

15. All Medical Officers, in charge of General Hospitals, Divisions, and Brigades in the field, shall transmit to the Principal Medical Officer of the Army, for the guidance of the Sanitary Officer, full information as to the sanitary state of the troops and Hospitals, and on all matters affecting the health and physical efficiency of the men, at such intervals as the Principal Medical Officer may appoint.

16. Sanitary Officers attached to any Army in the field, or to any General Hospital, at the base of operations, shall draw up a weekly Sanitary Report on the state of the Army or Hospital, to be sent to the Principal Medical Officer of the Army, for the information of the Commander of the Forces, a copy of which will be transmitted by the Principal Medical Officer immediately to the Director-General.

Hitherto, only one or two medical officers have presented themselves for examination. The questions on one of the occasions were approximately as follows:—

Precautions to be taken in selecting camping ground with regard to soil, elevation, incline, protection, etc. The space allotted to camps. The number of men told off to each regulation marquee. The relative position of officers' and men's tents.

Precautions to be taken in securing the health of the men in temporary and permanent camps—such as in the formation and cleanliness of latrines, their position with regard to the camp and the water-supply; the position and superintendence of the slaughter-house. The drainage and development of permanent camps.

The securing of a proper supply of pure water, and the steps to be taken in an unknown country of finding the same, with a description of the different methods of roughly filtering and purifying water. Surveillance of watering places.

Precautions to be taken in keeping the men dry in camp.

The character and amount of diet for soldiers, and its modifications under special circumstances of campaigning. The inspection of diseased meat.

The various affections usually met with in ordinary camps, in camps and ambulances in time of war.

Precautions to be adopted to prevent the outbreak of dysentery, typhus, cholera, pyæmia, hospital gangrene, and the steps to be taken to prevent their increase.

Precautions to be observed in utilising houses and villages for the purposes of hospitals. The equipment of army hospitals in the field, and the uses of the various articles. The contents of the *Field Companion*.

The medical necessities and comforts on the field of battle, with practical questions on the treatment of the wounded in the field.

We recommend the following works to volunteer medical officers intending to present themselves for examination.

A Manual of Instruction for Attendants on Sick and Wounded in War. By Staff Assistant-Surgeon A. Moffit, Instructor of the Army Hospital Corps, Netley. Griffin and Co., London.

Article on Gunshot Wounds in Holmes's *System of Surgery*. By Mr. Longmore, Netley.

A Manual of Practical Hygiene. By Dr. Parkes, Netley.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Whitehaven and West Cumberland Infirmary, Whitehaven, on Wednesday, April 23rd, 1873; T. S. CLOUSTON, M.D., President of the Branch, will take the Chair.

Gentlemen who intend to be present at the dinner, or to bring communications before the meeting, are requested to inform the Secretary of their intention at their earliest convenience.

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

Carlisle, March 29th, 1873.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Athænum, Sunderland, on Thursday, April 24th, at 2 P.M.

Dinner at the Palatine Hotel, Borough Road, at 4 P.M. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 6s.

Gentlemen who desire to read papers, or who intend to be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate with the Secretary, at their earliest convenience.

G. H. PHILIPSON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, April 8th, 1873.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

THE next meeting of this section will be held in the Council Room of Queen's College, Birmingham, on Tuesday, April 15th, at 7.30 P.M.

WILLIAM HINDS, } *Honorary Secretaries*.
LAWSON TAIT, }

Birmingham, April 8th, 1873.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held at the Infirmary, Huddersfield, on March 19th. The Chair was occupied by the President, C. G. WHEELHOUSE, Esq., and thirty-five members were present.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were elected. J. B. Lyth, Esq., Sheffield; J. S. Cameron, M.D., Huddersfield; A. E. Wilmot, Esq., Escrick; E. J. H. Booth, Esq., Mirfield; F. C. G. Ellerton, Esq., Lindley.

Papers.—The following papers were then read.

1. Dr. Shann, on a case of Pneumonia, occasioned by a veal-bone which had transfixed the Oesophagus.

2. Dr. Clifford Allbutt, on the Connection between Intercostal Neuralgia and Angina Pectoris.

3. Dr. Burnie, on the Treatment of Puerperal Fever.

4. Mr. Jessop, on the Excision of the Ankle-Joint.

5. Mr. Knaggs, on a case of Inversion of the Uterus.

6. Mr. Rhodes, on a case of Melanosis.

7. Dr. Cameron, on a case of Irritation of the Sympathetic Nerve, illustrating the action of Nitrate of Amyl.

8. Mr. Brewer on some cases of Injury to the Head.

Dinner.—After the meeting, twenty-five members dined together at the George Hotel.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: INTERMEDIATE GENERAL MEETING.

