

Fellows themselves will not fail to perceive the justice of the claims of their provincial brethren, and that they will support Mr. Southam, and thereby evince their desire, as a deliberative body presiding over the interests of the surgeons of England, to include amongst them a representative who evidently possesses the confidence of the majority of the country Fellows as an exponent of their views.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### EAST ANGLIAN AND CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCHES.

THE combined annual meeting of the above Branches will be held at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Friday, June 20th, at 2 P.M.; J. C. SMITH, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Dinner at the Royal Hotel, Great Yarmouth, at 5.30 P.M. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each.

Members wishing to read papers, or to join the dinner, are requested to communicate, as early as possible, with one of the Honorary Secretaries.

B. CHEVALLIER, M.D., Ipswich.  
J. B. BRADBURY, M.D., Cambridge. } Honorary Secretaries.  
J. B. PITTS, M.D., Norwich.

May 19th, 1873.

### MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Board Room of the General Hospital, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, June 21st, at Seven o'clock, when a paper will be read by Sir Henry Thompson, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to University College Hospital, etc., on Urethral Stricture.

JOSEPH WHITE, Honorary Local Secretary.  
Nottingham, June 10th, 1873.

### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the New Town Hall, Warrington, on Tuesday, June 24th, at One o'clock; CHARLES WHITE, Esq., President-elect.

Dinner will be provided in the "Mess House", at Five precisely. Tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

Communications promised:—Dr. Noble: Particulars of Treatment in a Case of Pneumothorax. Dr. Lyster: Case of Intermenstrual Pain. J. Mathias, Esq.: Complications of the Puerperal Condition liable to be mistaken for Peritonitis. Dr. Oxley: Strangulated Umbilical Hernia; Operation; Recovery. Dr. Steele: Injection of Perchloride of Iron in *Post Partum* Hæmorrhage. Dr. Ransome: Instruments for Chest-Measurement. J. H. Gornall, Esq.: Tetanus successfully treated with Chloral Hydrate. Dr. Wallace: One Hundred Cases of Forceps Delivery.

N.B. To secure adequate provision, it is essential that those intending to dine should communicate with the undersigned on or before the 20th instant.

A. B. STEELE, Honorary Secretary.

54, Rodney Street, Liverpool, June 1873.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 24th, at 3 P.M.

An address will be delivered by the President, FURNEAUX JORDAN, Esq., F.R.C.S.

The annual dinner will be held at 5 P.M., for the convenience of country members.

Dinner tickets, including waiters and dessert, 7s. 6d. each.

Members intending to be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretaries on or before June 20th, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

T. H. BARTLETT, F.R.C.S. } Honorary Secretaries.  
BALTHAZAR W. FOSTER, M.D. }

Birmingham, May 20th, 1873.

### SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH.

THE twenty-ninth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Ashford, on Wednesday, July 2nd; EDWARD GARRAWAY, Esq., of Faversham, in the Chair.

G. F. HODGSON, Honorary Secretary.

Brighton, June 10th, 1873.

### CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Bush Hotel, Carlisle, on Wednesday, June 25th, at 1 P.M. President, T. S. CLOUSTON, M.D.; President-elect, R. TIFFEN, M.D.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, or bring forward cases, are requested to give immediate notice to the Secretary.

HENRY BARNES, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

Carlisle, June 3rd, 1873.

### SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Carmarthen, on Friday, June 27th, under the presidency of G. J. HEARDER, M.D.

Nominations for membership, whether of the Association or Branch, and titles of papers proposed to be read, to be forwarded without delay to one of the undersigned.

ANDREW DAVIES, Swansea, } Honorary Secretaries.  
ALFRED SHEEN, M.D., Cardiff, }

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Library of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Infirmary, on Thursday, July 3rd, at 2 P.M.; G. Y. HEATH, M.D., President, in the Chair.

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

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, June 4th, 1873.

### SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Callington, on July 3rd, at 12 noon; J. KEMPTHORNE, F.R.C.S., President-elect.

The dinner will take place at Golding's Hotel, at 6 P.M. precisely. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

An excursion will be made to King Dungarth's grave and Trevethy Cromlech, thence to the Hurlers (Druidical remains) and the Cheesewring.

Members wishing to read papers or to join the dinner, are requested to communicate, on or before June 25th, to the Honorary Secretaries.

