

become full surgeon at the end of twenty years' uninterrupted tenure of office.

The Rev. J. WRIGHT moved that no surgeon to the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital should hold a similar appointment in any other institution.—It was, however, ruled that this proposal could not at present be brought forward, as it had not been placed on the agenda of the meeting.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting separated.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE next meeting will be held at the Infirmary, Gravesend, on Tuesday, March 19th, at 3.45 P.M.; R. INNES NISBETT, Esq., in the Chair.

Dinner will be provided at the Clarendon Hotel at 6 P.M.

The following papers have been promised:—Clinical Remarks on Abrasion of the Os Uteri and Cervix. By Dr. J. Braxton Hicks.—Jaundice from Excess of Bile-formation, with Decomposition of the Blood before Death. By Dr. Moxon.

Business to be transacted.—The election of a member of the Medico-Ethical Committee of the District, *vice* Mr. Joy, resigned.

FREDERICK JAMES BROWN, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.
Rochester, March 4th, 1872.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday, March 21st, at 5 P.M.

The following question has been settled by the Council as the one on which each member should be asked to express his opinion at the said meeting:—"What are the Pathological and Physiological Effects of the Bromides, and is their prolonged Use injurious to Health?"

Gentlemen wishing to read papers or cases, are requested to give previous notice to the Secretary.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.
Taunton, March 6th, 1872.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE next meeting of the members of the above District will be held at the Harp Hotel, Dover, on Thursday, March 21st, at 3 o'clock; JOHN WALTER, Esq., of Dover, in the Chair.

Dinner will be provided at 5 o'clock precisely. Charge, 5s., exclusive of wine. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend, and to introduce friends.

Notices of the following communications to be read at the meeting have been received:—1. Dr. Marshall: On the Administration of Iron in the Treatment of Acute Idiopathic Erysipelas.—2. Dr. Braxton Hicks: The Cephalotribe, with illustrations of its power, and remarks on its use, as a substitute for the Crotchet and Craniotomy Forceps.—3. Dr. R. J. Lee: Some Remarks on the Pathology of Phlebitis.

Gentlemen who intend to be present at the dinner, are particularly requested to inform me on or before Tuesday, the 19th instant.

CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.
2, St. James's Street, Dover, March 7th, 1872.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE first meeting of the above District for the present year will be held at the Star Hotel, Lewes, on Friday, March 22nd, at 3 P.M.; R. TURNER, Esq., in the Chair.

The members will have an opportunity of inspecting the County Gaol and the Naval Prison.

Dinner will be provided at 5 o'clock. Price 5s., exclusive of wine. All members of the Branch are entitled to attend, and to introduce friends.

An early notice of intended communications is requested.
Dr. Fussell, of Brighton, will narrate some cases of Feigned Disease, with remarks.

THOMAS TROLLOPE, M.D. Cantab., *Hon. Secretary*.
35, Marina, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, March 13th, 1872.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: HONORARY SECRETARY'S TESTIMONIAL.

AT the intermediate general meeting of this Branch, held on Tuesday, the 27th February, 1872, at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Wrexham, it was moved by Dr. Williams (Mold), seconded by Ll. Lodge, Esq. (St. Asaph), and carried unanimously:

"That a subscription list be opened with the view of presenting the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Kent Jones (Beaumaris) with a purse, as a mark of the appreciation and regard in which he is held by the members of this Branch for his long and valuable services."

