

that the difficulties would be great in bringing about a cordial agreement and approval of any one scheme. Such difficulties have, however, been met and surmounted; and I predict that, when this scheme is brought into operation, it will produce the most beneficial results, both to this College and to the profession and public. These results will eventually tend to replace this College in the position unhappily abandoned at the time of passing the Act of 1815, and they will raise the standard of qualifications of all English medical practitioners, and thus confer great benefits on the community. He paid a warm compliment to the ability and services of the Committee, and especially of Dr. Risdon Bennett and Dr. Pitman.

After enumerating donations, he said, in conclusion, I trust you will be convinced, from the contemplation of the present state of our internal organisation, our steady growth, the vigorous manner in which our several functions are performed, our willingness and capacity to undertake new and important duties, that there is just reason for believing that the health of the institution is sound, and although the career of the College has now extended through more than three centuries, and has been characterised by the high social qualities and learning of the Fellows, there is every reason to hope and expect that the ancient reputation of the College will be sustained and augmented through a long and honourable future.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Masonic Hall, Neath, on Thursday, April 4th, at 1.30 P.M.

Dinner at the Castle Hotel at 5 P.M. Tickets 5s. 6d. each.

Members desirous of reading papers or notes of cases are requested to communicate the titles to one of the secretaries as early as possible.

Members of the Branch may introduce members of the profession to the meeting and dinner. All persons intending to join the latter, are requested to communicate to A. Davies, Swansea, on or before March 30th, so that arrangements may be made and tickets reserved.

A. DAVIES, Swansea, } *Local Secretaries.*
A. SHEEN, M.D., Cardiff, }

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

The fifth ordinary meeting of the Session will be held at the York House, Bath, on Thursday evening, April 11th, at 7.15 P.M.: CROSBY LEONARD, Esq., President, in the Chair.

R. S. FOWLER, } *Honorary Secretaries.*
E. C. BOARD, }

Bath, March 23rd, 1872.

FORMATION OF THE ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.

A MEETING for the purpose of establishing a Branch for the three counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine, was held at Aberdeen, in the Music Hall Buildings, on Wednesday, March 20th, 1872, at four o'clock P.M. There were present, Dr. J. W. F. Smith, Senior Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen; Dr. Charles MacQuibban, Assistant-Surgeon Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders; Dr. John Wight, Aberdeen; Dr. Crombie, Aberdeen; Dr. Findlay, Aberdeen; Dr. Watt, Aberdeen; Dr. Reid, Aberdeen; Dr. Connan, Aberdeen; Dr. Alexander Reith, Aberdeen; Dr. A. Ogston, Aberdeen; Dr. Angus Fraser, Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen; Dr. Burr, Aberdeen; Dr. A. Dyce Davidson, Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen; Dr. Dyce Brown, Physician to the Aberdeen Dispensary; Dr. Harvey, Professor of Materia Medica, University of Aberdeen; Dr. Andrew Inglis, Professor of Midwifery, University of Aberdeen; Dr. Knowles, Woodside; Dr. Lawrence, jun., Longside; Dr. Ligertwood, Methlic; Dr. MacRae, Fettercairn; Dr. Thomas Milne, New Deer; and Dr. Patrick Jamieson, Peterhead.

Dr. HARVEY was called to the Chair; and, after briefly stating the objects of the present meeting, mentioned that apologies had been received from Dr. Greig, Fyvie; Dr. Samuel Davidson, Wartle; Dr. Wilson, Old Meldrum; Dr. Manson, Banff; Dr. Leslie, Stonehaven; Dr. Mackie, Inch; Dr. Coutts, Banchory; Dr. M'Killiam, Huntly; Dr. Ogston, sen., Aberdeen; Dr. Barclay, Banff; Dr. Wallace, Turriff; Dr. Patrick B. Smith, Aberdeen; and Dr. Wilson, Cullen.

Dr. DYCE BROWN moved, and Dr. MACQUIBBAN seconded the fol-

lowing resolution:—"That an Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Branch of the British Medical Association be now established, for the purpose of the promotion of medical science, and the maintenance of the honour and interests of the medical profession." This resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Laws.—The following laws were adopted for the regulation of the Branch.

1. The Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Branch shall include the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine.

2. Members of the British Medical Association resident within the Branch district may, on signifying in writing their desire to become members of the Branch, and obtaining the signature of three members of the Branch to a certificate of eligibility for membership, be elected by ballot at a general meeting of the Branch (one black ball in seven to exclude) after the application has been tabled for a month.