AN intermediate general meeting of this Branch was held on Thursday March 20th, at Ruabon, under the presidency of R. C. ROBERTS Esq. There were fifteen members present, besides visitors. The President invited them to his house to partake of luncheon, where also the professional business was conducted.

Presentation to T. Taylor Griffith, Esq., Wrexham.—It was moved by Dr. A. E. TURNOUR (Denbigh), seconded by Dr. W. WILLIAMS (Mold), and carried unanimously—"That a photographic likeness of Thomas Taylor Griffith, Esq., F.R.C.S., Wrexham, be taken by some eminent artist, and presented to him by the members of the Branch as a mark of the high estimation and sincere regard with which they hold him, and that the presentation be made at the next annual meeting at Rhyl."

Mr. GRIFFITH said he would comply with the wishes of the meeting by sitting for his likeness, and in feeling terms thanked all present for their kind notice of him.

THE PRESIDENT opened the business by a short address, and cordially welcomed the members to Ruabon.

New Members.—The following new members were elected. Robert Poole Griffith, L.K.Q.C.P., Portmadoc; John Lloyd Roberts, Esq., Denbigh; William Burton, L.R.C.P. Edin., Ruabon.

Communications.—The following communications were made.

1. A paper on the Sphincter Ani. By T. T. Griffith, Esq., Wrexham.

2. Dried Specimens of Poisonous Indigenous Plants. By R. Lawson Roberts, M.B., Ruabon.

3. Paper on Ten Years' Experience in Midwifery Practice. By T. Eytton Jones, Esq., Wrexham. This led to a long and interesting discussion, in which Mr. Griffith (Wrexham), Dr. Williams (Mold), Dr. Turnour (Denbigh), and others took part.

4. Effects of Ergot of Rye upon Infantile Life. By A. E. Turnour, M.D., Denbigh.

5. On Public Health Act, and Appointments of Medical Officers of Health. By D. Kent Jones, Esq., Beaumaris. This subject elicited a long discussion, no definite course being attained.

Dinner.—At the conclusion of the meeting, the members proceeded to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, and at a little after 3 P.M. partook of an excellent dinner, the invited guests being Rev. Thomas Meredith, Rev. John Michael, Rev. John Morgan, — Kenrick, Esq. (all of Ruabon), etc.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH : ORDINARY MEETING.

A MEETING was held in the Music Hall Buildings, Aberdeen, on March 5th, 1873. Present, eleven members and one guest; Mr. WILLIAMSON (Aberdeen) in the Chair.

Alteration of Hour.—The hour of meeting was fixed in future for 8 P.M.; the chair to be taken punctually at a quarter past eight.

Malformed Heart.—A heart whose aorta arose from the right, and pulmonary artery from the left ventricle, was exhibited by Dr. Alexander Ogston.

University Report.—After discussion, the report, as printed in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of February 15th, was agreed to, with the following alterations. 1. That in the first, second, third, fourth, sixth, and seventh recommendations, the words "University court" be read without the addition of the words "or other competent body," etc. 2. That to the seventh recommendation be added the words "except in those cases where professors of the University are at liberty to teach more than one branch."

Guarana Committee.—The convener of this Committee reported that, owing to the want of co-operation of the members of the Committee, sufficient information on the action of guarana had not been obtained.

Reduplication of the Second Sound of the Heart.—Dr. ANGUS FRASER read a case of this phenomenon, which he attributed to aortic disease. Considerable discussion on the case followed.

Popliteal Aneurism.—Dr. KEITH (Aboyne) communicated a case of popliteal aneurism cured, after many other means had failed, by total stoppage of the circulation in the femoral by means of a tourniquet.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. CORRANCE M.P. AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will permit me to inform Poor-law medical officers, that Mr. Corrance will, at an early date after the Easter holidays, call the attention of the House to the mode in which the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1872, have been carried out by the inspectors of the Local Government Board, and will move a resolution thereon.

Mr. Corrance is desirous of obtaining accurate knowledge from rural district medical officers as to what combinations have been made, the area and population of districts, and also a statement of cases where the district medical officers having been elected health officers, the Local Government Board has refused its sanction to their appointments.