Thomas Taylor Griffith, Esq., Wrexham	...	...	£3	3	0
Edward Williams, M.D., Wrexham	...	...	1	1	0
T. Eytton Jones, Esq., Wrexham	...	...	0	10	6
A. E. Turnour, M.D., Denbigh	...	...	1	1	0
R. Davies, Esq., Llanfairtalhaiarn	...	...	0	10	6
T. Evans Jones, Esq., Llanrwst...	...	...	0	10	6
R. C. Roberts, Esq., Ruabon	...	...	0	10	6
L. Roberts, Esq., Ruabon	...	...	0	10	6
W. Jones, Esq., Ruabon...	...	...	0	10	6
W. Maugham, M.D., Carnarvon	...	...	0	10	6
R. Hughes, Esq., Bala	...	...	0	10	6
E. Shelton Jones, Esq., Denbigh	...	...	0	10	6
Ll. Lodge, Esq., St. Asaph	...	...	0	10	6
R. E. Owen, Esq., Beaumaris	...	...	1	1	0
S. Wood, Esq., Shrewsbury	...	...	1	1	0
J. Ll. Williams, M.B., Wrexham	...	...	0	10	6
W. Williams, M.D., Mold	...	...	0	10	6
Hamilton A. Roberts, Esq., Brynmeurig, Bangor	...	...	1	1	0
James Edwards, Esq., M.D., Benarth, Conway	...	...	1	1	0
Owen Richards, Esq., F.R.C.S.E., Bala	...	...	1	1	0
Jos. Jenkins, Esq., Ruthin	...	...	1	1	0
Ernest Hart, Esq., London	...	...	1	1	0

It is respectfully requested that subscriptions may be forwarded to Ll. Lodge, Esq., St. Asaph.

THE POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE Southampton Board of Guardians have increased the salary of Dr. Archer from £103 to £130 per annum.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM.

AT a meeting of the Union medical officers of Worcestershire, held at the Medical Library, Worcester, on Saturday, 9th March, 1872, pursuant to notice, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1. That the whole system of Poor-law Medical Relief in England is highly unsatisfactory, and urgently requires reform.

2. That this meeting considers the extension of the Dispensary System to county towns as most desirable; but at the same time deems it especially necessary that areas of districts shall be diminished, where in excess, and that the whole of the medical officers' salaries shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund; also that those salaries be revised so as to meet the requirements of the present time.

3. That in revising the salaries of Union medical officers, the present large and increased cost of provisions, etc., be taken into consideration.

4. That, if Union medical officers be appointed Medical Officers of Health, the salaries shall be adequate to the responsibilities of the office; and also some independent officer appointed to superintend large areas.

5. That copies of the resolutions passed, shall be forwarded to the local papers, members of Parliament, and medical journals.

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Monday, March 11th.

ARMY SURGEONS.—Mr. M. Henry asked the Secretary of State for War whether he hoped shortly to introduce a plan to remedy the block of promotion in the medical service of the army; and whether, with the object of quickening retirement, he would consider the propriety of allowing surgeons of twenty years' standing to leave the army with the same advantages as now accrue to them from twenty-five

years' service, on condition of their joining the militia or the reserve in their medical capacity.—Mr. Cardwell said it was true that a large number of surgeons joined the army in 1857 and 1858, and that by and by it would be necessary to consider and make some arrangements for their retirement, but he was not then prepared to make any definite statement on the subject.

MEDICAL NEWS.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the examinations for the License to practise Medicine, held on February 6th and 14th, the following gentlemen passed.

Browne, Thomas Henry	Irwin, Andrew
Clarke, Richard Ashmore	Stoker, William Thornley
Clune, Michael Joseph	Wigmore, Patrick Stephen
Hannan, Francis Bayly	

At the examinations for the Midwifery Diploma, held on February 8th and 15th, the following were successful.

Browne, Thomas Henry	Irwin, Andrew
Clarke, Richard Ashmore	Stoker, William Thornley
Clune, Michael Joseph	White, Richard Dormer
Hannan, Francis Bayly	

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, March 7th, 1872.

Duncan, Andrew, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden
Nix, Edward James, West Ham, Stratford
Shemilt, George Richard, Tean, Staffordshire

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

Collins, Henry Beale, King's College
Foreman, Joseph, Guy's Hospital
Hawton, James W. H., Guy's Hospital
Moore, Henry Cecil, Birmingham
Smith, Richard, Birmingham

As an Assistant in compounding and dispensing medicines.
Griffin, Alfred William, Havant

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following is a list of the successful candidates at the examination for appointments as Assistant-Surgeons in the Indian Medical Service, held at Burlington House, February 12th, 1872. Fifty-five candidates competed for forty appointments, and fifty-four were declared qualified. [Maximum number of marks, 3,400.]