3. The power of legislating for the Branch shall reside in the whole body of its members, the voice of the majority present being decisive.

4. The executive government shall be conducted by a President, President-elect, two Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and six ordinary members of Council.

5. The President-elect shall be appointed at the annual general meeting of the Branch, and shall enter on his office as President at the annual general meeting next ensuing.

6. The Vice-Presidents shall be the Presidents of the preceding two years.

7. The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed annually, and shall be eligible for re-election.

8. The six ordinary members of Council shall be chosen annually—three at least of them being resident beyond the municipal boundary of the city of Aberdeen. They shall be eligible for re-election; but no one shall be capable of holding office for more than three consecutive years, unless as an *ex officio* member.

9. The annual general meeting shall be held in June or July, at such time and place as the Council may appoint; provided that not less than fourteen days' intimation of the day, hour, and place of meeting be given in the JOURNAL of the Association, and by circular from the Secretary.

10. At each annual meeting, the members shall receive the Council's report, elect officers for the ensuing year, transact necessary business, and discuss such subjects connected with the interests of the profession as shall be brought before them.

11. All subjects connected with medical science or the profession shall be admissible for discussion at the annual meeting.

12. Seven ordinary meetings shall be held in each year at Aberdeen, on the first Wednesdays of the months of November, December, January, February, March, April, and May, and one ordinary meeting early in June, in some town within the Branch district to be determined at the annual general meeting.

13. A special general meeting may at any time be called by the Council on their own authority; and shall also be called by them on receiving a requisition of any ten members of the Branch, such requisition to be advertised in two numbers of the JOURNAL of the Association prior to the date of the said meeting.

14. Members of the Branch resident within its district may, at their convenience, form societies and hold meetings for the promotion of the objects of the Association. The acting secretary of each such district society shall, during his tenure of office, be an *ex officio* member of the Council of the Branch, provided such district society consists of not less than ten members.

15. No alteration shall be made in the constitution, rules, or regulations, nor any rule be enacted or abrogated, except at a general meeting of the Branch; nor unless special notice of the proposed alteration, enactment, or abrogation be given at a general meeting of the Branch one month before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

16. A dinner shall be provided on the day of the annual meeting.

17. An annual subscription of two shillings and sixpence, due on the 1st of January, shall be paid by each member to the Treasurer for the necessary expenses of the Branch.

18. At general meetings of the Branch, seven shall be a quorum; and at Council meetings, three shall be a quorum.

19. Unless it be otherwise provided, the affairs and proceedings of the Branch shall be regulated by the fundamental code of laws of the Association.

Officers.—Dr. Samuel Davidson, of Wartle, was elected President for the ensuing year; Dr. Alexander Ogston was elected Honorary Secretary; and Dr. Angus Fraser Honorary Treasurer. A Council, consisting of Drs. Harvey, J. W. F. Smith, Dyce Brown, Jamieson (Peterhead), MacRae (Fettercairn), and Trail (Monymusk), was also appointed.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Harvey was proposed and seconded by Drs. WATT and FINDLAY, and carried by acclamation.

Dinner.—In the evening, upwards of twenty members of the Branch met at supper in the Imperial Hotel, Dr. Jamieson, of Peterhead, in the chair. A most pleasant and profitable evening was spent, and good wishes were expressed on all hands for the prosperity of the newly constituted Branch.

In consequence of the first Wednesday of April being the Aberdeen Sacramental Fastday, the Branch meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, being the 10th of April.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

The Spring Meeting of this Branch was held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday, 21st March, at 5 P.M. Twelve members were present.

Mr. CORNWALL, past-President, on taking the Chair, expressed his regret that he was called upon to do so in consequence of the President, Mr. W. H. Axford, having ceased to be a member of the Branch in consequence of his removal to Southsea.

Medical Etiquette.—Mr. RANDOLPH asked the opinion of the meeting on a point in dispute between two gentlemen in a neighbouring town; one the vendor, and the other the purchaser of a practice. The vendor, on relinquishing his general practice, agreed that in future he would practise as a "consulting practitioner" only, and while so doing, that he would hand over one half of all he might receive, to the gentleman who purchased his general practice; but there was nothing specific in the agreement as to *fees*. The vendor (to whom money is not an object) claims the right of seeing any patients who choose to consult him either for his sole advice, or in consultation with another medical man, and to make any charges, however small, which he pleases. The purchaser disputes his right to do this.

