

"And, lastly, as we believe, with Dr. Gairdner, that 'the question of house-accommodation is at the very root of sanitary reform, and that all else is mere surface-work', we are sincerely desirous to see an improved construction of dwellings for the working and poorer classes commenced in Glasgow. We are impressed with the advantages, in a social as well as a sanitary point of view, of the self-contained cottage form of building prevailing in Bristol and other English towns. And we therefore heartily recommend that form as an example to builders here, and take leave to suggest to the Improvement Commissioners, should they be prevailed on, to exercise the powers they have obtained for reconstruction in some of the quarters where they have exercised their powers of demolition, that they will set a leading example to private enterprise in the character of buildings they may erect, avoiding as much as possible the barrack style now so prevalent, as being inimical to all the higher virtues in social life, by massing human beings together without regard to health and decency, and, instead, approaching as near as possible to the cottage form of building, which spreads out the population over a larger area, giving a better chance of pure air, preserving health and decency, and increasing the facilities for fostering family life."

The record report is devoted more particularly to the question of the disposal of sewage. It is the opinion of the deputation that the system of privies and ashpits is not injurious to health, if attention be paid to regular cleansing, the greatest dangers arising from allowing an advanced state of decomposition to occur in the heaps. With regard to the disposal of the sewage, the subject is difficult on account chiefly of the immense quantity and dilution of the sewage. The deputation are not, therefore, prepared with definite recommendations, but indicate, generally, that the most serious dangers seem to arise from the confinement of gases in the sewers, rather than from pollution of the rivers. They therefore suggest that some means be used of drawing off the gases from the sewers, as by chimney-stalks or otherwise. They think that the sewage itself should be utilised, either for irrigation alone, or in the ordinary way; and they refer the attention of the Board to a plan proposed by the city architect, Mr. Carrick, some years ago, for the disposal of the sewage.

The correspondence between the Representatives of the University and the Directors of the Infirmary, in reference to the management of the New University Hospital, has just been published. From the mode in which the Infirmary Directors deal with the matter, they seem to consider that the claims of the sick poor are in great danger of suffering in an hospital connected with a medical school, and they assert that it will be difficult to obtain funds for an hospital placed on such a footing. In this spirit they treat all the propositions made by the senate. They would allow the University the right to nominate one physician and one surgeon annually, but their appointment is to be in the hands of the Infirmary Directors. The University claimed that one hundred or one hundred and twenty beds should be at their disposal for clinical instruction, but they would limit the number to seventy, to which thirty might be added, should it be thought necessary to have wards for special diseases. In the building of the Hospital, the University must provide all the funds, and the number of beds must not be under three hundred; but a committee of the directors should be associated with a committee of the senate, to superintend the erection. In return for these concessions, the directors were willing to raise the funds, and attend to the administration of the new hospital, along with their own. There could, we think, be but one answer to such demands, and it is that which the senate has given. The senate cannot acknowledge that the interests of the medical school, in administering an hospital, are diametrically opposed to those of the public. They rather think that such a connection will produce confidence on the part of the public in the medical men who may be appointed to the hospital; at the same time, the public is deeply interested in providing fitting instruction for its future medical men; and the senate does not at all share in the fear of the directors, that contributions will not be forthcoming. The practical working of hospitals in connection with medical schools is another very sufficient answer to the assertions of the Infirmary Directors. We think that few will deny the wisdom of the senate in closing negotiations founded on such grounds, and in determining to proceed with the erection of the hospital, trusting to the liberality of the public; and we hope that its completion will not now be long delayed, as, if it is so, the medical school may be seriously incommoded.