Order of merit.	Names.	No. of marks.	Order of merit.	Names.	No. of marks.
1.	Crombie, A.	2920	21.	Mulvany, E.	1885
2.	Murphy, W. R.	2630	22.	Bookey, J. T. B.	1870
3.	Joubert, C. H.	2525	23.	Young, J.	1870
4.	Russell, E. G.	2365	24.	Daphtary, G. R.	1810
5.	Fasken, W. A. D.	2360	25.	Holmes, R. A. K.	1795
6.	Branfoot, A. M.	2330	26.	Lawrie, E.	1775
7.	Hall, G. C.	2300	27.	Beavan, G. F.	1730
8.	Scully, J.	2265	28.	Little, C.	1730
9.	Watson, G.	2095	29.	Johnson, W. E.	1690
10.	Gopal Chunder Roy	2085	30.	McGregor, A.	1685
11.	Reid, A. S.	2070	31.	Bankabehari Gupta	1665
12.	McNally, C. J.	2055	32.	Dobie, S. L.	1640
13.	Zorab, J. M.	2005	33.	Lloyd, C.	1615
14.	Duke, J.	2000	34.	Williams, A. H.	1605
15.	Lang, J. A. T.	1960	35.	Dobson, A. F.	1600
16.	Russick Lall Dutt	1950	36.	Ferris, J. E. C.	1600
17.	Butler, W. J.	1945	37.	Lawrenson, J. C.	1580
18.	Palmer, E.	1945	38.	Lombard, D. E. T.	1565
19.	McConaghey, J.	1920	39.	Mayne, T.	1530
20.	Wilson, J.	1905	40.	Aylen, T. V.	1520

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge—House-Surgeon.
ALTON COLLIERIES, Clay Cross, Chesterfield—Medical Officer.
ARDNAMURCHAN, Argyshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £80 per annum, house, etc.
BALLYMARTLE, co. Cork—Medical Attendant to the Royal Irish Constabulary.
BECKETT DISPENSARY and HOSPITAL, Barnsley—House-Surgeon: £130 per annum, furnished apartments, gas, coals, and attendance.
BOYLE UNION, co. Roscommon—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Keadue Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
BRAMLEY UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer to the new Workhouse at Armley: £25 per annum, and extra fees.
CARMARTHENSHIRE INFIRMARY, Carmarthen—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, lodging, coal, candles, and the privilege of taking two apprentices.
DROITWICH LUNATIC ASYLUM—Visiting Physician.
EAST WARD UNION—Medical Officer for Brough District: £16:10 per annum, exclusive of extra and Vaccination Fees.
ECHT, Aberdeenshire, Parish of—Medical Officer.

