

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:
FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Birmingham, on the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th days of August next.

President—JOHN WHIPPLE, Esq., F.R.C.S., Consulting-Surgeon to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital.

President-elect—ALFRED BAKER, Esq., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

An *Address in Medicine* will be delivered by SAMUEL WILKS, M.D., F.R.S., Physician to and Lecturer on Medicine in Guy's Hospital.

An *Address in Surgery* will be delivered by OLIVER PEMBERTON, Esq., Surgeon to the General Hospital, and Professor of Surgery in Queen's College, Birmingham.

The business of the Annual Meeting will be conducted in five Sections, viz.:—

SECTION A. MEDICINE.—*President*: Dr. Bell Fletcher, Birmingham. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. J. W. Ogle, London; Dr. Wade, Birmingham. *Secretaries*: Dr. Sutton, London; Dr. Johnston, Birmingham.

SECTION B. SURGERY.—*President*: Sir William Fergusson, Bart., F.R.S., London. *Vice-Presidents*: George Southam, Esq., Manchester; J. Vose Solomon, Esq., Birmingham. *Secretaries*: Furneaux Jordan, Esq., Birmingham; T. Vincent Jackson, Esq., Wolverhampton.

SECTION C. MIDWIFERY.—*President*: Dr. Evory Kennedy, Dublin. *Vice-Presidents*: Samuel Berry, Esq., Birmingham; Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, Edinburgh. *Secretaries*: Dr. Underhill, Great Bridge; Lawson Tait, Esq., Birmingham.

SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.—*President*: The Rev. Dr. Haughton, D.C.L., F.R.S., Dublin. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. Birt Davies, Birmingham; Dr. T. P. Heslop, Birmingham. *Secretaries*: Dr. Arlidge, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Dr. Alfred Hill, Birmingham.

SECTION E. PSYCHOLOGY.—*President*: Dr. Maudsley, London. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. J. Batty Tuke, Cupar, Fife; Dr. J. Crichton Browne, Wakefield. *Secretaries*: Dr. G. F. Bodington, Sutton Coldfield; Dr. J. Thompson Dickson, London.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

General Secretary's Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
June 25th, 1872.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE twenty-third annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the County Hall, Bala, on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 11.30 A.M.; R. CHAMBERS ROBERTS, Esq., F.R.C.S., President, in the Chair.

Members having papers to read, or cases to communicate, are requested to furnish the titles without delay to the undersigned, who will thank those who purpose dining to send him early notice. Gentlemen will be allowed to bring friends to the dinner.

The dinner will be provided at the White Lion Royal Hotel, Bala, at 3 P.M. Tickets, 6s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

D. KENT JONES, *Honorary Secretary*.

Beaumaris, June 5th, 1872.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.

AN annual general meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Imperial Hotel, Aberdeen, on Saturday, July 6th, at 1.30 P.M. Dinner at 3 o'clock.

An exhibition of rare and curious surgical instruments will be arranged. Further particulars by circular afterwards.

ALEX. OGSTON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Aberdeen, June 5th, 1872.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Wednesday, July 10th, 1872. The President, Dr. CLOUSTON, will occupy the Chair, and deliver his Inaugural Address. The annual election of office-bearers of the Branch will also take place.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business, dinner will be provided in the Hotel. Tickets 5s. each, exclusive of wine. Members are entitled to introduce friends.

HENRY BARNES, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Carlisle, June 12th, 1872.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE sixteenth annual meeting of the above Branch will take place at the Board Room of Harpur's Charity, Bedford, on Tuesday, July 3rd, at 1 P.M.; A. D. MACKAY, M.B., President, in the Chair.

The members and friends will dine together at the Swan Hotel, at 4 P.M. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 5s. 6d. each.

Gentlemen desirous to read papers, or to bring forward cases, are requested to communicate with Dr. Bryan without delay, in order that notice may be given in the forthcoming circular to announce the meeting.

J. M. BRYAN, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries*.
WM. MOXON.

Northampton, June 23rd, 1872.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Mineral Water Hospital, Bath, on Thursday, July 11th, at 4.20 P.M.: T. G. STOCKWELL, Esq., President-elect.

The members will afterwards dine together at the York House.

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

6, Belmont, Bath, June 1872.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, July 11th, at 2.30 P.M.; Dr. E. C. GARLAND, President.

Dinner punctually at 5 o'clock.

Gentlemen having papers or communications to bring before the meeting, are requested to give notice of the same to the Secretary, as early as possible.