The only other topic of interest at present, is a report by Dr. Gairdner and Mr. Garrick to the Police Board, in reference to intramural interments. Their chief recommendations are these: to indict from the form of interment in common graves, especially the pit-burials which have caused some stir in Glasgow of late. Further, they think that certain cemeteries, which are already built round by houses in the city, should be closed; that encouragement should be given to companies

forming cemeteries beyond the city; and, as the cost of removal to such cemeteries would be great, that the magistrates should assist the poor in the conveyance of their dead to these cemeteries.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE third ordinary meeting of the Session of this Branch will be held at the York House, Bath, on Thursday evening, January 20th, at 7 P.M.; C. H. COLLINS, Esq., President.

R. S. FOWLER, } *Honorary Secretaries.*
CHARLES STEELE, }

6, Belmont, January 11th, 1870.

OBITUARY.

SIR WILLIAM CHARLES HOOD, M.D., KNIGHT.

WE regret to announce the death of Sir William Hood, Lord Chancellor's Visitor of Chancery Lunatics. Sir William commenced his career as Superintendent of the male department at Colney Hatch Asylum, and was afterwards appointed Physician to the Bethlehem Royal Hospital, in which capacity he carried out many excellent and necessary reforms. He resigned this position, being presented with the appointment of Lord Chancellor's Visitor of Chancery Lunatics. He was elected Treasurer of Bethlehem Hospital about a year ago, and immediately afterwards was created a Knight. He was author of several works—*Statistics of Insanity*, *Future Provision of Criminal Lunatics*, and other writings. His death will be severely felt by a large circle of relatives and friends.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

AT the meeting of Council, held on Thursday, the consideration of Mr. Gay's motion, that the minutes of the meetings of Council should be made public within three days after the meetings, was adjourned. The meeting was otherwise a very important one, being chiefly occupied in discussing the Report from the General Medical Council; and many very important resolutions were arrived at with respect to medical education. It was referred back to the Court of Examiners, with the view of putting these views practically into effect. We may congratulate the members of the College on the fact that the Report of the Subcommittee appointed to advise the Council as to the practicability of holding meetings of the members within the College walls, was entirely favourable, and bore out the views of those who had always contended that the bye-laws gave ample power for the purpose. The Report is a good one, but is being printed and circulated in the Council prior to its discussion. We believe we may state that the Report recommends that a requisition, signed by not less than thirty members, will be required by the Council before sanction can be given to hold meetings in the College.

VACCINATION.—The Chepstow Board of Guardians have ordered their relieving officer to warn all parents who have failed to have their children vaccinated, that unless they do so, and send in a certificate of successful vaccination within a month, they will be prosecuted.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTENARY COMMITTEE have just published their report, from which it appears that the gross receipts amounted to £2963 : 3 : 9, the expenses to £46 : 10, leaving the balance of £2916 : 13 : 9 in favour of the Charity, in addition to a considerable accession of annual subscribers.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—The annual meeting and conversation was held on Thursday the 6th, when the retiring President, Dr. E. Headlam Greenhow, gave an eloquent address on the discoveries and improvements in medicine and surgery since the foundation of the Society in 1831. The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Society for the year 1870: *President*: W. F. Cleveland, M.D.; *Vice-Presidents*: Frederick Cock, M.D., J. R. Lane, Esq., J. Z. Laurence, Esq., C. Royston, M.D.; *Treasurer*: H. W. Fuller; *Secretaries*: J. B. Curgiven, Esq., W. H. Day, M.D.; *Council*: J. Hall Davis, M.D., W. Tilbury Fox, M.D., W. Hickman, M.B., M. Berkeley Hill, Esq., J. H. Jephson, M.D., N. B. Lee, Esq., D. Menzies, M.R.C.P., E. Metcalf, Esq., T. Morton, M.D., E. E. Sass, Esq., R. S. Sisson, M.D., J. G. Westmacott, M.D.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, January 6th, 1870.

Jolliffe, John, jun., Godolphin Road, Shepherd's Bush
Mulligan, Michael Joseph, Thrapstone, Northamptonshire
Roberts, Evan, Upper Dorset Street, W.
Wadsworth, Godfrey Bingley, Westbourne, Hants

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their first professional examination.