The opinion of the meeting, unhesitatingly expressed, was that the vendor, as a "consulting practitioner", should only see patients in consultation with another medical man, when practicable; and should not charge less than the usual consulting fees.

Action of Bromides.—The subject which had been submitted to each member of the Branch a month previously, namely, "What are the pathological and physiological effects of the bromides, and is their prolonged use injurious to health?" was then answered *seriatim* by the members round the table. Instances were mentioned where the gums of patients were affected as if by mercury; temporary wasting of the testicles was observed in one case; and eruptions on the skin occasionally had been noticed during the use of the bromides; but doubts were raised whether the latter effects were not sometimes attributable rather to the action of potassium than bromine. The action of bromine on the fauces in blunting sensation was spoken of, and it was mentioned that a strong solution of bromide of potassium painted over those parts previous to using a speculum had been found to facilitate the operation. Prolonged use of the drug in the hands of some members had been of great service in cases of epilepsy and paralysis and devoid of injury to health.

The Arteries in Bright's Disease.—Mr. F. J. C. PARSONS exhibited microscopic specimens, prepared by himself, of hypertrophied arteries, from cases of chronic Bright's disease.

Aortic Aneurism.—Dr. KELLY related a case of aneurism of the aorta, which had ulcerated into the trachea at its bifurcation, and showed a preparation of the parts.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: PATHOLOGICAL AND CLINICAL SECTION.

The fifth ordinary meeting of the session was held on February 23rd; present, J. HYDE HOUGHTON, Esq., in the Chair, and thirty-nine members and visitors.

1. *Forcible Feeding of the Insane.*—Dr. FOWLER BODINGTON drew attention to the subject, and exhibited the instrument devised by Dr. Paley for the purpose. (See page 341).

2. *Treatment of Hyperpyrexia by Cold.*—Dr. RUSSELL brought before the Section the temperature-chart of a patient who had suffered from hyperpyrexia in the course of acute rheumatism, and who had been treated by the wet pack. (See page 341).

3. *Compound Fracture of the Patella: Ankylosis of the Knee.*—Mr. HOUGHTON exhibited a number of bony fragments removed from a patient who met with a compound comminuted fracture of the patella on January 18th, 1858, from direct violence; and also the bones of the knee-joint, with ankylosis resulting from the injury. The question of amputation was discussed at the time of the accident, but it was decided to make an attempt to save the limb, and after a long attendance

success was perfect. The patient perfectly recovered, and eventually resumed his work as a limestone miner. The bones were ankylosed in a slightly flexed position (designedly), as Mr. Houghton believed that this position gave more free use of the limb than the straight one. The patient, though he walked with a slight limp, yet could walk fast; and he said that he was able to scramble over the rough heaps of limestone in the quarry with great facility. The amputation resulted from a curious but terrible accident last year. Whilst at work, a heavy and sharp piece of limestone fell from the roof of the quarry behind him, and barely missing his body, and falling on the heel, which happened to be in the posterior position at the moment, divided the tendo Achillis, and almost completely severed the ankle-joint. Mr. Houghton did not see him on the latter occasion, and he was indebted to Messrs. Horton and Tanner (under whose care he made a perfect recovery from the amputation) for the interesting and important specimen, and for the history of the last accident.

4. *Gouty Kidney.*—Dr. ARTHUR UNDERHILL showed a specimen.

5. *Cancer of Breast.*—Mr. JOLLY exhibited a specimen of scirrhus cancer of the breast.

6. *Constriction of the Pylorus.*—Mr. RICKARDS showed a specimen of fatal constriction of the pylorus of the stomach caused by the cicatrization of an ulcer. The patient was admitted in a dying state into the General Hospital, under the care of Dr. Russell. He was twenty-three years of age, and had been laid up for a year. A month prior to his death, he had suffered from complete obstruction. Food remained on his stomach from fifteen minutes to ten hours. There was diffused pain over the epigastrium until all food had been rejected. Emaciation was extreme. The ulcer had been situated at the sphincter, which the cicatricial mass pervaded for a third of its circumference.