It having been suggested that some members attending the meeting would like to see over the Hospital, the staff will be happy to afford every facility for that purpose at 12 o'clock, before the general business of the meeting commences.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Taunton, June 22nd, 1872.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE twentieth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Crystal Palace, on Friday, July 12th, at 3 P.M. *President for 1871-72*—J. RUSSELL REYNOLDS, M.D., F.R.S.; *President-elect for 1872-73*—Sir WILLIAM FERGUSON, Bart., F.R.S.

Dinner at 5.30 P.M.

A. P. STEWART, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries*.
ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D. }
75, Grosvenor Street, W., June 11th, 1872.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE arrangements for the second annual meeting, which will be held at Merthyr, on July 17th, are as follows.

Invitation breakfast at the Bush Hotel, at 10.15 A.M.

Council Meeting at 11, and General Meeting at 11.30, in the Board Room of the Guardians of the Merthyr Union.

Dinner at the Bush Hotel at 3.15 P.M. Tickets 5s. 6d., without wine.

The titles of papers, etc., intended to be brought forward at the meeting, should be sent to us without delay.

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

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the members of the above district was held on Friday, May 24th, at the Anchor Hotel, Horsham; J. T. BOSTOCK, Esq., in the chair. Twelve members were present.

The *Autumn Meeting* was decided to be held at Arundel; Dr. Tyacke, of Chichester, to preside as chairman.

Communications.—The following communications were then submitted to the meeting.

1. Local Remedies for Throat-Deafness. By G. F. Hodgson, Esq., Brighton.

2. Case of Placenta Praevia Centralis. By W. J. Harris, Esq., Worthing.

3. Case of Uræmia and Dietetic Poisoning. By W. Withers Moore, M.D., Brighton.

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH :
ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held on Tuesday, June 18th, at the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham. There was a large attendance of members. Lieutenant-Colonel Machen, Dr. Spencer Thomson of Torquay, and Mr. Hickman of Shrewsbury, were present as visitors.

The retiring President, Mr. OLIVER PEMBERTON, introduced his successor, Mr. EBBAGE, of Leamington ; and thanked the members of the Branch for the kindness and consideration with which they had treated him during his year of office.

Mr. EBBAGE then took the chair, and thanked the members for his election.

Dr. UNDERHILL proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President. Dr. RUSSELL seconded the motion, which was carried.

Report of Council.—Mr. BARTLEET, one of the honorary secretaries, read the report. It stated that the Branch now numbered 309 members. During the past year 59 members had been elected ; nine had retired, chiefly through removal ; and two members—Mr. Langton Parker and Mr. Clayton—had died. By these deaths, the Branch had in a single year been deprived of two of its most active supporters. The experience of the one aided its formation, while the energy of the other greatly assisted its extension. The honorary secretaries had prepared lists of all the gentlemen in this and the neighbouring counties not yet belonging to the Association and Branch, and forwarded them to the members of the Branch. The Council wished to earnestly impress upon the members the great importance of enrolling in one body every eligible member of the profession in the town and district. During the past session, one special and seven general meetings had been held. The attendance had been larger than in former years, and the greatest interest had been displayed in the papers and debates. A new system of election of the officers and Council of the Branch and of the representatives in the General Council had been decided on, by which these officers would be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Branch from gentlemen nominated at a previous meeting. An invitation from this Branch to the British Medical Association to hold its annual meeting in Birmingham in 1872 was accepted in August last. A special meeting of the Branch was held on August 31st, at which a committee and officers were elected to carry out the necessary arrangements. These had to a considerable extent perfected the details of the reception and entertainment of the Association. At the same meeting, a subscription list was started to provide a fund to defray the expenses. It now amounted to £530, nearly the whole of which was already paid in ; but £600 at least would be required. At a meeting of the Branch in April, Dr. Balthazar W. Foster was unanimously elected colleague to Mr. Bartleet in the office of Secretary of this Branch. The Council expressed its warm appreciation of the services of Dr. Foster, in the formation and working of the pathological and clinical section, feeling that much of the success of this important section was due to his zeal and energy. The Council trusted that the reception of the Association in Birmingham in August would be worthy of the district and of the Branch.

Mr. SOLOMON proposed the adoption of the report, which he said was satisfactory in all its details and bearings ; and the motion, being seconded by Mr. NEWNHAM (Wolverhampton), was carried.