Mr. Corrance has requested me to obtain this information for him. I shall, therefore, be obliged to those gentlemen who will kindly furnish me with the same at their earliest convenience.

I am, etc.,
JOSEPH ROGERS,
33, Dean Street, Soho, Chairman of Council of the Poor-law
April 8th, 1873. Medical Officers' Association.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

LECTURER ON PATHOLOGY.—The Linacre Lecturer in Medicine (Dr. Bradbury) gives notice that he will lecture on pathology, in the Old Anatomical Schools, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 9 A.M., during the Easter Term, commencing on Tuesday, April 22nd. The fee for the course will be three guineas.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, April 3rd, 1873.

Armstrong, Robert Stow, St. John's, Bedford
Brodrick, Charles Aikin, Bathurst Street, Hyde Park
Clarke, George Mouat Keith, Gerrard Street, Soho
Evans, Henry, Croydon
McCourt, Patrick, Fatfield, Durham
Whiteford, Adam John, St. John's Wood Terrace

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

Carey, John Thomas, Guy's Hospital
Grimwood, Harry Charles, King's College

As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Burgess, Harry Charles, Swindon, Wilts
Prettejohn, Robert Froude, Sidmouth, Devon

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced :—

ALNWICK RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health : £50 per annum.

ATHY UNION, co. Kildare—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Athy Dispensary District : £120 per annum, and fees. Applications to Frederick Haughton, Esq., Levittown, Athy.

BARONY PARISH, Glasgow—House-Surgeon, Poor-House at Barnhill : £300 per annum, house, coal, gas, and water. Applications to Peter Beattie, Esq., 38, Cochrane Street, Glasgow.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY—Assistant Dispenser : £75 per annum to commence.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY, Aylesbury—Resident Surgeon and Apothecary : £80 per annum, with £10 increase to £100, board, lodging, coals, and candles, in furnished apartments.

BURNTISLAND, Fifehire—Parochial Medical Officer.

BURY (Lancashire) RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health : £300 per annum.

COOKSTOWN UNION, co. Tyrone—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Coagh Dispensary District : £75 per annum, and fees.

DRIFFIELD UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Kilham District : £16 per annum.

DUDLEY DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer : £105 per annum, residence and allowances.

ELY RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health : £150 per ann.

ESSEX COUNTY GAOL, Chelmsford—Surgeon.

HEMSWORTH RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health : £100 per annum.

HINCKLEY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health : £20 per annum.

LANCASHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Lancaster—Assistant Medical Officer : £100 per annum, board and lodging.

LEDWITH SCHOOL OF ANATOMY, etc., Dublin—Lecturer on the Theory and Practice of Medicine.

LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY—Medical Superintendent : £200 per annum; or, if wife should be appointed Matron, £260 per annum jointly, board, washing, etc. Applications to Edward Gibbon, Esq.

LIVERPOOL ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL—Junior House-Surgeon : £84 per annum, board and lodging.

LOCHBROOM—Parochial Medical Officer : £100 per annum, and dwelling-house.

MERCER'S HOSPITAL, Dublin—Physician.

MEXBOROUGH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health : £40 per annum.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Hanwell—Assistant Medical Officer : £150 per annum, board and residence. Applications to R. W. Partridge, Esq.

NORTH DUBLIN UNION—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the No. 2 North City Dispensary District : £125 per annum, and fees.

NOTTINGHAM DISPENSARY—Assistant Resident Surgeon : £140 per annum, furnished apartments, coal, and gas.

OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester—Brackenbury Professorship of Practical Physiology and Histology. Applications to J. G. Greenwood, Esq.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, etc.—House-Surgeon.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Brighton—Physician.—Assistant-Physician.

TORRINGTON UNION, Devon—Medical Officer for the Torrington District : £70 : 11 per annum.

TYRRE, Parish of—Medical Officer for the New Pitsligo District.

WEYMOUTH UNION—Medical Officer for the Portland District : £80 per ann.

WORCESTER AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Medical Officer : £170 per annum, and residence. Applications to C. J. Richards, Esq., 5, Lansdowne Villas, Lansdowne Road, Worcester.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*REED, James T., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Ryhope and Tunstall Districts of the Sunderland Union; and also Medical Officer of Health for the same districts. Population, 5000. Salary as Officer of Health, £25 per annum.