Aikin, Charles Edmund, Guy's Hospital
Derry, Bartholomew G., St. George's Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are declared:—

ANDOVER UNION.—Medical Officer for the Workhouse and District No. 1: applications, 20th; election, 28th.
BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon: applications, 24th; election, 26th.
BOURNEMOUTH DISPENSARY AND COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—Office of one of the Honorary Surgeons.
BRIDPORT UNION, Dorset.—Medical Officer for District No. 4.
CASTLEREA UNION, co. Roscommon.—Medical Officer for the Frenchpark Dispensary District: 17th.
CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Registrar: applications, 19th.
CLAREMORRIS UNION, co. Mayo.—Medical Officer for the Ballindine Dispensary District: applications, Jan. 28th; election, Feb. 4th.
DINGLE UNION, co. Kerry.—Medical Officers for the Dingle and Ventry Dispensary Districts: election about Feb. 13th.
EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Ratcliff Cross.—Resident Medical Officer: applications, 18th.
ESSEX LUNATIC ASYLUM, Brentwood.—Assistant Medical Officer.
FORDYCE, Banffshire.—Parochial Medical Officer.
HAMILTON.—Surgeon to the Prison.
HOLBEACH UNION, Lincolnshire.—Medical Officer for the Sutton Bridge District: applications, 5th Feb.; election, 7th Feb.
HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES, Dublin.—Physician.
ISLE OF MAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon: applications, 19th.
KIRCUBRIGHT.—Surgeon to the Prison.
LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE.—House-Surgeon and Apothecary: applications, Feb. 1st; election, Feb. 12th.
MEATH HOSPITAL and co. DUBLIN INFIRMARY.—Apothecary: 24th.
MIDHURST UNION, Sussex.—Medical Officer for the Milland District: applications, 24th; election, 25th.
NORTHAMPTON GENERAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer: applications, 15th; election, 26th; duties, Feb. 1st.
NORTH DUBLIN UNION.—Medical Officer for the Coolock and Drumcondra Dispensary District: 17th. Medical Officer for the Howth and Clontarf Dispensary District: 18th.
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill, Stoke-upon-Trent.—House-Surgeon.
ONGAR UNION, Essex.—Medical Officer for District No. 4: election, 18th; duties, 31st.
PORTSEA ISLAND UNION.—Medical Officer for the Southern District.
PORTSOY, Banffshire.—Admiralty Surgeon and Agent.
PUBLIC DISPENSARY, Stanhope Street, Clare Market.—Resident Medical Officer: applications, 25th Jan.; election, 8th Feb.
ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL, Dublin.—Physician.
SALISBURY GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon.
SALOP INFIRMARY, Shrewsbury.—Physician.
SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Surgeon: applications, Feb. 5th; election, Feb. 9th.
SOUTHEND, Argyleshire.—Parochial Medical Officer.
SUNDERLAND INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY and EAST DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon: applications, 26th Jan.; election, 3rd Feb.
WALLASEY DISPENSARY.—Surgeon.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon: applications, Jan. 24th; election, Feb. 3rd.
WHITEHAVEN and WEST CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon: 22nd.
WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Apothecary and Dispenser: applications, 15th.
WORCESTER UNION.—Medical Officer for District No. 3.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

BELLAMY, E., Esq., appointed Surgeon to the Magdalene Hospital.
***BRAIDWOOD, P. M., M.D. Edin.,** appointed Demonstrator of Histology at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary School of Medicine.
MORRIS, H., B.A., M.B. Lond., appointed Surgical Registrar to the Middlesex Hospital, *vice* H. Arnott, F.R.C.S., resigned.

BIRTHS.