Statement of Accounts.—The Treasurer, Mr. T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, read the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the balance brought forward from last year was £12 : 7 : 1 ; subscriptions for 1871, £27 : 10 ; arrears, £4 : 5 ; total, £44 : 2 : 1. The creditor side of the account showed expenses, £16 : 15 : 11 ; balance in Treasurer's hands, £27 : 6 : 2.

On the motion of Mr. HADLEY, seconded by Dr. HICKENBOTHAM, this statement of accounts was adopted.

The Pathological and Clinical Section.—Mr. JACKSON read the report of this section. Its members now numbered 132, against 122 last session, and 115 the session before. The Treasurer had a large balance in hand. As regarded the work, the specimens exhibited had been of great interest as formerly, and were an evidence that the energy, industry, and working power of the section had been in no way relaxed. It was at the same time very advisable that the members in their zeal in the pathological department should not forget that there was also a clinical department, and the work of the section in this respect deserved the recognition of the Association.

Mr. FURNEAUX JORDAN moved the adoption of the report. He regarded the section as a most vigorous offshoot of the Branch. The work it had to do was with actual subjects, more than speculative, and he was of opinion that it was of such importance as to justify the hold-

ing of an independent annual meeting, and the presentation of an independent report.

Mr. MARRIOTT seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Election of Officers.—The voting papers having been examined by Dr. Sawyer and Mr. Buck, the secretaries appointed by the meeting, the following officers and Council were declared to be elected. *President-elect* : A. Fleming, M.D. *Secretaries* : T. H. Bartleet, Esq., and B. W. Foster, M.D. *Treasurer* : T. W. Williams, Esq. *Members of Council—Country* : F. J. Bennett, L.R.C.P.Ed. (Droitwich) ; G. Fowler Bodington, M.R.C.P. (Sutton Coldfield) ; W. C. Garman, Esq. (Wednesbury) ; A. J. Harrison, M.B. (Walsall) ; J. Manley, Esq. (West Bromwich) ; C. A. Newnham, Esq. (Wolverhampton) ; F. Turton, Esq. (Wolverhampton) ; T. Underhill, M.D. (Great Bridge). *Town* : Alfred Baker, Esq. ; C. J. Bracey, Esq. ; J. Hickenbotham, L.R.C.P.Ed. ; James Johnston, M.D. ; F. Jordan, Esq. ; E. Malins, M.D. ; J. Russell, M.D. ; J. V. Solomon, Esq. *Representatives in the General Council of the Association* : T. Ebbage, Esq. ; B. W. Foster, M.D. ; J. S. Gamgee, Esq. ; W. C. Garman, Esq. ; V. Jackson, Esq. ; F. Jordan, Esq. ; J. Manley, Esq. ; C. A. Newnham, Esq. ; O. Pemberton, Esq. ; J. Russell, M.D. ; J. V. Solomon, Esq. ; F. Turton, Esq. ; T. Underhill, M.D. ; W. F. Wade, M.B. ; T. W. Williams, Esq.

Votes of Thanks.—Mr. SAMPSON GAMGEE proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and secretaries of the pathological and clinical section. Mr. OWEN seconded the resolution, which was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. SWAIN, seconded by Dr. SAWYER, a vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Council, and to the representatives of the Branch in the General Council of the Association ; and, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. LAWSON TAIT, a similar compliment was accorded to the Treasurer and Secretaries.

The Black Ball.—Dr. HICKENBOTHAM moved—“ That no gentleman whose application for membership of the Branch has been once rejected, shall be again submitted to the ballot before the year has passed.” He explained that he moved this resolution upon general principles, and not upon the case of any individual. Mr. FURNEAUX JORDAN seconded the resolution.

Mr. LAWSON TAIT moved—“ That the resolution be not adopted.” A candidate for membership might be accidentally black-balled ; and it was only proper that reparation should be made to him by election as soon as possible afterwards. Mr. SOLOMON seconded the amendment, which was supported by Mr. BARTLEET.

The original resolution was negatived.