SCALE, George John, Esq., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, *vice* M. J. Cleaver, M.B., resigned.

SINCLAIR, Robert, M.B., C.M., appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Dundee Royal Infirmary.

*SMITH, Thomas, Esq., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the North and Crawley Districts of the East Grinstead Union, and for the Ifield District of the Horsham Union, Sussex, *vice* T. H. Martin, Esq., resigned.

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.

*BARTLETT, William, Esq., Surgeon, at Ladbroke Lodge, Notting Hill, aged 65, on March 31st.

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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 2 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, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY... St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 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.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

THURSDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Smee, "On Crystals obtained from the Atmosphere"; Mr. Waren Tay, "A Specimen of Valvular Disease of a Lamb's Heart"; Mr. Bryant, "A Case of Extirpation of an Ovarian Tumour and Fibrous Tumour of the Uterus."—Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. Benson Baker, "On Fibrous Concretions in the Large Vessels."

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

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

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. CAMPBELL (Harvard University, Boston) writes to say that the information lately published in the *Pall Mall Gazette* (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, December 14, 1872), as to the completion of arrangements by which the Harvard University adopted the New England Female Medical College as a female medical department of that University is incorrect. The Female Medical College has accumulated property to the extent of about 90,000 dollars.

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—As I see in last week's issue a paragraph in which my name occurs in an apparently unpleasant comment, I beg to make an explanation. The paragraph in the *Western Mercury* appeared unknown to me; and, on inquiring at the office, the editor told me that, seeing a circular announcing the meeting of the Branch Association at Bristol, he had extracted what he considered local news, the same as the week previously he had announced the election of another medical man and myself as members of the Association. Your comment would lead anyone to think that I, as a member, had inserted the paragraph. Puffing in any form, or the desire to see one's name in print, are things I dislike, and consider them not merely *infra dig.* to members of the Association, but also to medical men generally; I write, therefore, to repudiate any connection on my part with the paragraph commented on, and hope you will give equal publicity to this explanation.

I am, etc., DELAMAINÉ BRADSHAW, M.D.

Weston-super-Mare, April 8th, 1873.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DR. ORMEROD OF BRIGHTON.

IN a letter which we have received on this subject, there appears to be some soreness on the part of some gentlemen in Brighton who think they were not sufficiently consulted in the first instance as to the origination of this testimonial; but it may be hoped that this will not prevent them from cordially joining in furtherance of an object of which they approve.

DRIUITT TESTIMONIAL FUND.

MR. HAYNES WALTON begs to acknowledge the following contributions to the above fund since February 14th.

Dr. Lucy Sewell (America)	£	s.	d.	Dr. John Sutherland (Nor-	£	s.	d.
Dr. Frederick Mayhew	5	0	0	wood)	2	0	0
Dr. C. B. Suckling (Birmingham)	3	3	0	Dr. Walter Bryant	1	1	0
Dr. Little	3	3	0	Dr. John Mann	1	1	0
Dr. J. Sabben	2	2	0	Dr. Alexander Silver	1	1	0
Dr. G. R. Carter (Deal)	2	2	0	Dr. Morris Tonge (Harrow)	1	1	0
Dr. Greene (Bristol)	2	2	0	Mr. H. J. Foulds (Derby)	1	1	0
Mr. Lynch	2	2	0	Mr. W. Taylor	1	1	0
				Dr. Kidd (India)	1	1	0

This is the last announcement.

NOTICES of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Appointments, intended for insertion in the JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.

A VOLUNTEER MEDICAL OFFICER.—We think that the Volunteer Medical Officer has no legal priority of claim, as regards other medical men, to attend members of the permanent staff, and thereby secure the War Office allowance. The Government grant is for the purpose of aiding the sergeants to pay their medical man, whoever he may be; and thus the allowance stands very much in the light of an addition to their pay. It rests with the members of the permanent staff, as we take it, to choose their own medical man and arrange with him as to his fees; at the same time, the Volunteer Medical Officer may think himself morally entitled to be consulted. We fear that, if applied to for medical advice, he would not long be anxious to urge his claims in his capacity as a volunteer surgeon. He would ultimately, most probably, be called upon and expected to attend the members of the staff and their families for nothing, because he dare not receive, as a just return for his services, the remuneration of twopence a week per head; and, if he demand a larger fee, he does so only as a private practitioner, and quite irrespectively of his position as surgeon of the regiment. We advise volunteer surgeons generally to have nothing to do with the twopence, and to afford medical advice to the permanent staff and their families only while on duty. There is no just claim on them beyond this; and sergeants, with the aid offered them by the War Office, are as well able, paid and pensioned as they are, to remunerate their medical men as most labourers and many artisans are in the habit of doing.