7. *Black Pthiasis.*—Mr. EDGINTON exhibited a specimen of "black pthiasis," taken from the body of a man aged 50, in the dissecting-room. Both lungs were found universally dark-coloured, the right being darker in hue than the left. On section, an inky fluid exuded from the cut surfaces. Near the apex of the right lung existed a nodular mass, about an inch and a half long, and three-quarters of an inch wide, having its margins well defined, and being firm but semielastic in consistence. A number of bronchial glands were enlarged and infiltrated with carbonaceous material. A microscopical examination exhibited a quantity of minute black angular masses. The cellular tissue of each lung was universally infiltrated, the nodule probably being formed by the interstitial tissue also becoming affected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEDICAL ETHICS.

SIR,—If not explicitly contradicted, a statement made by "Two Surgeons to a Metropolitan Hospital" would give rise to serious misapprehension. It is absolutely erroneous that "representations have been made at various times to the gentleman alluded to by more than one of his colleagues as to the unsatisfactory manner in which he performed his duties". It is true that injurious and erroneous representations concerning that gentleman's practice and proceedings have from time to time been made behind his back—now to colleagues, and now to some of the lay authorities—and have thus reached his ears on more occasions than one; but in every instance these representations have emanated from the one source of surgical judgment, without the slightest previous communication with the aspersed colleague.

In the present instance, a representation of a similarly subterranean character was made to an influential governor with a view to displace "the gentleman alluded to" from his appointment. If any action had been necessary, it would certainly, in the first instance, to quote your own words, "have been more properly taken by the communication of the joint conclusions of the surgical staff to their accused colleague, than by the denunciation on the part of one surgeon, on his own authority, of his colleague to a lay governor". The latter was the course pursued, unless indeed we are to understand (from the contradiction given by the "Two Surgeons of a Metropolitan Hospital" to your statement that the primary action in this matter was "limited to one member of the staff only") that another surgeon shared the peculiar glory of the noble achievement. If so, by all means let him have his due share in the laurels which have been won; and let it at the same time be understood that the underhand proceedings, conscientious as they may have been, were directed against a colleague with whom there had been personal differences in regard to the position which he was entitled to hold at the hospital.

I am, etc.,

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF A
METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL.

so that they have a short, pitching, jerking motion, to which old sailors succumb. It would be far better and answer the purpose to have a separate class of steamers—in the summer season especially—for carrying passengers.

Box, March 18th, 1872.

I am, etc.,

JAMES GARDNER, M.R.C.P. Ed.

OBITUARY.

JOHN LEIGH, ESQ., HOLYWELL.

MR. LEIGH, surgeon, of Holywell, Flintshire, died on February 9th, aged 36.

The writer of this brief notice lived with him (as a fellow student of King's College, London) for four years in close and affectionate relationship. They were elected Warneford scholars on the same foundation; were together successful as Leath's prizemen; and on the same evening became members of the Royal College of Surgeons. He can, therefore, record that John Leigh was a man of sterling worth. Unostentatious almost to a failing, but most true of heart; one who never to the knowledge of one of his oldest friends was ever anything but a good Christian, a conscientious student, an able surgeon, a trustworthy friend, and, in the highest sense of the word, an English gentleman. The day of his funeral was in Holywell a day of general mourning and regret.

WILLIAM RAYNER, M.R.C.S., UXBRIDGE.

MR. RAYNER, whose death occurred lately, carried on practice in Uxbridge from the year 1826, succeeding his father. He held appointments under the Poor-law Board from its establishment, being for the last twenty-three years medical officer to the workhouse. Many years ago he took great interest in a volunteer corps, of which he was successively captain and captain-commandant, and of which he, at the time of his death, held the colours. It was mainly owing to his exertions that a literary and scientific institution was formed in Uxbridge, at which he delivered several series of popular lectures upon the Senses and Comparative Anatomy. He also took a prominent part in the establishment of the present local board of health. He was a great lover of natural history, and at one time had a very considerable number of English birds in a large aviary; and he wrote many articles upon their habits in several periodicals. In later years his taste was occupied in the cultivation of plants. He operated successfully for strangulated hernia upon an infant only six weeks old. He also amputated, at the knee-joint, the leg of a woman about eighty years of age, for compound comminuted fracture of the tibia and fibula; she also had compound fracture of the arm of the same side, the result of the same accident; she is still alive, and is now upwards of ninety. In the last few years of his life his sight became very much impaired, so that he was quite unable to read or write. He was attacked last autumn with angina pectoris, which terminated his life, after many months of suffering, at the age of seventy.

JACOB LAMPARD, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.