President's Address.—THE PRESIDENT delivered an address to the members. Having thanked them for the honour done him in electing him to preside over the Branch, he said that preventive medicine might be considered to be the leading and most important topic of the day. The problem of sanitary science was the most difficult of all things to impress upon the public mind ; most men, if not all men, would admit the soundness of the deductions of medical men, but comparatively few could be found who would carry these deductions into force. It was within the reach of man to, in a great measure, prevent those diseases which, from time to time, decimated the population, especially in the larger towns ; for most of these diseases and the consequent deaths arose from defective sanitary arrangements. It was, perhaps, beyond the bounds of probability, or even possibility, that people could ever be made so careful as to exclude all chance of some form or other of zymotic disease, but by a proper and thorough attendance to sanitary matters, the chances might be reduced to a minimum ; and if ever the British Medical Association succeeded in bringing this to pass, it would at least be deserving of recognition. The efforts, so far as they had gone, to achieve sanitary reform by Act of Parliament, had doubtless done much good, and could do more ; but in general they must be used as a moral lever, by which the people might be shown how much more to their interest it was to adopt sanitary protection than to allow these things to take their course. A central board could hardly be expected to deal successfully with epidemics among so large a population as the United Kingdom contained. The difference in mortality returns was not a correct gauge of the effect of bad sanitary arrangements upon the public health ; it was seen in premature manhood and early decay, in the increase of sickly children and the stunted growth of adults, all caused by confined dwellings and imperfect drainage. Another question of sanitary reform was the disposal of sewage. He was glad to be able to point to the good example of the town in which he resided, Leamington ; but at the same time all towns might not be able to make such advantageous terms in the matter as the local authorities of Leamington had made with Lord Warwick. Whatever scheme might be adopted, it appeared to him that the defecation of sewage-matter ought in the first place to be

effected. The Association would be greatly furthering a most important object if it urged upon Parliament the absolute necessity of making better provision than at present existed, for vaccination and revaccination; and its members would be doing a good work if they urged as forcibly as possible, the extreme importance of primary vaccination, and the scarcely less importance of revaccination. Another important sanitary question was drunkenness, or rather that form of drunkenness known as dipsomania. It was a difficult matter to deal with legislatively, because it involved the questions of personal restraint and vested interests; but as it had been proved that moral suasion had proved ineffectual, the Government was justified in exercising personal restraint on the habitual drunkard. There was another question, applying individually rather than to general sanitary conditions—the Contagious Diseases Act. In an assembly of medical men he did not feel called upon to enter into the question whether the present state of society, or any condition of human existence, admitted, as a necessity, the existence of prostitution. All he could do in treating the question was to take it as he found it, and he believed and considered the Contagious Diseases Acts of Parliament would be most salutary. It was with feelings of no little disappointment that he read the report of the Royal Commissioners, wherein they recommended the abandonment of compulsory and periodical examinations. In a separate note, however, certain of the Commissioners stated their opinion that periodical inspection ought to be continued. Every woman who did not want to undergo the operation had the power of avoiding it, and of emancipating herself from the consequences of such a mode of life. It appeared, from a recently-published parliamentary return, that the number of registered women had been reduced one-half in the seventeen towns where the acts had been in operation, and out of 11,995 women, 578 had been married, 907 had entered "homes," and 2,574 had been restored to their parents. In other words, one-third of the whole number were known to have abandoned their vicious course of life. Had the effect of the diseases been confined to the person affected, or even if it could only be transmitted to one other person, that would be some ground—though even then a very faint one—for repealing the Acts. But whilst the fact remained that disease might be transmitted to any number, and might be felt by unborn generations, the argument was all in favour of the Acts, which he believed to be the most useful measures which had of late years been sanctioned by Parliament. Everybody must have been struck by the extraordinary divergence between the evidence of different medical men speaking of the same case. This was especially so in railway cases. In criminal cases, if any doubt of this kind arose, it was decided by a recognised referee; and he did not see why the same course of procedure should not be applied to civil cases, medical men being appointed to represent various branches of the profession, and empowered by Government to decide questions. In conclusion, the speaker referred to the forthcoming visit of the British Medical Association to Birmingham; bespoke for it the cordial co-operation and welcome of the local Branch; and expressed his confidence in the success of the visit.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the President; and the members afterwards dined together, to the number of fifty-two.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL: MEDICAL OFFICERS.

SIR.—The alternative placed before Poor-law medical officers by Mr. Wickham Barnes, in the pages of your contemporaries, is—doubtless unintentionally on his part—a remarkable perversion of the real points at issue in this controversy. He, being a practitioner in the metropolis, which is hardly touched by this Bill, may be excused for ignorance of the question as regards the remaining six-sevenths of the population of England to which the Bill does apply. I beg leave, therefore, to ask every Poor-law medical officer in the provinces to send me, on a post-card, an answer to the following inquiry, which states correctly the rival propositions, and I promise every one who favours me with a reply that it shall be made good use of for the improvement of his position.