EDDRACHILLIS and DURNES, Sutherlandshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £140 per annum, £10 to provide medicine, house, and garden.
ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, co. Wexford—Visiting and Consulting Physician.
GLANFORD BRIGG UNION, Lincolnshire—Medical Officer for the Messingham District: £38 per annum.
HOUSE OF INDUSTRY HOSPITALS, Dublin—Resident Apothecary: £120 per annum, unfurnished apartments, coal, gas-light, and rations for a servant.
KINSALE UNION, co. Cork—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Ballymartle Dispensary District: £90 per ann., and fees.
LEAMINGTON PROVIDENT DISPENSARY—Non-resident Dispenser: £65 to £70 per annum.
LEEDS REFORMATORY—Surgeon.
LEEDS UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 6.
LITTLETON, co. Tipperary—Medical Attendant to the Royal Irish Constabulary.
LOCHMABEN, Dumfriesshire, Parish of—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator: £50 per annum, and fees.
MEATH INFIRMARY, Cavan—Apothecary, Secretary, and Registrar: £52 per annum, furnished apartments, coal, and lighting.
NEATH UNION, Glamorganshire—Medical Officers and Public Vaccinators for the Glyncoirwg and Llansamlet Districts: £10 and £35 per ann., and extra fees.
NORTH DUBLIN UNION—Medical Officer for the Coolock and Drumcondra Dispensary District: £125 per annum, and fees.
NORTHERN INFIRMARY, Inverness—House-Surgeon and Apothecary: £40 per annum, board, etc.
OUGHTERAD UNION, co. Galway—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for Division No. 1 of the Clonbur Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
PENKRIDGE UNION, Staffordshire—Medical Officer for the Workhouse at Cannock: £20 per annum.
PORTSEA ISLAND UNION—Medical Officer for the Workhouse: £315 per ann.
QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Resident Physician and Medical Tutor: £100 per annum, board, etc. Dental Surgeon.
RIPON DISPENSARY and HOUSE OF RECOVERY—Resident House-Surgeon and Dispenser: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, attendance, coal, and candles.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road—Junior Resident Medical Officer.
ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, Guildford—Assistant Honorary Medical Officer.
ROW, Dumbartonshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £40 per annum.
ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Welbeck Street—Surgeon.
ST. THOMAS UNION, Exeter—Medical Officer for the Littleham District: £42:14 per annum.
SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, Greenwich—House-Surgeon.
STAFFORDSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Burntwood, near Lichfield—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, furnished apartments, washing, etc.
STEPNEY UNION—Dispenser: £120 per annum.
SUDBURY UNION, Suffolk—Medical Officer for District No. 1: £55 per annum, and extra fees.
THURLES UNION, co. Tipperary—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Littleton Dispensary District: £120 per annum, and fees.
WALSINGHAM UNION, Norfolk—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Raynham District: £38 per annum, and extra fees.
WEST CUMBERLAND—Medical Officer to two Iron Companies: £500 per annum, and 10s. 6d. for each midwifery case.
WEST SUSSEX, EAST HANTS, and CHICHESTER INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £80 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.
WORCESTER COUNTY PRISON—Honorary Physician.
WORCESTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL—Physician.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

***GORNALL,** John H., Esq., elected Public Vaccinator to the Borough of Warrington, *vice* *C. N. Spinks, Esq., resigned.
HUGHES, W. R., L.K.Q.C.P.I. and L.M., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Southern Hospital, Liverpool, *vice* R. Leigh, Esq., resigned.
MITCHELL, S., M.D. (Deputy Medical Superintendent, and formerly Assistant Medical Officer at the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield), appointed Medical Superintendent of the South Yorkshire Asylum, Sheffield.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the communication.

DEATHS.

***BLYTHMAN,** Robert Otter, Esq., Surgeon, aged 69, at Swinton, Yorkshire, on March 3rd.
WILLIAMS, Philip Henry, M.D., Senior Physician to the Worcester Infirmary, and formerly General Secretary to the British Medical Association, at Worcester, on March 10th.
WOOD—On March 8th, at Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, Ann, wife of *Charles Walker Wood, F.R.C.S., aged 69.

THE foundation-stone of the new building for the Midland Counties Middle Class Idiot Asylum at Knowle, is to be laid early in May by the Marquis of Ripon, K.G.

DR. J. M. BENNETT having retired from the post of Honorary Medical Officer to the Liverpool dispensaries, the Committee unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That Dr. Bennett's name be added to the Consulting Staff; and that they also register their deep regret at losing his valuable services." He had held the appointment for more than twelve years.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

TUESDAYGuy'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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY...St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 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.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.—King's College, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

FRIDAY.....Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY...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.—Hospital for Women, 9.30 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. W. B. Dalby, F.R.C.S., "On a Case of Temporary and Extensive Loss of Hearing, thought to depend on Constitutional Syphilis." After this, the adjourned discussion on the "Treatment of Aneurism" will be continued.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. The following specimens will be exhibited. Mr. Sebastian Wilkinson: Congenital Extension of the Conjunctiva over the front of both Eyes (a living subject). Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson: A Meningocele Cyst removed by Operation; Specimens of Dislocation and Fracture of the Vertebrae; Specimens from a Case of Chronic Rheumatic Arthritis. Mr. Durham: Hydatid Tumour of the Thigh. Mr. W. Anderson: Recurrent Tumour of the Breast; Hernia of the Liver. Dr. Whipple: Tumour of the Kidney. Mr. Arnott: Enlargement of the Tongue. Dr. King: Malformation of the Heart. Mr. Thomas Smith: Aneurism of the Sinuses of Valsalva; Clubbed Fingers. Dr. Thorowgood: Stricture of the Esophagus.