WE have to announce the death of the above-named gentleman, which took place at Neyland, South Wales, on the 30th January, at the age of 67, after a long illness. Mr. Lampard was born at Uphaven, in Wilts, in 1804. He studied at Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals, being a pupil of Sir Astley Cooper. He passed the examinations of the College of Surgeons and the Apothecaries' Hall in 1826, the customary training for the profession. He was noted for his great and unvarying kindness, mature judgment, keen intelligence, and happy wit, and was a skilful practitioner. Mr. Lampard contributed a paper to a medical contemporary upon Catheterism, and Improvements of the Catheter. He had been in imperfect health for a few years previous to his death. His complaint was originally dropsy, succeeded by congestion of the liver, and valvular disease of the heart.

RICHARD CREED, L.K.Q.C.P. IRELAND.

DR. RICHARD CREED died of congestion of the lungs at Kingston, Jamaica, at the age of 25, on January 18th. He was the second son of the late E. M. Creed, Esq., Barrister-at-law, formerly of Uregare, in the county of Limerick. He became a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in 1868, and of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in 1870. Dr. Creed had been but a few months at Jamaica, where he had received an appointment from the Government of the Island. During his short life, he endeared himself to his numerous friends, and gained the confidence of those who required his professional assistance.

MEDICAL NEWS.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the monthly examinations, held on March 11th, 13th, and 14th, the following gentlemen received the License to practise Medicine.

Mayne, Nathaniel
Ovenden, William Henry

Pigott, John Charles C. P.

The Midwifery Diploma was granted to—

Mayne, Nathaniel

Ovenden, William Henry

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, March 21st, 1872.

Bowkett, William David, 243, East India Road
Clouting, John Revett, Shipdham, Norfolk
Evans, John, Canton, Cardiff
Utting, James, Hockering, Norfolk
Welch, Samuel, 377, Hackney Road

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

Greet, William Ambrose, University College
Roberts, William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

As an Assistant in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Dear, James Edward, Huntingdon

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

BECKETT DISPENSARY and HOSPITAL, Barnsley—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £130 per annum, furnished apartments, gas, coals, and attendance.
BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon: £100 per annum, increasing to £125, residence, coal, gas, and attendance.
CAMBERWELL PROVIDENT DISPENSARY—Medical Officer.
CARMARTHENSHIRE INFIRMARY, Carmarthen—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, lodging, coal, candles, and the privilege of taking two apprentices.
CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road—Assistant-Surgeon.
EAST RETFORD UNION—Medical Officer for the Scrooby District.
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.
GLANFORD BRIGG UNION, Lincolnshire—Medical Officer for the Broughton District: £57 per annum.
GOVAN, Lanarkshire—Parochial Medical Officer.
HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton—Resident Clinical Assistant.
KINGSTON UNION, Surrey—Medical Officer for the Wimbledon District.
MEATH INFIRMARY, Cavan—Apothecary, Secretary, and Registrar: £52 per annum, furnished apartments, coal, and lighting.
NEWPORT UNION, co. Mayo—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Achill Dispensary District: £100 per ann., and fees.
NORTH DUBLIN UNION—Medical Officer for the Coolock and Drumcondra Dispensary District: £125 per annum, and fees.
NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Surgeon.
ROW, Dumbartonshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £40 per annum.
ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, Guildford—Assistant Honorary Medical Officer.
ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE—Professor of Physiology, Therapeutics, and Pharmacy: £250 per annum.
ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Welbeck Street—Surgeon.
ST. PANCRAS, Parish of—Dispenser for the Dispensary in the Leighton Road: £80 per annum.
SALISBURY INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, washing, lodging, and board.
SAMDON UNION, Suffolk—Medical Officer for the Stratford District.
SELBY UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Selby District.
TAVISTOCK UNION, Devon—Medical Officer for the Lewtrenchard District: £25 per annum.
WESTMINSTER UNION—Medical Officer for the Workhouse Infirmary: £170 per annum. Medical Officer for the Western District: £100 per annum. Dispenser: £80 per annum, and temporary allowance of £30 for apartments.
WEST SUSSEX, EAST HANTS, and CHICHESTER INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £80 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.
WEYMOUTH UNION, Dorset—Medical Officer for the Abbotsbury District.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*Lock, J. Griffith, M.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., etc., appointed Medical Officer of Health for Tenby.

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.

DEATH.

GERMAN, Joseph, L.R.C.P., at Borrowash, near Derby, aged 45, on March 18th.

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.