Which of these two alternatives do you prefer: (A) In urban districts, being set aside by the single officer of health who is proposed to be appointed by each urban authority, and who will generally be your rival in practice; and in rural districts, being appointed sole health-officers under the Board of Guardians, and occasionally inspected by an itinerant official from the Local Government Board? or (B) being constituted, in town and country alike, deputy officers of health, under (not "one of your local medical men", but) a county or principal officer

of health, debarred from private practice, who would be ready at all times to support you and to relieve you from the disagreeable duty of initiating proceedings against nuisances created by your private patients, and whose post, on a vacancy, would be filled by one selected for good service from your own ranks?

Mr. Wickham Barnes has secured an advantage by having been the first to put the question elsewhere; but the members of the British Medical Association need hardly be cautioned against any conclusion which may be drawn from false premises. I am, etc.,
Cheltenham, June 22nd.

HENRY W. RUMSEY.

THE NEW VOLUNTEER MEDICAL REGULATIONS.

SIR.—It is gratifying, but, in truth, not surprising, to find by the letter published by you last week, that the "permanent staff" resent the proposals made by Mr. Cardwell as hotly as the volunteer surgeons. They recognise the false position in which they would be placed in receiving medical aid under the new regulations, and the insulting and ridiculous proposals made to volunteer surgeons which emanated from the War Office. The adherence of the authorities to their original intention would lead to the resignation of every right-minded volunteer surgeon; but Mr. Cardwell will, I believe, at once give way when this and other offending regulations are put before him in their proper light by the deputation of volunteer surgeons.

The question comes to be, what position ought the volunteer surgeons to take up should they accept the responsibility of compulsory attendance on the permanent staff and their families at all, if the pay be increased? or should they decline to approve of the principle of payment at all. I think, sir, there can be no question at all regarding this. Government will not, and can not, afford in any sufficient measure to repay volunteer surgeons, as they exist, for medical aid to the officials in question in time of peace; and any attempt at a compromise on the part of grasping practitioners would perhaps lead to a division amongst volunteer surgeons, and retirement, in disgust at the behaviour of their brethren, of the vast majority of surgeons from the volunteer service. Besides, the necessity demanded by the regulations that the surgeons should also supply medicines, would at once strike off the list many of the best men in the volunteer service. We should persist obstinately in maintaining our ground. If Mr. Cardwell desires to put the permanent staff of volunteers on an equality with other permanent staffs in having gratuitous medical attendance, let Government increase their salaries, and allow them to call in their own medical advisers, as suggested at the London and Edinburgh meetings.

I am, etc.,

A METROPOLITAN VOLUNTEER SURGEON.

SIR.—It is ludicrous to peruse the new Circular containing the Volunteer Regulations; more than this, it is shameful that the War-office of this country should turn out such carelessly prepared schemes and orders. The very crude ideas possessed by Mr. Cardwell as to the qualifications of surgeons and the examinations, lead one to conclude that he could not possibly have sought the advice of the Director of the Army Medical Department in the preparation of the regulations; or, if he did, he cannot have acted upon it.

Volunteer surgeons, I see, are required to be well "acquainted with the nature and intended application of the various articles composing the equipment of Army Hospitals in the field, and with the authorised means for the transport of sick and wounded soldiers, and the proper modes of employing them". Pray, sir, how are we to obtain our knowledge of these?

Really one has no patience in discussing these ridiculous regulations.

A VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT-SURGEON.

THE MIDLAND BRANCH.

SIR.—Having been a member of the Association for the past thirty years, and having done my best towards keeping on the great work, and feeling much in its success, must be my apology for writing upon a matter which concerns the whole of the Branches of the Association.

The annual meeting of the Midland Branch took place last Thursday at Nottingham; and I was grieved, as I have often been before, to find so little interest taken in the proceedings. Out of 158 members, only 22 attended, notwithstanding that the papers read were more than usually attractive.

Now, Mr. Editor, how is it that the Midland Branch, comprising the large and important counties of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, and Lincoln, can only boast of a roll of 158 members from amongst the hundreds of medical men resident within them? I have for some time tried to ascertain the cause, and I am of opinion that I have at last de-

