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two or four volunteers per company would take the trouble of practising the duties of bearers, so as to be ready to act in the field in case of need, a very desirable object, of practical utility, would be attained. In the Austrian service, the bearers of wounded are obtained on the plan indicated, and a very similar plan is adopted in Prussia. The men of the British Army Hospital Corps, who pass through Netley, are now instructed in carrying stretchers according to the rules laid down in this little pamphlet, and it is found that the men acquire the instruction without much difficulty; intelligent volunteers would acquire them still more readily.

STATE MEDICINE.

THE following is an extract from an address by Lord Lyttelton on the opening of Queen's College, Birmingham, October 1st, 1868, from a report in a local newspaper. It is a fair comment, by a distinguished layman, on an important professional document—one of the most valuable issues of the work of members of the British Medical Association. It is also a very fair challenge to the General Medical Council to do its duty. The Royal Commission, which our Association so powerfully urged upon the Government, has been issued; and on it sit Dr. Acland, Dr. Stokes, Dr. Rumsey, Mr. Paget, and other of the members of the Committee of the Association who issued this Memorandum; and we can have little doubt that the important suggestions, to which Lord Lyttelton justly attaches so much importance, will be thoroughly considered. Meantime, the Medical Council will have the opportunity of taking up one of the propositions, for education in State Medicine, which it has strangely slighted.

On the subject of the direct training and education of medical students, as such, or on the general question of the condition and the needs of the medical or the surgical faculty in this country, I have no knowledge, and have no observation to offer.

From time to time, indeed, as I presume is the case with many others, I happen to come across indications that, in the judgment of some active-minded members of the profession, there are great imperfections in their condition, and large measures of improvement are called for. Very lately, I received a paper from a gentleman, I believe, of much distinction, and of whom, especially at this time and in this place, we would speak with due respect; for he is President of one of the Sections of the Social Science Association. The paper which I have here (*Memorandum on State Medicine*) was submitted some months ago, with what result I do not know, to the Government, by a joint deputation from the British Medical and Social Science Associations. It dealt with what is therein termed State Medicine, which appears to mean the public exercise of the business of physicians and surgeons, in connexion with Government departments and organised bodies of all sorts, as distinguished from private practice among families and individuals. Under eighteen heads, Dr. Rumsey enumerates the various functions of this kind which are now performed. Under nine further heads, he classifies similar functions which are not performed, but which ought to be so; and he then proceeds as follows.

“III. We believe that abundant evidence can be adduced to show:

“1. That the laws and regulations, which relate to the appointment and action of medical men in the statistical, medico-legal, supervisory, and sanitary departments of the public service, are, for the most part, defective, complicated, and incoherent; that they differ considerably in different places and parts of the kingdom; that they are often inefficient and fallacious in operation, and sometimes even found to be subversive of their professed objects.

“2. That there is no sufficient guarantee for the general competency or the special qualifications of the medical men appointed; no recognised plan of education for officers of health and medical jurists; nor any examining body for directing the standard of their requirements, and for testing them.” Etc.

It must be admitted that these allegations, coming so long after a Medical Council has been established by Act of Parliament for the very purpose, as I apprehend, of watching over and promoting these very objects among others, are rather startling. I trust that there are no corresponding shortcomings as relates to the other branch of the question, the private practice of the profession.

[Lord Lyttelton proceeded to make some striking comments on the very important evidence of Mr. Paget, Dr. Gull, and Dr. Acland, before the Schools Inquiry Commission.]

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

THE first Meeting of this Branch will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7th, 1869, at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester, at 3.30 P.M., when Dr. EVANS will deliver an Inaugural Address.

The business of the Meeting will be to consider and determine the Rules of the Branch and the Election of the Officers and Council of the Branch for the calendar year 1869; to elect Members of the Branch as Members of Council of the Parent Association; to propose new Members of the Association and Branch; to transact other necessary business; and to discuss such subjects connected with the interests of the Branch and of the profession as may be brought before the meeting.