FRIDAYRoyal 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.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. The following specimens will be exhibited. Dr. King: Malformation of the Heart. Mr. Thomas Smith: Aneurism of the Sinuses of Valsalva; Clubbed Fingers. Dr. Thorowgood: Stricture of the Oesophagus. Dr. L. Down: Abscess of the Liver, with Ulceration of the Colon. Mr. Sydney Jones: Tumour weighing four pounds removed from the Parotid Region. Dr. Crisp: Abscesses in the Heart-wall of a Child four years old. Dr. Crisp: A New Form of Intestinal Obstruction. Mr. Croft: Two Cases of Colloid Cancer of the Breast. Dr. Bristowe: Effusion into the Corpus Striatum, and Gangrene of the Lower Extremities, from Obstruction of the Aorta by a Clot. Dr. Bristowe: Carcinoma of the Descending Colon, causing Fatal Obstruction.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Newman, "On a Case of Delivery *per vias naturales*, in which the Cæsarean Section had formerly been performed." Dr. Barnes, "On Dysmenorrhœa, illustrated by Retention of Menstrual Fluid"; and other papers.—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 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.

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.

DR. MACRAE (Fettercairn).—Duly received, and shall have attention.

REMOVAL OF NUISANCES.—E. N. asks whether a tenant has power to compel his landlord to remove a nuisance—*e.g.*, a closed cesspool.

* * By calling in the aid of the medical officer of health or sanitary inspector, and getting an order from the Sanitary Committee.

THE matters communicated by "Iratus" seem to us not relevant to the present discussion, and calculated to injure the school. If they can be sustained by other corroborative evidence, we should not, perhaps, be justified in refusing to refer to them, *inter alia*. But our impression is, that an effort should first be made to have them set right by a statement to the governing authorities of the school, and perhaps to the President and Council of the College of Surgeons, who require that these courses should be given in a definite manner and with completeness. Their publication in our columns at this moment would savour of an apparent attempt to create prejudice, and to attack an institution which has our warm good wishes and is of great professional service.

MR. BAKER BROWN.

THE following gentlemen have expressed their desire to become contributors to a fund being raised on behalf of Mr. Isaac Baker Brown, who is at this time suffering from severe bodily illness (paralysis) and great pecuniary distress. The Honorary Treasurers are Dr. Forbes Winslow and Dr. Charles Cogswell. Subscribers: Sir W. Fergusson, £3 3s.; Sir R. Martin, £2 2s.; Sir W. Gull, £2 2s.; Sir H. Thompson, £5; Mr. Erichsen, £2 2s.; Mr. Ernest Hart, £2 2s.; Dr. Richardson, £2 2s.; Mr. H. Smith, £2 2s.; Mr. Spencer Smith, £2 2s.; Dr. Radcliffe, £2 2s.; Mr. W. Adams, £2 2s.; A Friend, £2 2s.; Mr. Gascoyen, £2 2s.; Dr. Sieveking, £2 2s.; Dr. Murchison, £1 1s.; Dr. Semple, £1 1s.; Mr. Erasmus Wilson, £2 2s.; Dr. Gream, £3 3s.; Dr. Routh, £3 3s.; Dr. Quain, £2 2s.; Mr. Hicks, 10s. 6d.; Dr. Forbes Winslow, £5 5s.; Dr. C. Cogswell, £5; Mr. J. F. Clarke, £2 2s.; Sir James Paget, £3 3s.; etc.

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 much obliged to Mr. Warner (King's College Hospital) for his communication.

ERRATA.—In the report of the meeting of the Medical Society of the College of Physicians, Ireland, page 213, for "sponged" read "sprayed".—In the report of the meeting of the Pathological Society of Dublin, page 292, for "psammoma" read "psammoma".

MEDICAL ETHICS.

WE have received two very strongly written protests by old students of the London Hospital against the accuracy and the justice of the letter addressed to us last week by "Two Surgeons of a Metropolitan Hospital". We think it better to reserve consideration of their contents until further evidence as to the facts and the judgment of the staff, the students, and the profession, is before us.

DISTRICT HOSPITALS.