vinced the true cause of the apathy of the profession with regard to our Branch. Centralisation now-a-days is not much relished, and this has been carried out to a degree with us. Hitherto the annual meetings—ever since the establishment of the Branch at Derby in 1851—have, with but one exception, been held alternately at the several county towns; all the officers and representative members of the General Council have (with only one exception) been selected from the members residing in the county towns. Now, I have always thought that this would ultimately tell against the success of the Branch, and I am sorry to find my fears only too soon realised. In 1865, we had 128 members; in 1872, 158 members, 65 of whom reside in the county towns. Now this condition of things is, to me, anything but satisfactory. In country villages we have a great amount of latent talent, and an immense mass of practical experience, which I should like to see utilised; and if these practitioners cannot come to us, we must go to them, and make them more active members of the Branch by placing them in such a position as to compel them to take more interest in our proceedings. This pernicious system of centralisation has another bad effect; it produces monotony, and the sameness of the thing destroys the interest felt in these annual gatherings. Some such thoughts as these were evidently running in the mind of our President, Dr. Robertson; for in his brief address to us he stated that he thought it would be beneficial to the Branch if the quarterly meetings were held in some of the larger towns of the counties during the year; and so I think, and hope the President will carry out this liberal idea. I have a very strong opinion on this point, so much so that I ventured to propose and carried (though not without opposition), that half the representative members of Council should be chosen from the county towns, the remainder from amongst the members scattered far and wide over the several counties. And I must here express a hope that those gentlemen elected for the first time *extra urbem*, with the view of carrying out my principles, will support me by being present at their post at the meeting of Council at Birmingham in August next.

Our next annual meeting was arranged to take place at Leicester. I have hinted that I should then, if spared, move that the following annual meeting be held at some other than the county town; and I certainly shall feel much disappointed if I am not well supported on that occasion. From conversations which I have had with many of my medical friends, I am persuaded that such a change would be productive of great success, and that it would engender a more friendly feeling, and tend to ensure not only greater interest, but a material augmentation of our numbers.

I am, etc.,
Spalding, June 23rd, 1872.

EDWIN MORRIS, M.D., F.R.C.S.

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, F.R.C.S., CHEETHAM HILL, MANCHESTER.

MR. JOSEPH HUTCHINSON was born in 1800, and studied medicine at St. Thomas's Hospital, and became a Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Society in 1833. Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1834, and a Fellow of the College by examination in 1846. He settled at Cheetham Hill, near Manchester, where he practised with great success for thirty-eight years, till within a few days of his death. He was for many years a medical officer of the union. In this capacity he won the hearts of the poor, and the confidence and esteem of the guardians. He paid special attention to obstetrics, and was the inventor of a speculum. He died on May 28th.

WILLIAM MACTURK, M.D., BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

DR. WILLIAM MACTURK, one of the oldest members of the medical profession in the West Riding of Yorkshire, died at Bradford, March 2nd, having practised in that town as a physician for forty-eight years. Dr. Macturk was born at South Cave, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, in 1795. After receiving a good preliminary education, he entered the medical profession, and became a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London in 1816. He commenced practice as a surgeon in Scarborough, but left that town after four years, and resumed his medical studies at Glasgow and Edinburgh, and in 1823 graduated as M.D. at the University of Glasgow. He settled in Bradford in the following year as a physician; and his reputation gradually increased with the rapidly increasing size of the place, until he obtained the principal consulting practice in the town and neighbourhood.

He was a man of upright character and strong religious principles, as well as of courteous and pleasant manners, good common sense, sound

practical knowledge of his profession; and gained the confidence of the public and the profession. He assisted in the establishment of the Bradford Infirmary in 1825, and became one of its first physicians. This post he held to within two years of death; always taking a lively interest in the welfare of the institution, and devoting a large portion of his time to attendance upon the patients. He made no contributions to the literature of his profession.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following candidates, having passed the required examinations, received their diplomas in dental surgery, at a meeting of the Board of Examiners on Tuesday last.

Cartwright, John Peploe, Oswestry
Coles, James Oakley, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square
Harding, William Edward, Stafford
Hutchinson, Samuel John, Manchester
Poundall, William Lloyd, Derby

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 20th, 1872.

Cartwright, John Peploe, Oswestry
Dove, Harry, Norwich
Laver, Arthur Henry, Rayleigh, Essex
Paradise, Thomas Decimus, Stamford, Lincolnshire
Pridmore, Campbell William, Abbey Street, Bermondsey

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

Foster, Reginald Henry, Guy's Hospital
Kirby, Samuel J. J., Middlesex Hospital
Perrin, Alfred Charles, St. Thomas's Hospital

As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Jones, Owen, Long Acre
Badcock, Daniel, Barnard Castle

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At examinations held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 11th, 12th, and 13th, the License to practise Medicine was granted to :

Mahon, Charles J. Smyly, William Josiah
O'Keiffe, John Leonard Warren, Frederick W.
Ryan, John

The following received the Midwifery Diploma :

Fullerton, John Campbell Ryan, John
Mahon, Charles J. Smyly, William J.
O'Keiffe, J. L. Warren, Frederick W.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN : TRINITY COLLEGE.—At the M.B. examination, held in Trinity Term, on June 10th and 11th, the following passed in the order of merit.