Members having communications for the meeting, are requested to give immediate notice to the Honorary Secretary.

The Dinner will be held at the Bell Hotel at 5.30 punctually. Dinner tickets, 7s. 6d. each. It is particularly requested that the prepaid notification sent to each member of the Branch be returned, without delay, to the Secretary, in order that the necessary arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the members may be ensured.

ALFRED FLEISCHMANN, *Honorary Secretary*, Cheltenham.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Council Room of the Midland Institute, on Thursday, January 14th. The chair to be taken at 3 o'clock precisely.

T. H. BARTLEET, *Honorary Secretary*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HOMŒOPATHY IN THE ABERDEEN INFIRMARY.

SIR,—Your readers must bear in mind, and Dr. Reith must not forget, that the sole cause of his colleagues' protest was the introduction of homœopathic preparations into the Aberdeen Infirmary, and that this protest has never been abandoned by them.

To define Dr. Reith's views would be rather difficult. I have already shown the contradictory nature of some of them, and similar contradictions are to be met with in his defence of homœopathy. According to Dr. Reith's vaso-motor theory, phthisis is merely a neurosis of the cerebro-ganglionic circle, and Bright's disease, diarrhoea, etc., paralyse of the vaso-motor nerves. I object to such a limited view, as I believe changes in the tissues and cell-elements play a much more important part in these diseases than the sympathetic nerve. And in the treatment of these diseases Dr. Reith has not yet given us the tests to which he first subjected the small doses he employs, or the “proving” of the appreciable effects produced by his minute medication.

I am, etc.,
HENRY SMITH, M.D.,
Physician Aberdeen Infirmary.

DUBLIN COUNTY MILITIA.

SIR,—I have just read in the JOURNAL of the 26th ult., your observations under the heading Dublin “County Militia”; and, while my close connection with him in the regiment, for nearly thirteen years, makes me feel that you have only done justice to the strenuous labours of my late friend Dr. Grattan-Guinness, on behalf of militia medical officers, I must take objection to your remark that “the appointment of Mr. William Stokes will meet with the general approval of the profession.” I know there are several who, influenced by regard for a professional brother, would have shrunk from seeking the appointment, believing it to be the just reward of one who has been Assistant-Surgeon since January 1856, the regiment being then embodied, and since disembodiment has attended all the trainings, besides examining recruits and taking medical charge of the staff whenever, from illness or other cause, the surgeon was absent. I may add that the appointment lay with the Lieutenant of the County, and not with the Colonel of the regiment under whom I have served, I trust with approbation. I am, etc.,

RICHARD N. WILLIS, M.B.T.C.D., M.R.C.S. Eng.
Dublin, December 1868.

JAMES JEFFRIES has been committed to the Thames Police Court for seven days for refusing to comply with the provisions of the Vaccination Act.

THE POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

THE IRISH AND ENGLISH POOR-LAW ASSOCIATIONS.

WE learn with great pleasure that the officers of the Irish and English Poor-law Medical Associations have recently been in communication, with a view to mutual aid and assistance in public affairs. We have urged more than once the desirability of this *entente cordiale*; and at Oxford the Poor-law Committee of the Association which was formed included as large proportion of Irish as of English members interested in this question. It will be desirable that this Committee should now meet to communicate with the English and Irish Associations, and to organise a Parliamentary assistance in the coming session for their joint wishes.

G. H. S.—1. Under exceptional circumstances, a medical officer may hold an appointment under the Poor-law Board, although he possesses only one qualification, and does not reside in the district. His removal cannot be insisted upon by the board of guardians, though a memorial to the Poor-law Board might be attended with success, provided a candidate for the office, with a double qualification, and resident in the district, can be found. But, if such an officer has done, and is doing, his duty, such a proceeding would, in our opinion, involve hardship. 2. The double qualification is not absolutely necessary for a surgeoey under the Factories Act.