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, "On the Relation of Gout and Rheumatism." Numerous specimens will be exhibited, and will be on the table at 7.30 P.M.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Southey, "On Two Cases of Persistent Omphalo-mesenteric Duct leading to Fatal Intestinal Obstruction"; Mr. Teevan, "On the Treatment adopted in Four Cases of Impermeable Stricture"; Mr. Gant, "Spontaneous Gangrene of both Feet from Disease of the Heart; Amputation; Recovery"; Dr. Broadbent, "Case of Paralysis due to Tumours in Pons and Medulla Oblongata."

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.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

FOR replies to questions concerning Poor-law medical questions, see Poor-law Medical Department, under charge of Mr. Benson Baker, London, and Dr. Maunsell, Dublin.

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

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the General Manager, at the Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

WE are indebted to Dr. Mark Long (Dalston), Dr. Baxter (Dublin), and Mr. Herbert Morgan (Lichfield). Their communications have been handed to Mr. Fowke, the General Secretary and Manager, to whom all communications on the business of the Office should be addressed.

DR. HEATON (Leeds).—The request shall be attended to.

DR. ANDREW CLARK courteously explains, *à propos* of the day on which his *soirée* as President of the Medical Society of London was held, that the *soirée* was arranged by a committee of friends, and that the day fixed on was the only one which could be had. He greatly regretted that it was the same as that fixed for a meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch for the discussion of a subject of much importance—a discussion at which he would have wished to be present.

EVIDENCE IN FAVOUR OF VACCINATION.

DR. T. S. SMITH (Warrington).—The Report on Vaccination of the Select Committee of the House of Commons is published as a blue-book, and may be had at Hansard's Parliamentary Papers Office, Great Queen Street, W.C. We can recommend also a Sketch of the History of Small-pox and Vaccination, by W. H. Barlow, M.D. (Simpkin and Co., London); Plain Facts on Vaccination, by G. Oliver, M.B. (Simpkin and Co., London); How to Stamp out Small-pox, by Mordey Douglas (Simpkin and Co., London); or Dr. Seaton's admirable Handbook of Vaccination.

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

WE are obliged to defer several Reports of Societies, etc., from want of space.

THE *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* is a very interesting journal, and we are much obliged to Dr. Charles H. Thomas for favouring us with successive copies of it. The view which it takes of the progress of the ladies at Edinburgh is altogether beyond the facts. At this moment their cause is in a somewhat more discouraging state than at any time for the last two years. They are stopped by an absolute *non possumus* as regards their own demands; and they have unwittingly sown the path along which they have proceeded with prickles and barriers which will make it exceedingly difficult for any others to follow them.

EFFECT OF BROMISM ON THE TEETH AND GUMS.

SIR,—Can any of your members, who have had much experience in the use of the bromides of potassium and ammonium, inform me whether the long continued use of these remedies has any injurious effect upon the general health and strength, and especially whether the teeth and gums can be in any way injured by such a course of treatment? I am induced to ask these questions from a case under my care, in which the teeth have all become more or less loose, and the gums spongy, from no apparent cause, except that the bromides have been taken in moderate doses once a day for more than two years, with very slight intervals. No other medicines have been taken during that time but iron and quinine tonics and occasional mild aperients. The teeth are not decayed, but there is facial neuralgia occasionally; and the patient is weak and somewhat anæmic. I shall feel much obliged if any members of the Association can give me any information on this subject.

I am, etc., H. A.

MR. COLES.—The "Lucina" pill seems to resemble many of its class, and to be neither better nor worse. There is not, we fear, any present hope of stopping the sale of patent medicines; although we should be glad to see the subject pressed upon the Government, which makes, at present, an unholy profit upon this very doubtful and mischievous traffic.