Moriarty, Matthew Denis	Hamilton, James Charles
M'Nunn, Charles Alexander	M'Laughlin, Frederick
Smyly, William Josiah	Archer, Robert S.
Mackesy, William Lewis	Gubbins, William L.
Hingston, William F.	Fullerton, John C.
Allen, James Henry	Pope, Frederick } equal
Kerr, Elias William	Goode, George } equal
O'Meara, Thomas P.	Fleetwood, Thomas F. } equal
Wade, Arthur Law	Marsden, Charles } equal
Grandison, Alfred	Chartres, John
Tuckey, Thomas P. } equal	Ball, Charles B.

At the examination for the Degree of Master in Surgery (M. Ch.), held on June 17th and 18th, the successful candidates were :

1. M'Laughlin, Frederick 4. Hingston, William F.
2. { Archer, Robert S. 3. { Ball, Charles B.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced :—

ABERDEEN RÖBERT BURNS FRIENDLY SOCIETY—Medical Officer. ATHLONE UNION, co. Westmeath—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Moate Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Resident Medical Officer and Secretary: £50 per annum, board, lodging, and washing. CHONTALES CONSOLIDATED MINES, Nicaragua—Surgeon: £300 per annum, passage and board free.

DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL, Dorchester—Physician.

EDMONTON UNION, Middlesex—Medical Officer for the Stoke Newington District: £20 per annum.

GLASGOW—Medical Officer of Health.

GLASGOW, University of—Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

GOLOCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY—Assistant-Surgeon.

HAYDOCK LODGE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Newton-le-Willows—Assistant Medical Officer: £120 per annum, board, etc.

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HONITON UNION, Devon—Medical Officer for District No. 1: £95 per annum.
HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton—Dental Surgeon.
INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square—Visiting Physician.
LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY—Junior Resident Medical Officer: £60 per annum, rooms, board, etc.
LINCOLN MANCHESTER UNITY ODD FELLOWS' MEDICAL INSTITUTE—Consulting Physician.—Medical Officer.
LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY—Demonstrator of Anatomy and Lecturer in Physiology.
LOCHCARRON, Ross-shire—Parochial Medical Officer: £115 per annum, and various perquisites.
NEWPORT (Mon.) ODD FELLOWS MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION—Assistant-Surgeon: £60 per annum, board and lodging.
RAMSGATE and ST. LAWRENCE ROYAL DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, gas, and firing.
ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Ventnor—Resident Medical Officer.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL—Assistant-Physician.—Assistant Physician-Accoucheur.
TEIGNMOUTH, DAWLISH, and NEWTON INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £50 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.
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TUNBRIDGE WELLS INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—Surgeon.
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YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL—Non-resident Dispenser: £70 per annum, and partial board.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

BAEER, E. C., Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to St. George's Hospital.
*BEACH, Fletcher, Esq., appointed Medical Registrar to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.
*MYRTLE, A. S., M.D., appointed Honorary Consulting Physician to the Harrogate Bath Hospital.
*PUZEN, Chauncy, Esq., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Liverpool District of the North Western Railway, *vice* T. Bickerton, Esq., deceased.
SPENCE, James B., M.D., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Staffordshire County Asylum, Burntwood, near Lichfield, *vice* E. C. Fox, M.B., resigned.
*WATERS, A. T. H., M.D., appointed Lecturer on the Principles and Practice of Medicine at the Liverpool School of Medicine.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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DEATHS.

ANTROBUS, Daniel, Esq., Surgeon, at Talk-on-the-Hill, Staffordshire, on June 1st.
CAMMACK, Thomas, M.D., at Spalding, aged 80, on June 6th.
JERRARD, J. H., M.D., at Honiton, aged 50, on June 7th.
*TRISTRAM, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, at his residence, Tunbridge Wells, suddenly, on June 25th, in the 64th year of his age and the 40th of his practice.
WRIGHT, G. A. W., M.D., Army Medical Staff, at Edinburgh, aged 30, on June 15.