BLATHERWICK.—On January 5th, at Dumbarton, the wife of Charles Blatherwick, M.D., of a daughter.
CHEATLE.—On January 2nd, at Revesby, Boston, Lincolnshire, the wife of *Edward Cheate, L.R.C.P. Edin., of a son.
CHILDS.—On January 5th, the wife of Archibald P. Childs, M.D., of a son.
FISHER.—On January 5th, at Clifton, the wife of *S. W. Fisher, M.D., of a son.
HAYWARD.—On January 1st, at Hobart Place, Eaton Square, the wife of Sidney Hayward, M.D., of a daughter, who survived only a few hours.
HILLS.—On January 9th, at Thorpe Asylum, near Norwich, the wife of W. Charles Hills, M.D., of a son.
HOCHER.—On January 10th, at Weymouth, the wife of *James Hocher, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.

NESHAM.—On December 23rd, 1869, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of Thomas C. Nesham, M.D., of a son.
PRINGLE.—On December 3rd, 1869, at Meerut, the wife of *R. Pringle, M.D., Surgeon H.M.'s Bengal Army, of a son.
RENDLE.—On January 10th, at Saxmundham, Suffolk, the wife of *C. B. Rendle, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
SPYERS.—On January 3rd, at Faversham, the wife of Thomas C. Spyers, M.D., of a daughter.
THOMPSON.—On December 28th, 1869, at Jarrow-on-Tyne, the wife of *R. Farrer Thompson, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BEST, Alexander Vans, M.D., late Surgeon Bengal Army, to Louisa Cecilia, widow of Lieutenant-Colonel MATTESON, Bengal Staff Corps, at St. James's, Piccadilly, on January 3rd.
BROWN, Charles R., M.B., of Beckenham, Kent, to Ellen, eldest daughter of Frederick BROWN, Esq., of Surbiton Hill, on January 5th.
HOLLOWAY, James L., Esq., Staff-Surgeon-Major, to Minnie, youngest daughter of the late B. F. SYMMONS, Esq., of Bures St. Mary, Suffolk, at Wormingford, Essex, on January 5th.
***NEWCOMBE, F. W., M.D.,** Gateshead, to Emily, second daughter of William MILLER, Esq., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, on December 26th, 1869.
***PEARSON, James R., M.D.,** to Jane, elder daughter of James RAE, Esq., of Philimore Gardens, at Kensington Presbyterian Church, on December 29th.

DEATHS.

BEALE.—Lately, at 61, Grosvenor Street, aged 8, Lionel Blakerton, eldest son of *Lionel S. Beale, M.B., F.R.S.
***BEDDOES, William M., M.D.,** at Shrewsbury, aged 52, on January 10th.
COOPER.—On January 8th, at Marchmont, Hemel Hempstead, aged 83, Catherine, widow of Sir Astley Paston Cooper, Bart., K.C.B., D.C.L.
DENZLOE, Matthew, Esq., Surgeon, at West Allington, Bridport, aged 63, on January 1st.
FINCH, Richard S., Esq., Surgeon, at Wimbledon, aged 46, on January 5th.
HARRISON, John, Esq., Surgeon, at Albany Court Yard, Piccadilly, aged 62, on January 3rd.
HOOD, Sir W. Charles, M.D., at Bridewell Royal Hospital, aged 45, on Jan. 4th.
NICHOLS, James, M.R.C.P., of Savile Row, on January 2nd.
ROWNEY.—On December 30th, 1869, at Galway, aged 6 weeks, Edmund Arthur, infant son of T. H. Rowney, M.D.
***SLADDEN, John, Esq.,** Surgeon, at Ash next Sandwich, aged 57, on January 3rd.
STOKES.—On December 28th, 1869, at Dublin, Mary, wife of *Wm. Stokes, M.D.
YONGE, James, M.D., at Plymouth, aged 76, on January 3rd.

