carried by acclamation, "That Dr. Holman be the President-elect."

Mr. CORDY BURROWS proposed Dr. Carpenter of Croydon, and J. M. Burton, Esq., of Blackheath, as Vice-Presidents-elect. Dr. MILNER BARRY (Tunbridge Wells) seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. CORDY BURROWS proposed George Frederick Hodgson, Esq., of Brighton, as the Secretary of the Branch.—Dr. HALL (Brighton) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

**Votes of Thanks.**—Dr. BARRY proposed, and Mr. MARSACK (Tunbridge Wells) seconded, a vote of thanks to the officers for the past year, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. HECKSTALL SMITH said he had to propose a resolution, which he was sure would be received as heartily as any that had preceded it; but, before doing so, he wished to say a word or two on a personal matter. Some suggestions had been made from a good many quarters, that there should be a contribution to pay his expenses in the case of Bonney *versus* Smith. He wrote at once to put the matter at rest by stating that he wished to bear the expense himself. He wished to mention two facts to show the value of the Parliamentary Committee. Two Bills had come before them, one brought in by the noble Duke the Secretary for the Colonies, the effect of which was to prevent British graduates from practising *ipso facto* in the colonies, but leaving it open for graduates to come from Universities in the colonies to practise in this country whenever they pleased. Of course, it was necessary to go to work to obtain a remedy, which was done. The other Bill was brought in by Mr. Torrens; it proposed that common inspectors of nuisances—tradesmen and persons of that class—were to be called officers of health. Now, although a number of the officers of health were not such as they wished to see them, still the office had hitherto been supposed to have been held by members of the medical profession, or, at all events, by persons educated in the rank of gentlemen. That Bill had been altered; and, therefore, it would be seen that the labours of the Parliamentary Committee were not without their value. He was happy to say that the Committee had a most energetic Secretary in the person of Dr. Gibbon; and their late worthy Secretary had been most active in helping them. So much had been said with reference to the services of—he was sorry to say—their late Secretary, that but little need be said by him. Indeed he should not preface his resolution by adding one word; but submit what he hoped would emphatically mark their sense of Dr. Holman's services. He would propose—"That the hearty and sincere thanks of the South-Eastern Branch be given to Dr. Holman, for his long, faithful, and most valuable services as Honorary Secretary of this Branch. He has shown himself to be the worthy successor of his lamented predecessors, Thomas and Peter Martin; and a more just estimate of the value of Dr. Holman's services could not be devised. The members of the Branch most deeply deplore that they are now about to lose those services; but have to thank him for, and duly estimate the importance of, his promise to afford his counsel and assistance to his successor."

Mr. NAPPER seconded the resolution.

The vote was accorded by acclamation, and was suitably acknowledged by Dr. Holman.

**Paper.**—Mr. C. R. THOMPSON read a paper "on the Use of the Fillet in Occipito-Posterior Presentation." On the motion of Dr. HALL, seconded by Dr. ARMSTRONG, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Thompson.

## MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Thursday, June 18th, 1868.

**Sale of Poisons and Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill.**—The Sale of Poisons and Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill was read a third time. On the question that the Bill do pass, Lord REDESDALE brought up a clause providing that all poison-bottles should have a peculiar and uniform shape, and also a peculiar form of labels. The amendment was opposed by the Marquis of SALISBURY and Earl GRANVILLE; and the Duke of MARLBOROUGH recommended his noble friend not to press his amendment. After some further discussion, the House divided—For the clause, content, 39; non-content, 45. The clause was accordingly rejected, and the Bill passed.

Tuesday, June 23rd.

The Poor Relief Bill passed its third reading, with its important infirmaries clauses unaltered.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 18th, 1868.

Baxter, Evan Buchanan, King's College Hospital  
Gent, George, 110, Adelaide Road, N.W.  
Jay, Henry Mason, Chippenham, Wilts  
Rendle, Richard, 40, Newington Causeway  
Snow, Herbert Lumley, Queen's Hospital, Birmingham  
Sommersfield, Oscar Frederick William, Christiania, Norway

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination.

Evans, Thomas Walter, Guy's Hospital  
Leland, John Smallman, Dublin Hospital  
Rees, Howell, University College Hospital  
Roberts, Arthur, Manchester Hospital

As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Bird, Robert, Reading  
Gostling, George James, Diss  
Gostling, John Henry, Halesworth

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

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

BANDON UNION, co. Cork—Medical Officer for the Innishannon Dispensary District.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire) BOROUGH POLICE—Physician.

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

DUNDEE ROYAL INFIRMARY—Joint House-Surgeon.

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

GLOUCESTER COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer.

JERSEY GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Visiting and Dispensing Medical Officer.

NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Liverpool—Junior Surgeon.

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

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.

SIR PATRICK DUN'S HOSPITAL, Dublin—Resident Apothecary.

SURREY LUNATIC ASYLUM, near Tooting—Assistant Medical Officer.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW—Professor of Botany.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW—Professor of Midwifery.

## BIRTHS.

CARRÉ.—On June 12th, at Camberwell Road, the wife of Louis C. A. Carré, L.R.C.P. Ed., of a son.

HUNT.—On June 9th, at St. George's Square, Pimlico, the wife of John Hunt, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.

MORRIS.—On June 13th, at Bedford, the wife of Pryce Morris, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.

REID.—On June 12th, at Crosshaven, co. Cork, the wife of John W. Reid, M.D., Staff-Surgeon R.N., of a daughter.

WADD.—On June 8th, at Beaconsfield, the wife of \*Frederick J. Wadd, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.

## DEATHS.

CHOWNE, Charles Edmund, Esq., Surgeon, at Ealing, aged 64, on June 13th.

ELLIOTT.—On June 11th, at Seaford, Amelia Hannah, wife of John W. Elliott, Esq., Surgeon, of Finsbury Square.

GASKELL, Thos., Esq., Surgeon, at St. Helen's, Lancashire, aged 75, on June 8th.

HUNT, Thos., Esq., Surgeon, second son of \*Thomas Hunt, Esq., of Hinde Street, at Sione, Upper Hunter, New South Wales, aged 30, on April 10th.

PAUL.—On June 10th, at Burton Crescent, aged 7, James Thomas, eldest son of J. T. Paul, M.D.

## 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, 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.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London. 7.30 P.M., Council Meeting. 8 P.M., Dr. Barnes, "On Chorea in Pregnancy"; Dr. Copeman (Norwich), "On the Treatment of Imperforate Hymen with Retained Menstrual Fluid."—Association Medical Officers of Health.

FRIDAY.—Association Medical Officers of Health.

## 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.

DR. MILLIGAN is requested to send without delay to the Honorary Secretary of the Pathological Society, 33, Berners Street, the MSS. of his communication on "Amyloid Matter", read to the Society on the 3rd of March last.

THE *Birmingham Daily Post* publishes a notice of a surgical operation by Mr. Pope of Wolverhampton, which savours strongly of the puff indirect.

## THE WOOD HALL OR IODINE SPA.

WHAT may be the particular causes which give to natural mineral waters drunk at their source a curative power far beyond artificial combinations of the same salts in equal qualities of water, is a problem probably not insoluble, but of which we have at present no explanation. The chemistry of Nature has, however, certainly not been as yet rivalled in its results, although it is not at all difficult to produce artificial mineral waters apparently identical with those of the natural springs. Scottetettan suggests that the electrical conditions of many natural spring waters explain their more potent action; of course, the soil and air and mode of life exert their own beneficial influence. There are no class of cases which have more to expect from residence at suitable localities, and the use of suitable waters, than those of chronic rheumatism or scrofula. The Wood Hall, or Iodine Spa, possesses a natural spring quite unrivalled in Europe for the valuable impregnation of its water with the iodide and bromide of sodium, which it contains in considerably larger quantities than the Kreuznach water, of greatest continental repute. Its saline ingredients contain also chlorides of sodium, potassium, magnesium, and calcium, and the sulphate and bicarbonate of soda. It is very brisk and sparkling when freshly drawn; by no means unpleasant in flavour. There are at this spa now satisfactory hotel and bath arrangements, and it is rising in repute. It is not, however, so well known to physicians as it deserves to be; and we recommend a perusal of Mr. Robert Cuffe's pamphlet, published by H. K. Lewis, Gower Street, London. The water may, of course, be used with advantage at a distance from the spring, like other mineral waters; and, in cases of tertiary syphilis, chronic rheumatism, doubtful epilepsy, scrofulosis, and atonic gout, its composition will necessarily recommend it to practitioners. We have no other such mineral water on sale, and one is much wanted. It may be obtained of Messrs. Ingram and Co., Bucklersbury, E.C.; Messrs. Best and Co., Henrietta Street, W.; and Messrs. May and Co., 2, Berners Street, W.C.

A COUNTRY FELLOW.—The time for closing the poll is uncertain. Ten minutes are allowed. It has occurred more than once; and probably on the present occasion may be kept open until 4 o'clock. Voting by proxy is not yet allowed.

THE *Leader* has an excellent article, exposing very forcibly and justly the pretentious follies and fallacies of the medical report of Dr. Seaton Smyth, upon a Skin Dispensary at Liverpool. We lately expressed earnest disapproval of this document, than which we have seldom seen anything more regrettable as a piece of professional overstatement. We are very glad to find a lay journal taking the trouble to examine and condemn such a document.