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

Sir James Paget, Bart., London; Dr. George Johnson, London; Dr. Spencer Cobbold, London; Dr. G. M. Humphry, Cambridge; Dr. Broadbent, London; Dr. E. L. Fox, Clifton, Bristol; Mr. Sydney Jones, London; Mr. R. E. Lowes, Long Melford, Suffolk; Dr. G. H. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. J. Russell Reynolds, London; Mr. Souter, London; Dr. W. S. Playfair, London; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Mr. Partridge, London; Dr. Morris, Spalding; Mr. J. N. Radcliffe, London; Dr. Siordet, London; Dr. Pitman, London; Dr. Heaton, Leeds; Mr. Harris, Worthing; Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Mr. Middlewood, Rufforth Hall; Mr. E. J. Rivers, London; Our Dublin Correspondent; Dr. R. W. Taylor, New York; Dr. Wolfe, Glasgow; 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. W. Ebden, Haughley; Mr. Wanklyn, London; Scrutator; Mr. Morrison, Pembroke; Dr. Foss, Stockton-on-Tees; Dr. Leared, London; Mr. Plaxton, Hull; Mr. R. Davy, London; Dr. Bryan, Northampton; Dr. Joseph Bell, Edinburgh; Mr. Reginald Harrison, Liverpool; Mr. John Tweedy, London; Dr. J. Hughlings Jackson, London; Mr. L. Aitken, Edinburgh; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Mr. Fletcher Beach, London; Dr. Leonard W. Sedgwick, London; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; Dr. Styrap, Shrewsbury; Mr. J. White, Nottingham; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Contributions to Molecular Physics in the Domain of Radiant Heat. By John Tyndall, LL.D., F.R.S. London: 1872.
The Fallacies of Teetotalism, or the duty of the Legislature in dealing with Personal Freedom. By Robert Ward. London: 1872.
Notes on Sanitary Reform: The Health of Towns. By a Member of the Association for the Promotion of Social Science. London: 1872.
Introductory Lecture delivered at the Glasgow University, By Professor Dickson. Glasgow: 1872.
A Treatise on the Diseases of Infancy and Childhood. Second Edition, enlarged and thoroughly revised. By J. Lewis Smith, M.D. Philadelphia: 1872.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY Metropolitan Free, 2 p.m.—St. Mark's, 1.30 p.m.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 a.m.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 p.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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 p.m.—West London, 3 p.m.
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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, 2 p.m.
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MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 p.m. Dr. Aveling, "On *Post Mortem Parturition*"; Professor Trenholme, of Montreal, "On Irregular Uterine Contractions"; and other papers.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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SCRUTATOR.—Dr. Russell Reynolds's three *Lectures on the Clinical Uses of Electricity*; Dr. Althaus's *Treatise on Medical Electricity* (Longmans)—very complete.

MR. PLAXTON (Hull) is thanked for his interesting communication.

D. V. R.—No details are announced beyond those which appear in the Regulations which we have published.

A DEPUTY CORONER.—There is a good chapter on the duties, etc., of coroners in Weightman's *Medical Practitioners' Legal Guide*; but there is, we believe, a work specially devoted to the subject. The name of the author escapes our memory; it could be procured by writing to any legal bookseller.

MR. MIDDLEWOOD (Rufforth Hall) is thanked. We shall have much more to say on the subject of his communication on Asylums for Inebriates.

DR. HEATON (Leeds).—We are not aware that the post-office regulation forbidding the sewing of journals has been relaxed; but we will apply for information on the subject.

A POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICER'S SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES.

THE general principle on which the medical officers' superannuation is based, is such that an allowance may be granted on the one condition of the medical officer being incapacitated, either by age or infirmity, from performing the duties of his office with efficiency. The preamble of the Act 33 and 34 Vict., recites that it is expedient that provision should be made to enable superannuation allowances to be granted to medical officers of unions, districts, and parishes in England and Wales, who become disabled, either by infirmity or age, to discharge the duties of their office. The power to grant superannuation allowances is vested in the guardians, with the consent of the Local Government Board. No allowance is to be granted without a certificate from the inspector, to the effect that the retiring officer has, by reason of infirmity, become incapable of performing the duties of his office with efficiency. The guardians can enter into an arrangement with the medical officers to pay a salary that shall include all extra fees. This has been done in several cases, and has been sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly *Albion*, June 22nd; The Glasgow Herald, June 18th; The Aberdeen Daily Free Press, June 18th and 19th; The Suffolk and Essex Free Press, June 10th; The Belfas. News-Letter, June 19th; The Manchester Courier, June 23rd; The Birmingham Morning News, June 24th; The Newcastle Daily Chronicle, June 24th; The Dundee Advertiser, June 21st; The New York Times, Dec. 6th, 1871; The Surrey Advertiser; etc.

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