WE will make further inquiry as to the facts stated by "An Associate of Owen's College."

J. B. H. (Broughton).—The omission was accidental; it shall have early attention.

DR. NIBLETT's pamphlet on *Herbs, Gums, etc., in the Treatment of Consumption*, is a very unprofessional production; and a "Guy's Hospital Student" can hardly, we think, have read it, or he would not consider it necessary to ask our opinion on the point stated. We have forwarded the pamphlet to the Registrar of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and trust that the College will take this case into their consideration.

DISTRICT HOSPITALS.

SIR,—Having been asked to give an opinion as to the construction, the accommodation, and the general arrangements necessary for a hospital which it is intended to erect in this place, for a district (rural) containing a population of about eight thousand of all classes, and being anxious to have the counsel of gentlemen who have given attention to, and have had experience of, such institutions, I would beg to be furnished with information, through the JOURNAL or otherwise, as to what is considered the most approved plan of construction, and what the most efficient mode of supporting and generally of conducting those institutions.

I am, etc., GEORGE MACKIE.

Insch, Aberdeen, February 28th, 1872.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following Liverpool, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly Albion, March 9th; The Surrey Advertiser and County Times, March 9th; The Wolverhampton Chronicle, March 6th; The Birmingham Morning News, March 6th; The Eastern Morning News and Hull Advertiser, Feb. 29th; The Dublin General Advertiser, March 9th; The Northern Daily Express, March 4th; The Salopian, March 14th; The Sheffield Daily Telegraph, March 4th; The North British Advertiser, March 9th; The Wrexham Guardian, March 9th; etc.

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

Sir James Paget, London; Sir Henry Thompson, London; Dr. Grimshaw, Dublin; Dr. Gairdner, Glasgow; Dr. C. Murchison, London; Dr. H. Charlton Bastian, London; Mr. William Stokes, Dublin; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Mr. Fairlie Clarke, London; Dr. J. Ford Anderson, London; Dr. Latham, Cambridge; The Secretary of the Hunterian Society; Dr. Heaton, Leeds; Dr. Fuller, London; Mr. R. H. Lucas, London; Dr. D. T. T. Maunsell, Dublin; Messrs. Gilman and Dean, Glasgow; Dr. Coats, Glasgow; Dr. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. A. P. Stewart, London; Mr. Richard Davy, London; Mr. George Lawson, London; Dr. Joseph Bell, Edinburgh; Dr. J. Hughlings Jackson, London; Our Dublin Correspondent; Mr. Wanklyn, London; Dr. Farr, Andover; Dr. Paul, London; Dr. Meadows, Brynmawr; Mr. McClure, Wellow, Bath; Mr. J. Brown, London; Dr. M. Long, Dalston; Mr. Kent Jones, Beaumaris; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Dr. Sullivan, Dublin; Dr. Ferris, Uxbridge; Dr. Winn, London; Dr. Hastings Baxter, Dublin; Dr. T. S. Smith, Warrington; Surgeon-Major Ross, Budleigh Salterton; Dr. Corfield, London; Mr. G. Oliver, Redcar; The Secretary of the Clinical Society; Dr. C. Parsons, Dover; Dr. Samuel Mitchell, Sheffield; Dr. Trollope, St. Leonard's-on-Sea; Dr. Mayo, London; Dr. Davies, Colwyn, near Conway; Dr. W. G. Laidlaw, Sheffield; Dr. Whitmore, London; Mr. James Bird, London; Mr. R. H. Meade, Bradford; Mr. Lodge, St. Asaph; The Registrar-General of England; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Dr. MacLagan, Dundee; Mr. W. H. Robinson, London; A Qualified Surgeon, Dublin; Our Liverpool Correspondent; The Secretary of the Pathological Society; Dr. Hermann Weber, London; Dr. Dyce Duckworth, London; Mr. J. W. Hulke, London; Mr. Frederick Churchill, London; etc.