We had prepared, but are compelled by pressure to omit, an historical retrospect of the position, and a review of the prospects, of the Poor-law Medical Service. We shall publish a series of articles on this subject.

OBITUARY.

DR. J. M. O'FERALL, OF DUBLIN.

THIS most distinguished pathologist, who for thirty-five years had been the chief officer of St. Vincent's Hospital, died somewhat unexpectedly on Wednesday, 23rd ult. After having served a prolonged apprenticeship to Mr. Carmichael, which gave him unusual opportunities in the Richmond Hospital, he rapidly gained an extensive practice in both medicine and surgery. He frequently advocated the advantage of both these branches of the healing art being followed by the same individual, and it would be difficult to tell from his numerous writings in which of them he most excelled. The titles of a few of the more remarkable of his essays are as follows. On Obscure Abdominal Tumours constituted by Diseased Kidney; on Ileo-cæcal Abscess; the Pathology and Treatment of Varicose Veins; on Abscess, with Fistulæ, of the Female Breast; the Treatment of Anthrax; the Structure and Diseases of the Apparatus surrounding the Globe of the Eye, with an account of a new operation for Extirpation of the Eye-ball; a Case of Enormous Scrotal Tumour—new plan of operation (viz., elevating the mass for some hours before removal so as to drain away the blood); on the Pneumonic Inflammation succeeding Extensive Burns. Dr. O'Ferall was for many years one of the Vice-Presidents of the Dublin Pathological Society, and had made very many valuable contributions to its Transactions. His remains were removed from his late residence, 15, Merrion Square North, on Monday last, a large number of his professional brethren having been in attendance.

MEDICAL NEWS.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

for the week from Dec. 23rd to Dec. 29th (both inclusive).

Taken at Kew, by Dr. TREUTLER, F.L.S., Fellow of the Meteorological Societies of England and Scotland.

Mean height of barometer corrected and reduced to 32° F. and mean sea-level	29.218
Highest reading of do. (corrected and reduced), on 26th, 10 A.M.	29.603
Lowest ditto	28.704
Range of pressure during the week.....	00.899
Mean temperature of the air in the shade	44.4
Mean temperature of evaporation	42.1
Mean temperature of dew-point	39.4
Mean degree of humidity (saturation=100)	82.0
Maximum temperature of air in shade, on 27th	54.9
Minimum temperature (protected), on 25th	34.9
Minimum temperature (exposed on grass), on 24th	26.3

Highest reading of black bulb, solar radiation, thermometer <i>in vacuo</i> , on 25th	79.2
Lowest ditto	50.5
Mean amount of clouds (0—10)	5.1
Total rainfall (which fell on 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th)	1.78 inch
Mean amount of ozone (0—10)	3.0

WIND.

Mean Force

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calms	(0—12)
10 A.M.	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	3.4
2 P.M.	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	4.8
10 P.M.	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	2.0
Mean force of wind (0—12)										3.4

The weather of the week has been variable and unsettled. Atmospheric pressure has been considerably below the average, very unsteady, and with a considerable range. Temperature still continues above the average. Winds have been chiefly westerly and of variable force; the greatest force attained was on the 28th=9. The rainfall has been considerable. The evenings and nights have been generally fair, while the early mornings and the greater part of the days have been wet and gloomy. The general health continues satisfactory.

Kew, December 30th, 1868.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—B.S. Examination. 1868. Pass Examination.

Anderson, Tempest, B.Sc., University College
Langmore, John Wreford, University College
Poore, George Vivian, University College
Ridge, John James, B.A., B.Sc., St. Thomas's Hospital

Examination for Honours.

First Class.

Ridge, John James (Scholarship and Gold Medal), St. Thomas's Hospital
Poore, George Vivian (Gold Medal), University College
Anderson, Tempest, University College
Langmore, John Wreford, University College

M.D. Examination. 1868.