F.R.C.S. (Southampton).—There are 1320 Fellows of the College of Surgeons. On the occasion to which you allude, the voting was as follows:—44 honorary, 125 by election, and 132 Fellows by examination, recorded their votes, making a total of 301.

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.

JUNIUS.—The gentleman named will retain his seat as a member of the Court of Examiners.

MR. G. BURY (Whetstone).—We are informed, on inquiry, that the Dr. Turnbull, of Clifford Street, to whom our correspondent's letter refers, is the same person who left England some years back under well known public circumstances, and who has since professed at various times to cure deaf-dumbness, etc. We must really decline saying more on the subject of our correspondent's queries.

## MINERAL WATERS OF DROITWICH.

SIR,—I am desirous to obtain some information respecting the newly discovered mineral waters at Droitwich, Worcestershire, which are said to be so efficacious in scrofulous and rheumatic affections. If you, or some of your readers in that locality, will kindly furnish me with the information I ask for, or inform me where it can be obtained, I shall feel greatly obliged. I am, etc., June 1868. S. N., M.R.S.E.

M. (Falmouth).—A Fellow by election, though not yet admitted, can take part in the Fellows' festival, although he will not be allowed to record his vote at the annual election on Thursday next.

MR. WILLIAMS.—An Index to the *Times* newspaper, from January to March last inclusive, is published by Palmer. As a member of the College, you will be able to consult both in the Library.

## A HINT TO TRAVELLERS.

WE have received a great number of letters as to the means of obtaining and preparing the powder and tincture of the Pyrethrum Roseum, to whose invaluable quality as an insecticide we recently referred, quoting the experience of the traveller Jager. In reply, we need only say that this powder may be obtained of any respectable medical herbalist (such as MacCulloch, Covent Garden), and the tincture may be prepared by any one by macerating the powder in spirit of wine, or obtained of a respectable druggist. This powder is, we believe, the active ingredient of Keating's Persian Powder and of the Insecticide Vicat.

DR. A. A. D.—You will find full information on the subject in vol. ii of Hunt's *Fourth Estate*. Dr. Shebbeare was condemned to stand in the pillory at Charing Cross for publishing "an eighth letter to the people of England".

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisements should be forwarded direct to the Printing-Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. Richards, not later than *Thursday*, twelve o'clock.

—DISPENSARY.—Try the effect of pressure. To Dr. Valentine Mott of New York is due the merit of having been the first to suggest, and the first to effect, the ligature of the common iliac artery.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Port Louis Commercial Gazette, May 8th; The South Durham Herald, June 13th; The Marylebone Mercury, June 20th; The Birmingham Daily Post, June 22nd; The Midland Counties Express, June 20th; The Liverpool Mercury, June 24th.

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

Mr. W. C. Walker, Shepton Mallet; Dr. Ebenezer Diver, Warrington, near Croxson; Dr. C. L. Robertson, Hayward's Heath, Sussex; Dr. P. H. Watson, Edinburgh; Dr. James Heygate, Derby; Dr. T. W. Grimshaw, Dublin; Dr. W. Odling, London; Dr. G. M. Humphry, Cambridge; Dr. Maunders, Dublin; Mr. G. Bury, Whetstone; Mr. A. Myers, Aldershot; Dr. W. Foley, Kilrush; Dr. R. Bruce Low, Doncaster; The Rev. Hugh Blair, Worcester; Dr. Playfair, London; Mr. Heather Bigg, London; Mr. W. Wagstaffe, London; Mr. John Foster, London; Dr. Alexander Paterson, London; Mr. W. Smith, Clifton, Bristol; Dr. R. W. Falconer, Bath; Mr. T. J. Dyke, Merthyr Tydfil; Dr. Edward Jones, Dolgelly; The Honorary Secretary of the Obstetrical Society.

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Dr. George Johnson, London; Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Birmingham; Dr. Broadbent, London; Mr. Furneaux Jordan, Birmingham; Habitans in Urbe; Dr. Leonard Sedgwick, London; Dr. William Moore, Dublin; Dr. Roberts, Liverpool; Mr. T. G. Couch, Bodmin; Mr. St. George Mivart, 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; Mr. W. G. Johnson, Bedford; Mr. Christopher Heath, London; The Secretary of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution; Dr. Prior, Bedford; Dr. Swanton, Bantrey; Dr. Bryan, Bedford; Dr. Sharpey, London; Mr. F. C. Skey, London; Mr. Thos. Smith, London; Mr. P. H. Watson, Edinburgh; Mr. Lister, Glasgow; Mr. D. B. Balding, Royston; Dr. Mapother, Dublin; Dr. W. Murray, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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