SIR,—As part answer to Dr. George Mackie's appeal for suggestions about the establishment of an hospital, allow me (having been for many years well acquainted with medical charities) to express a hope that the regulations of the hospital will be so framed as to exclude proxy voting in medical elections, and to prohibit every species of medical canvassing. With these necessary provisions to secure the respect due to the medical profession, the rules should insure the proper recognition of the services of unpaid medical officers of the charity, who should *ex officio* invariably be governors, with all rights pertaining, and also members of the committee of management, if there be one. Finally, arrangements should be made to restrict the benefits of the charity to proper objects of it, such restriction to be supervised and kept in action by the lay managers of the hospital, not by the medical officers. This duty forms no part of the functions of medical officers, and should never be placed upon them. I am, etc.,

March 16th, 1872.

A GOVERNOR OF A LONDON HOSPITAL.

DR. DARLING.—In his life of the celebrated Cobbett, the unfortunate Rev. John Selby Watson states that when Cobbett started his newspaper, the *Porcupine*, he gave notice that it should be kept pure from the foul and offensive advertisements of quacks, though he was told that he should lose £500 *per annum* by the exclusion, as well as incur the hostility of the vendors of death-dealing nostrums. In this resolution, he may have been influenced by his recollection of what he had suffered from the notorious quack Rush of Philadelphia.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly Albion, March 23rd; The Edinburgh Courant, March 23rd; The Southport Visitor, March 15th; The Dublin General Advertiser, March 23rd; The Australian Medical Gazette; The Melbourne Argus, Jan. 26th; The Birmingham Morning News, March 27th; The Yorkshire Gazette, March 23rd; The West Country Lantern, March 23rd; The Southport Independent, March 27th; The North British Advertiser, March 23rd; The Mansfield and North Notts Advertiser, March 15th; The Glasgow Herald, March 22nd; etc.

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

Dr. C. Murchison, London; Dr. Latham, Cambridge; Dr. Gairdner, Glasgow; Mr. T. Holmes, London; Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Birmingham; Dr. H. Charlton Bastian, London; Dr. Heaton, Leeds; Dr. J. Braxton Hicks, London; Dr. George Johnson, London; Dr. F. J. Brown, Rochester; Mr. Teevan, London; Mr. W. Hoar, Maidstone; Mr. R. S. Fowler, Bath; Dr. T. Clifford Allbutt, Leeds; An Associate; Mr. E. C. Board, Bristol; Mr. Kempe, Wellington, New Zealand; 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; Mr. Wanklyn, London; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. Barnes, Carlisle; Dr. W. M. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. Ogston, Aberdeen; Our Dublin Correspondent; Miss Jex-Blake, Edinburgh; Dr. John Bruce, London; Dr. Bristowe, London; Dr. Hughlings Jackson, London; The Secretary of the Royal Microscopical Society; Mr. Teevan, London; Dr. Southey, London; A Member; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; The Secretary of the Pathological Society; Dr. Collie, London; Dr. Hermann Beigel, Vienna; Mr. Cordy Burrows, Brighton; Mr. Hulke, London; The Secretary of the Clinical Society; Dr. Athill, Dublin; Sir James Paget, London; The Rev. Dr. Haughton, Dublin; The Right Hon. J. Stansfeld, M.P., London; Mr. Macnamara, Dublin; Dr. Frayer, Dublin; Dr. Liveing, London; A Dublin Correspondent; Dr. Forbes Winslow, London; Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; Mr. Walter Whitehouse, Manchester; Dr. Trollope, Hastings; Dr. Wolfe, Glasgow; Dr. Styrap, Shrewsbury; Dr. Fuller, London; Mr. Boyd, Newcastle-on Tyne; Mr. R. S. Hannay, London; Mr. J. G. Lock, Tenby; Dr. Burrows, London; Mr. W. Adams, London; Lord Abinger, London; Mr. Rivington, London; Dr. Moffit, Falkirk; Dr. Sheen, Cardiff; Mrs. Cowdell, Dorchester; Dr. Greene, London; Mr. Blewitt, London; Dr. Steele, Liverpool; Mr. George Pollock, London; Mr. Holmes, London; Mr. W. E. Stanley, Bury St. Edmunds; Dr. Mann, Birkenhead; Mr. Clapp, Nantyglo; Mr. Gaskoin, London; Mr. Payne, Bath; Mr. A. Macmillan, Hull; Mr. Corrance, M.P., London; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

The Urine and its Derangements, with the application of Physiological Chemistry to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Constitutional as well as Local Diseases: being a course of original Lectures delivered at University College, London. By George Harley, M.D. F.R.S. London: 1872.

Photographic Clinique of the British Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. Edited by Balmanno Squire, M.B., F.L.S. London: 1872.