Cole, Thomas, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Edis, Arthur Wellesley, Westminster Hospital
Legg, John Wickham, University College
Michell, Thomas, London Hospital
Philpot, Charles William, B.Sc., King's College
Smith, Robert Shingleton, B.Sc. (Gold Medal), King's College
Spender, John Kent, King's College

M.S. Examination. 1868.

Beck, Marcus (Gold Medal), University College
Fox, Edward Lloyd Harries, M.D. (worthy of Medal), University College
Howse, Henry Greenway (worthy of Medal), Guy's Hospital

* * * The above lists have been delayed in transmission to the office.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 24th, 1868.

Adams, William Prideaux, Canterbury
Bowen, Josiah Archer, Bretherton, near Preston
Brooks, Richard William Tomlinson, Fleet Street, E.C.
Case, Henry, Boxmoor, Hertfordshire
Courtenay, Henry Bisshopp, Maidstone
Kenyon, John Kilshaw, Dutton, Warrington
Lambert, Frederick William, Farsley, near Leeds
Rouch, James Ryall, Clement's Inn, Strand
Wallis, Frederic Michael, Bexhill, Hastings
Wigin, George William, Methley, near Leeds

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

Ekens, Joseph William, Guy's Hospital
Joy, Frederick William, University College
Shaw, Ollive Sims, Guy's Hospital
Smith, Frederick, London Hospital
Steele, Edward Harry, Guy's Hospital
Tobin, George, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Wilkinson, Thomas Marshall, St. Thomas's Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

ABERDEEN ROYAL INFIRMARY—Physician.
AUCKLAND UNION, Durham—Medical Officer for the Whitworth (a new) District.
AYRSHIRE DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM—Medical Superintendent.
BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL—Assistant House-Surgeon.
CAISTON UNION, Lincolnshire—Medical Officer for the Waddingham District.
CANNON STREET MALE ADULT PROVIDENT INSTITUTION, Birmingham—Seven Medical Officers.
CITY DISPENSARY, Watling Street—Physician.
CITY OF LONDON—Examiner of Gas.
CORK UNION—Apothecary for the North District Branch Dispensary.
DULVERTON UNION, Somerset—Medical Officers for Districts Nos. 1 and 2.
FARRINGTON GENERAL DISPENSARY AND LYING-IN CHARITY, Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn—Physician-Accoucheur.
GLASGOW EYE INFIRMARY—Surgeon.
GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY—Physician to the Dispensary Department.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street—Physician.
HUDDERSFIELD AND UPPER AGRIBRIGG INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.
KENNOWAY, Fife-shire—Parochial Medical Officer.
KENSINGTON DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.
KILDALTON and **QA**—Parochial Medical Officer.
LONGFORD UNION, co. Longford—Medical Officer for the Drumlish Dispensary District.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL—Medical Registrar; Resident Medical Officer.
NOTTINGHAM DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon; Assistant Resident Surgeon.
PONTEFRAC TION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer to the Workhouse.
ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, Reading—Physician.
ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY, Bartholomew Close—Physician; Assistant-Physician.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL—Physician and Lecturer on Forensic Medicine.
ST. PANCRAS WORKHOUSE—Surgeon to the Female Department.
ST. STEPHEN'S HOSPITAL, Dublin—Physician.
TORBAY INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, Torquay—Physician and Two Surgeons.
TREDEGAR IRONWORKS, Monmouthshire—Assistant-Surgeon: Junior Assistant-Surgeon.
TULLAMORE UNION, King's County—Medical Officer for the Killoughey Dispensary District.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith—Physician; Assistant House-Surgeon.
WEST OF ENGLAND EYE INFIRMARY, Exeter—Surgeon.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Names marked with an asterisk are those of Members of the Association.

***MACKENZIE**, Morell, M.D., appointed Physician to the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain.
MILLAR, John, M.D., appointed extra Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children, *vice* R. Peel Ritchie, M.D., resigned.