UNWHOLESOME FISH, weighing in the aggregate three tons ten hundredweight, was seized during the last month in or near Billingsgate Market, by the officials appointed by the Fishmongers' Company.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD MEDICAL CHARITIES.—At a meeting held in the Town Hall, Manchester, the Mayor in the Chair, it was resolved: "That while admitting the obligation which rests upon all owners of property, members of mercantile firms, and others, to support such Institutions, it is most desirable that simultaneous annual collections should be made in the churches and chapels of Manchester and Salford on behalf of our medical charities." The last Sunday in February was fixed for the collection.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—The professor of anatomy (Professor Humphry) gives notice that the course of lectures on practical anatomy will be continued on Monday, January 17th, at 1 p.m., and daily till January 26th; after that they will be given on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. The course on anatomy and physiology will be continued in the new museums on Thursday, January 27th, at 1 p.m., and on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the same hour. Microscopical demonstrations will be given in the old anatomical museum on alternate Mondays at 6 p.m., commencing February 17th. With the assistance of Mr. Garrod of St. John's College, demonstrations of physiological chemistry will be given in the old anatomical schools on Saturdays at 12 m., commencing February 5th.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8 p.m. Dr. John Lowe (of Lynn), "On Gastrostomy, with Case; and on Fistula in Ano, and its Treatment by Ligation, applied in a new mode": Dr. Taylor (of Nottingham), "On the Operation of the Contagious Diseases Act."
TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8 p.m. Dr. Peacock, "Malformation of the Heart; Aneurism of Left Ventricle; Chronic Ulcer of Stomach": Dr. Crisp, "Diseased Brain": Dr. Moxon, "Tubercle of Spinal Dura Mater; Thrombosis of Renal Veins; Primary Hydatid of Heart": Dr. Down, "Paralysis with Apparent Hypertrophy": Dr. Bristowe (for Dr. Ferguson), "Perforation of Vermiform Appendix; Ditto Cancer of the Ovary": etc.—Anthropological Society of London.
THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8 p.m. Dr. Wynn Williams, "On Puerperal Fever."—Royal Society.—Linnæan Society.—Chemical Society.
FRIDAY.—Medical Teachers Association.
SATURDAY.—Association of Medical Officers of Health, 7.30 p.m.

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.—National Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Free, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY...St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.15 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 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.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 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.—Royal Free, 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.

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.

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

TO PURCHASERS.—To insure attention, it is requested that all orders sent to the Office for extra copies of the JOURNAL, be accompanied with stamps for the amount.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

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

MR. WELLS, the chemist who was charged with an attempt to procure abortion, has been tried at the Central Criminal Court, and acquitted. The young woman was not pregnant, and died of inflammation of the lungs. No evidence was adduced to show what the accused had really done.

MR. B. (Dudley).—We shall be glad to receive the notes of your case. Our columns are by no means kept exclusively for the contributions of members of our Association, but are open to any papers of value and interest to our readers. We hope to enlist you as a member.

LINCOLN UNION.—It was stated by a guardian at a recent meeting, that the beds at the Lincoln Union had not been changed for two years, and were overrun with vermin; that a number of the boys were in a very unwashed condition, and had the itch; and that some of them had no shirts.

SYM. FELLOWSHIP.

SIR.—In answer to "A Student", allow me to offer the opinion that the committee acted most shrewdly when it resolved to admit as candidates for the Fellowship those only who are *graduates* in medicine or surgery. It considered, no doubt, to use the words of "A Student", that this "would excite a spirit of scientific inquiry in relation to medicine amongst its followers, that can scarcely be said to exist generally in this country, and would fit them as scientific men for the proper exercise of their profession." The other question mooted by your correspondent, that of open competition, is a most liberal one, and involves a principle of great breadth. Considering, however, the few attractions possessed by the University of Edinburgh in the shape of medical fellowships, it is, I should imagine, one of the last proposals to which it could be expected to subscribe.

I am, etc., A SUBSCRIBER.

MEDICAL ETHICS.—Dr. Hardie is thanked for his note, and for the copy of the by-laws of the Manchester Medico-Ethical Association. We shall be much obliged if the Secretaries of other societies of similar kind will send us their Rules.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR.—The Committee of the British Medical Benevolent Fund would feel much indebted to you if you would kindly insert the notice on the following sheet in your next issue.