Further Evidence in favour of a Hill-residence for the European Soldiers in India. By William Curran, L.R.C.P. Edin.

BRITON

MEDICAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSOCIATION.

CHIEF OFFICES, 429, STRAND, LONDON.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

*Presented at the General Meeting of Shareholders and Policyholders, held at the Society's House,
on Thursday 21st March, 1872.*

The Directors of the BRITON MEDICAL AND GENERAL LIFE ASSOCIATION have the pleasure to submit to the Shareholders and Policyholders, a Report of the proceedings of the Association for the year ending December 31st, 1871.

NEW BUSINESS.

During the year the Directors have received 2,507 Proposals for New Assurances, to the extent of £750,390 5s. 10d. Of these—

131, for assuring £45,424 6s. 3d., have been declined.
526, „ £149,270 0s. 10d., have not been completed from various other causes ; and
1,847, assuring £555,695 18s. 9d., have been carried into effect, and have produced in
New Annual Premiums the sum of £20,191 7s. 9d.

Three Annuity Bonds have been granted, the purchase-money in respect of which amounted to £800.

INCOME.

The Premium Income of the Association, after deducting the amount paid other Companies in respect of Reassurances amounted to

The Interest received to	£220,343	17 2
The other items to	24,525	12 8
	955	8 10

Making a total income of	£245,824	18 8
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CLAIMS.

431 Policies have become Claims during the year, by reason of the deaths of 377 persons, amounting (less Reassurances received) to £156,222 12s. 11d. This amount, in accordance with the usual practice of the Association, embraces all Claims admitted prior to the close of the year.

ACCOUNTS.

The Accounts for the year have been made up in accordance with the prescribed Parliamentary form, and are submitted herewith. The excess of the Year's Income over the Outgoings amounted to £33,048 14s. 4d., increasing the "funds at the end of the year" to £606,143 5s. 9d.

It will be seen from the Accounts that the gross Assets of the Association amounted to the sum of £639,941 17s. 1d. They have been fully examined and certified by the appointed Auditors, and will be found to consist entirely of first-class investments.

The Auditors' Report to the Directors is as follows :—

To the Board of Directors of the Briton Medical and General Life Association.

GENTLEMEN,—We have the pleasure to inform you that we have carefully audited the Books and Accounts of the Association, and find the same in perfect order. We have examined all the Vouchers and compared them with the entries in the various Books, and have found the same to correspond. We have also carefully examined and inspected every one of the Company's Securities comprised in the Assets Accounts, and have found the same correct and satisfactory. We beg to reiterate our expressions of satisfaction at the careful manner in which the various Books and Accounts are kept, and of the general internal management of the vast machinery of the Association.

We beg to remain, Gentlemen, your obedient Servants,

HENRY ALCOCK.
WILLIAM BROOKS.
JOHN BROWN.

London, March 18th, 1872.

DIVIDEND.

The Directors beg to recommend that a Dividend at the rate of £8 per cent. per annum on the capital of the Association, as increased by the Bonus, be declared and paid free of Income Tax.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

The various Branches and Agencies have continued to afford active and efficient aid. In Scotland the Branch Board have fully maintained the position of the Association throughout the Northern Kingdom. The Directors also desire gratefully to acknowledge the large measure of support they have continued to receive from the Members of the Medical Profession.

DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS.

Four of the Directors, viz., Mr. Wilson Ancell, Mr. George Chapman, Mr. Millis Coventry, and Mr. Edward James Oliver, retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The Auditors also retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

BONUS.

The next quinquennial investigation of the affairs of the Association, with a view to the declaration of a Bonus, will be made, in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Constitution, at the close of the present year, 1872. The Directors approach this investigation with the fullest confidence in regard to the results ; and as they feel that at the present moment the public are devoting unusual attention to and taking a deeper interest in the positions of all Life Assurance Societies, the Policy and Shareholders may rest assured that the investigation into the financial condition of the BRITON shall be of the most impartial, complete, and searching character.

CONCLUSION.

The Directors, in concluding their Report, feel they may offer the Shareholders and Members their congratulations on the results submitted. At the same time they desire especially to appeal to their constituents for assistance in the present year, in order that the last year of the fourth quinquennial period may be distinguished in the history of the Association as one of unusual success.

By order of the Board,

FRANCIS WEBB, *Chairman.*
W. TYLER SMITH, *Deputy-Chairman.*
JOHN MESSENT, *Actuary and Secretary.*

London, 21st March, 1872