BIRTHS.

ADAMS.—On December 19th, 1868, at Croydon, the wife of *T. Rutherford Adams, M.D., of a son.
FENTEM.—At Bakewell, on December 18th, 1868, the wife of Philip S. Fentem, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

***CROSSBY**, J. Parker, Esq., Leeds, to Emily Alice, daughter of Benjamin STEAD, Esq., Horsforth, near Leeds, on December 23rd, 1868.
 ***STEPHEN**, Andrew, M.D., of 44, Victoria Road, Kensington, to Eleanor Sophia, second daughter of W. STUART, M.D., Woolwich, on December 23rd, 1868.
THOMSON, J. Roberts, M.D., to Ellen Jane Douglas, daughter of the late Alexander CRUICKSHANK, Esq., of Edinburgh, at Bournemouth, on December 23rd, 1868.

DEATHS.

METCALFE.—On November 25th, 1868, at Dera Ismail Khan, Punjab, India, of diarrhoea, Katherine Ada, only child of Assistant-Surgeon Fenwick Metcalfe, Bengal Army, aged 10 months.
MORRIS.—On December 28th, 1868, at Spalding, aged 26, T. H. Morris, Esq., Surgeon, eldest son of *Edwin Morris, M.D., F.R.C.S.

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

Dr. Barter, Bath; Dr. Willis, Dublin; Dr. Sutton, London; Dr. Beddoe, Clifton; Mr. May, Birmingham; Dr. Fegan, Charlton; Captain F. Davies, Pershore; Dr. Robertson, Cokermonth; Mr. Jukes Styrar, Shrewsbury; Dr. Sloane, Leicester; Mr. Wright, Derby; Dr. Giles, Hastings; Mr. J. B. Pitt, Norwich; Dr. G. H. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. Mackenzie, Sidmouth; Dr. Chadwick, Leeds; Mr. A. Myers, Windsor; A Junior Member, North Wilts; Dr. Harrison, Lincoln; Mrs. Cox, London; Dr. Procter, York; Mr. C. Steele, Clifton; Mr. G. F. Hodgson, Brighton; Messrs. Meredith, Dublin; Dr. J. Braxton Hicks, London; Mr. Johnson, Lancaster; Dr. J. Rae, Edinburgh; Mr. D. Kent Jones, Beaumaris; Dr. H. W. Mahon, Westport; Dr. Palfrey, London; Dr. Hughes Bennett, Edinburgh; Mr. Syme, Edinburgh; Dr. Miller, Edinburgh; Mr. Solomon, Birmingham; Mr. Salt, Birmingham; Mr. Swift, London Hospital; Mr. Curling, London; Dr. Morris, Spalding; Dr. P. S. Fentem, Bakewell; Mr. S. Wood, Shrewsbury; Mr. W. J. Harris, Worthing; Mr. Vise, Holbeach; Mrs. Troughton, Coventry; Dr. Elam, London; Dr. J. Shea, Dublin; Dr. Davies, Stockwood; Mr. Roberts, Derby; Mr. J. White, Nottingham; Mr. J. W. Jones, Bangor; Mr. I. B. Brown, London; Mr. J. P. Crossley, Leeds; Mr. C. Hayward, Manchester; Capt. Kemp, Cavalry Staff, Canterbury; Mr. Newnham, Wolverhampton; Mr. Kimpton, Oxford.