I am, etc., R. THORNE THORNE.

42, Seymour Street, Portman Square, W., January 11th, 1870.
 The Treasurer and the Honorary Secretaries of the British Medical Benevolent Fund, beg to acknowledge with thanks the following sums which have been forwarded to them, as the result of the appeal published in the medical journals.

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OXALATE OF CERIUM.—Sir James Simpson read a note on the salts of cerium at a meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh on November 15th, 1854. He had begun experiments with them two or three years previously. He used the nitrate; and had found it beneficial (apparently as a sedative tonic) in chronic eruptions affecting the intestinal canal, irritable dyspepsia with gastrodynia and pyrosis, and chronic vomiting. "In the vomiting which occurred during pregnancy, the relief it afforded was very certain."—(ASSOCIATION MEDICAL JOURNAL, Nov. 20th, 1854.)

NEW MEMBERS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of proposing candidates for admission into the Association, should without delay send in the names to the General Secretary or the Secretaries of the respective Branches, in order that the JOURNAL may be supplied to the new members from the commencement of the year. Forms of application and nomination may be had at the office of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

F. R. S. inquires as to the best information respecting rubella notha, and relates the following interesting fact. In a family of six, the youngest two suffered from a rash respecting which their medical attendant made not the slightest question that it was measles. Measles, or what passed as such, was prevalent in the neighbourhood at the time. The other four children, although freely exposed, escaped. The two were soon well. Six months afterwards, the eldest two caught measles, and the whole six had it. The disease was in no respect modified in the younger ones. Here, then, it is clear either that two children had measles twice within six months, or that they had, in the first instance, an eruptive fever, not distinguishable by a careful surgeon from measles. The latter supposition is rendered the more probable by the circumstance that the elder ones, although subsequently proved to be susceptible, did not take it on the first occasion. If the first eruption were not true measles, then it is probable that the disease prevalent at the time was not so. It is manifest that these questions have a most important bearing upon that of second attacks. If the diagnosis be thus difficult, when can we say positively that the exanthem has been the real one? The eruption in the first cases was unattended by catarrh.

The same correspondent sends us also the following fact as to the incubation period. A boy returned from school into a house where measles was prevalent in various stages. He saw his brothers and sisters on the day of his return. On the ninth day he was sick and feverish, and on the twelfth the rash came out.

THE Report of the Medical Officer of St. Pancras on the Infant Nursery at St. Pancras Workhouse states that the means of ventilation may be considered fairly good. The ward was occupied by eighteen women and twenty-one children, and there were twenty-six beds in the ward. There were 468 cubic feet of space to each inmate. Dr. Stevenson had the boards removed from the floor in places, and found the soil at about a foot distance from them. It was dry and deeply cracked. A new trap has been fixed to one of the drains, the old one being defective. The two water-closets are now in good repair. An aperture which did exist between them has been closed, and now, it seems, one of the closets can only ventilate into the ward, not into the open air. A trap to the drain in the kitchen is loose, and is often removed, thus admitting sewer-gases into the room.

A MEDDLESOME CORONER.—An inquest has been held on the body of a boy, eleven years old, who died from tetanus following on an amputation of the thumb for injury. The lad had been seen, in the first instance, by the Junior House-Surgeon of the Birkenhead Hospital (Mr. Crean), who also amputated the thumb, but did not think it worth while to call in the assistance of his senior colleague. For this he was very much censured by the coroner and the jury. The latter also requested that the Hospital Committee be informed of their opinion, that such operations should not be undertaken by the junior officer alone. We must confess ourselves utterly unable to see why Mr. Crean, who is properly qualified, we believe, should not be allowed to amputate fingers. It is certainly the custom at our metropolitan hospitals.

MR. ANNANDALE.—We shall be glad to receive the case, and will give it prompt insertion.

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