PATHOLOGY OF LITHATES.

SIR,—Pressure of work has prevented me from replying to the letter of March 1st, signed "Urates". It was distinctly stated, in my letter of February 22nd, "that the urine was tested microscopically and otherwise"; that is to say, the deposit cleared up upon the addition of heat or alkalies, and under the microscope it gave the ordinary forms of lithic or uric acid crystals. I take it, subject to correction, that the pathology of the disease is fairly accounted for in the symptoms as described—that the digestive and other functions of the system were not in a healthy state to perform their duties; but how far the disease extended I should be glad to have explained. The patient is now better, though not thoroughly recovered.

April 5, 1873.

I am, etc., LITHATES.

PRIZE MEDAL OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE HASTINGS GOLD MEDAL, value Twenty Guineas, is offered annually by the British Medical Association as a Prize for an Essay on some subject connected with Medical Science. The subject selected for competition for 1873 is, "On the Pathology and Treatment of Ovarian Diseases;" and the award will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Association in that year. Essays must not be in the handwriting of the author. Each essay, which must not exceed in length twenty-four pages of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, must be sent, under cover, with a sealed envelope bearing the motto of the essay and the name and address of the author, to the General Secretary of the Association, 37, Great Queen Street, on or before the 1st of May, 1873. The successful essay will be the property of the Association, and will be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

"DRUNKEN ASSISTANTS."

SIR,—With "Delta," I deprecate drunken assistants; yet I am prepared to sympathise with them, from the fact that they are tempted to inebriation by the peculiar temptations of their situation, the salaries of assistants being insufficient to provide them with a home of their own; and, moreover, their excessive confinement greatly induces them to seek the pleasures of intoxication. The confinement of indoor assistants, as far as my experience goes, is simply intolerable. I have been confined so much, that I have not had an evening a week to spend either at a social party or a literary entertainment. Under these circumstances, it is any wonder that assistants plunge headlong into drunkenness? Had I not been a thorough teetotaler, I should have certainly yielded to this vice. I know an assistant whose principal was just as unsympathetic as mine; and one day the unfortunate fellow "got over the bay", and was turned off at once. For the sake of humanity, let principals be a little more sympathetic, and believe that they have to do with persons who are not altogether of a monastic temperament. Assistants love social comforts and liberty as much as most. Hoping principals will see the cause, and try to remedy the evil,

I am, etc., A TEETOTALER OF TWENTY-THREE YEARS' STANDING.

March 1873.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly Albion, April 5th; The Manchester Guardian, April 6th; The Aberdeen Daily Free Press, April 5th; The Bath Express, March 5th; The Birmingham Daily Post, April 6th; The Western Mercury and Somersetshire Herald; The Shepton Mallet Journal; The Hull Packet; The Daily Bristol Times and Mirror; The Constitution, or Cork Advertiser, April 4th; The Newcastle Daily Journal; The Eastern Morning News and Hull Advertiser; The North of England Advertiser; The Bedfordshire Times; The Derbyshire Advertiser; The City Press; etc.

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

Dr. C. B. Radcliffe, London; Dr. W. R. E. Smart, Penze; Dr. Robert Barnes, London; Dr. J. Ford Anderson, London; Dr. George Johnson, London; The Secretary of the Hunterian Society; A Volunteer Medical Officer; Our Dublin Correspondent; Dr. G. H. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; M.R.C.S. Eng.; The Registrar-General of England; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. Wanklyn, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Mr. J. W. Langmore, London; Dr. John Ogle, London; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. J. W. Watkins, Newton-le-Willows; A Member; Mr. S. Coupland, London; Dr. F. T. Roberts, London; Mr. D. Kent Jones, Beaumaris; Dr. J. R. Watt, Ayr; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. Humphry, Cambridge; Mr. T. Smith, Crawley; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Dr. Marion Sims, New York; Dr. Campbell, Boston; Dr. Dawson, New York; Dr. Clifford Allbutt, Leeds; Dr. Taaffe, Brighton; An Associate; Mr. Cuffe, London; Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; The Secretary of the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton; etc.