LETTERS, &c. (with enclosures) from:—

Sir William Jenner, Bart., London; Dr. Priestley, London; Dr. G. M. Humphry, Cambridge; Dr. Gascoven, London; Dr. Elliott, Ipswich; Dr. Bowen, Birkenhead; Dr. Davey, Northwoods, Bristol; Dr. Coales, London; Messrs. A. & C. Black, Edinburgh; Dr. Adams, Croydon; Dr. H. Simpson, Manchester; Dr. W. Moore, Dublin; Dr. Spencer Thomson, Torquay; Dr. Lancaster, Croydon; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. Bryan, Northampton; Dr. J. W. F. Smith, Aberdeen; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Dr. Treutler, Kew; Dr. John Murray, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; The Honorary Secretary of the Obstetrical Society; Dr. Wm. Budd, Clifton; Dr. A. Ransome, Manchester; Dr. Morell Mackenzie, London; Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Birmingham; Dr. Orton, Royal Artillery, Malta; Dr. Ogle, Derby.

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.
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.
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.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. Henry Hancock, F.R.C.S., "On Perforating Ulcer of the Foot."
WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London. Annual Meeting. 8 P.M., Dr. Greenhalgh, "On a Case of Rupture of the Uterus", and other papers; 9 P.M., President's Address.
FRIDAY.—Clinical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Moore, "Acupressure for Acute Suppuration"; Mr. Thomas Smith, "Distended Bowel: Puncture of Intestine"; Mr. Holmes, "Case of Lithotomy in which the Stone was not found"; Dr. Greenhow, "Bromide of Potassium in Chorea."

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.

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In the following numbers of the JOURNAL will appear Sir William Jenner's Lectures on Abdominal Tumours; Dr. Humphry on Torsion of Arteries; Dr. William Budd on Scarlet Fever and its Prevention; Dr. Heslop on Infantile Therapeutics; Dr. Beddoe on Dietary in Disease; Dr. W. Keith on the Statistics of Lithotomy; Mr. Gamgee on Surgery; Mr. Dunn on Language; Mr. Higginbottom on Ipecacuanha; etc.; as well as sundry Letters, Branch Reports, and Reports of Societies.

NEW MEMBERS.

Dr. GILES (Hastings); Dr. Washbourne (Gloucester); Dr. Clapton (Chesapeake); Dr. Fegan (Charlton); Mr. Kent Jones (Llangefni); Dr. Latham (Cambridge); Dr. Philipson (Newcastle-upon-Tyne); Dr. H. Barnes (Carlisle); Mr. C. Johnson (Lancaster); Dr. Waters (Liverpool); Dr. Simpson (Manchester); Dr. Procter (York); Dr. Harrison (Lincoln); Dr. Sloane (Leicester); Mr. White (Nottingham); Dr. Bryan (Northampton); Mr. G. May (Reading); Mr. Hodgson (Brighton); Mr. Steele (Clifton); and Dr. MacConchy (Downpatrick); are thanked for their communications. Forms of application and proposal have been forwarded wherever desired.

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.

THE NEW LABOUR LAW.

SIR,—Will you afford me space to call attention through your columns to the great alteration which must be made in the hours of labour after the 31st instant. After that day, the Saturday half-holiday will be compulsory as regards children, young persons, and women, in all factories, workshops, and places in which any manual labour is performed. With the exception of a very few trades, and of those cases in which the Secretary of State has authorised either the substitution of another half-holiday instead of Saturday, or that the hours of work may be taken between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M., or between 8 A.M. and 8 P.M., their labour must cease at Saturdays at 2 P.M. The assistant and sub-inspectors of my district and myself are anxious to give every information; and we rely upon the continuance of that cordial cooperation which we have hitherto experienced from every one to give effect to the new regulations, which are thoroughly appreciated wherever their blessings have reached.
 I am, &c.,

ALEX. REDGRAVE, Her Majesty's Inspector of Factories.

Factory Inspector's Office, 10, Whitehall, December 28th, 1868.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Wiltshire County Mirror, Dec. 23rd; The Lincolnshire Gazette, Dec. 26th; The Western Morning News, Dec. 24th; The Aberdeen Journal, Dec. 23rd; The Aberdeen Herald, Dec. 26th; The Aberdeen Free Press, Dec. 29th; The Northampton Herald, Dec. 19th; The Japan Times' Overland Mail, Nov. 4th.