The South Devon, Cornwall, and West Cornwall Railway Companies, will grant members return tickets to or from any of their stations to Liskeard or Plymouth, available from July 2nd to 4th inclusive, at single fares, on production of ticket of membership.

JOHN WOODMAN, F.R.C.S. } Acting Honorary  
LOUIS TOSSWILL, M.B. } Secretaries.  
2, Chichester Place, Southernhay, Exeter, June 9th, 1873.

### NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Belvoir Hotel, Rhyl, on Tuesday, July 8th, at 1 P.M.; R. DAVIES, Esq., of Llanfair-talhaiarn, President.

The dinner will be at 4 P.M. Tickets, including waiters and dessert, 7s. 6d. each.

Members who have cases to report or papers to read, and those who intend dining, will please to communicate, as soon as possible, with the undersigned.

D. KENT JONES, Honorary Secretary.

Beaumaris, June 9th, 1873.

### YORKSHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Museum of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, York, on Wednesday, May 28th; S. W. NORTH, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT delivered an address on some sanitary topics.

*Report of Council.*—Dr. PROCTER, the Local Secretary, read the report. The Council, in the first instance, drew attention to the Medical Reform Bill now before Parliament, and urged the members to support it, as it involved many of those principles the recognition of which the Association had long exerted their influence to obtain, and which had been seconded by the efforts of this Branch. In relation to local matters, it was stated that the establishment of three meetings of the Branch at one of the large towns comprised within its limits, instead of two as heretofore, had been attended with most successful results. The meetings at Scarborough and Huddersfield, in addition to the annual one at Leeds, had been numerously attended, had been supplied with valuable practical papers, and had led to an increase of members. At the last annual meeting, the Council reported that the number of Branch members were 176; they now amounted to 188, 18 having been added during the year, whilst the vacancies occasioned by deaths and resignations

were six. The Council thanked Mr. Wheelhouse for the eminent services which he had rendered the Branch during the year as President, and the means which he had taken to advance its progress; and recommended that Dr. M. Martin de Bartolomé of Sheffield be president for 1874-75. The report, in conclusion, endeavoured to show the importance of the exertion of each individual member to endeavour to add to the strength of the Association.

*Council.*—Mr. S. HEY moved, and Dr. HEATON seconded, the adoption of the report, and proposed that the following gentlemen constitute the Council and Representatives for the year. *Council.*—York : B. Dodsworth, Esq.; W. D. Husband, Esq.; W. Matterson, M.D.; F. Needham, M.D.; S. W. North, Esq.; G. Shann, M.D. Leeds : T. C. Allbutt, M.D.; C. Chadwick, M.D.; J. D. Heaton, M.D.; S. Hey, Esq.; T. R. Jessop, Esq.; T. P. Teale, Esq.; T. Scattergood, Esq.; C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq. Sheffield : M. Martin de Bartolomé, M.D.; J. Benson, Esq.; W. F. Favell, Esq.; J. C. Hall, M.D.; A. Jackson, Esq.; J. H. Keeling, M.D. Bradford : R. H. Meade, Esq. Scarborough : R. T. E. B. Cooke, Esq. Wakefield : S. Holdsworth, M.D. *Representatives in the General Council.* : T. C. Allbutt, M.D.; W. F. Favell, Esq.; J. C. Hall, M.D.; J. D. Heaton, M.D.; A. Jackson, Esq.; W. Matterson, M.D.; G. Shann, M.D.; T. P. Teale, Esq.; C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq.

*Secretary.*—On the motion of Mr. WHEELHOUSE, seconded by Dr. MATTERTON, Dr. Procter was re-elected Secretary.

*Autumnal Meeting.*—It was announced by the Chairman that the autumnal meeting of the Branch would be held at Wakefield.

*Communications.*—The following communications were made. Mr. Jessop on a Successful Case of Colotomy. Dr. Clifford Allbutt on some Cases of Vertigo. Mr. Draper on a case of Scirrhous of the Pylorus. Mr. Witten on the Non-alcoholic Treatment of Disease.

*Dinner.*—After the meeting, forty members dined together at the Station Hotel.

#### SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH : ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Branch, which numbers 102 members, was held at the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, June 5th; Dr. BRYAN, President, in the Chair. Refreshments were provided by Dr. Bryan in the ante-room. There were twenty-four members and visitors present.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT gave an address, referring to his long connection with the Parent Association, viz., nearly forty years, and to the interest which he had always taken in it. He spoke of the object and value of the Association in increasing the power and usefulness of the medical profession; in cultivating and warming the social faculties of its members; in inspiring them with a greater love for their arduous calling; in exciting a higher ambition to maintain its dignity and contribute to its advancement; and in making the members better acquainted with each other, and producing increased pleasure and regard. The meetings were important as regarded science, and also agreeable in bringing together members of the profession who would otherwise only be known to each other by name. This produced a friendly feeling, and formed a bond of union. Dr. Bryan hoped that the approaching meeting in the metropolis would prove a great success (of this he had little doubt), and that a considerable number of the South Midland Branch would be present at the same time. He also hoped that each associate would take more interest in the Association, and in his particular locality obtain recruits, so as to increase and keep up its numbers. He referred to the Health of Towns and other Acts, and said that they had been well overlooked by the Representatives in the Parliamentary Committee, of which he was a member deputed by the South Midland Branch.

*New Members.*—The following were elected. David Thomson, M.D. (Higham Ferrers); Henry Gordon Cartwright, Esq. (Bugbrooke); Charles Lewis, Esq. (Northampton Infirmary); John Turner, M.D. (Northampton).

*Officers and Council.*—The following were elected for 1873-74. *President-elect.* : Robert De'ath, Esq. (Buckingham). *Committee of Management.* : F. Buszard, M.D.; W. C. Daniell, Esq.; C. J. Evans, Esq.; John Farmer, Esq.; G. Harday, Esq.; E. Prior, M.D.; H. Terry, jun., Esq.; R. W. Watkins, Esq. *Representatives in the General Council.* : Robert Ceely, Esq.; D. J. T. Francis, M.D.; A. D. Mackay, M.B.; W. Newman, M.D.; H. Terry, jun., Esq. *Honorary Secretaries.* : J. M. Bryan, M.D.; W. Moxon, Esq. *Treasurer.* : J. M. Bryan, M.D. *Representative to Parliamentary Committee.* : J. M. Bryan, M.D.

*Conjoint Meeting.*—It was proposed by H. TERRY, jun., Esq.,

seconded by Dr. PRIOR, and resolved—“That a conjoint meeting of the Cam'bridge and Huntingdon, East Anglian, and South Midland Branches be held at Cambridge in 1874, under the presidency of Professor Humphry.”

*Papers.*—The following papers were read.

1. Dr. Newman : On Forcible Flexion of Crippled Joints. Remarks were made by Drs. Prior and Buszard, and Messrs. Mash, Harday, Hemming, and Collier.

2. Dr. Mackay : On Puerperal Convulsions successfully treated by Chloral Hydrate.

3. Mr. G. P. Goldsmith : On Secondary Haemorrhage after Parturition.

*Autumnal Meeting.*—It was agreed that the autumnal meeting be held at Oundle in September or October.

*Dinner.*—The members dined together at the George Hotel. Dr. Bryan in the Chair; Dr. Mackay in the Vice-chair.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AND SIR T. G. LOGAN'S "MEMORANDUM."

SIR,—Now that the memorandum given to members of Parliament other than Dr. Playfair has been published, permit us to point out the inaccuracies of this attempt to explain away the pecuniary rights, prestige, and status of the members of your profession in the army.

Clauses 6, 17, and 21 of the Royal Warrant, 1st October, 1858, solemnly guaranteeing to us as only a first recognition of our services, the right to promotion by seniority of “professionally and physically competent,” the right that our relative rank should “carry with it all precedence and advantages attaching to the rank with which it corresponds,” and the further provision that retirement should, for “the efficiency of the service,” take place after the completion of fixed periods of service, would be of themselves sufficient answer to this most extraordinary document; for the withdrawal of rights and privileges once granted cannot be explained away, being unjust, unprecedented, and a direct break of contract.

It seems extraordinary that one officer of the Army Medical Department should take upon himself to explain away rights and privileges granted in 1858, upon the recommendation of such men as Mr. Sidney Herbert, Sir Henry Storks, Sir Andrew Smith, Thomas Alexander, Sir Ranald Martin, Sir James Clark, Sir Thomas Phillips, Mr. Augustus Stafford, and Dr. Sutherland, F.R.S., the members of the committee upon whose report the Army Medical Department was re-organised and medical officers liberated, whenever possible, “from all duties not strictly professional—a change indispensably necessary for the efficiency of the medical officers in order to enable them to devote more time to the higher duties of their profession, and the better to perform the sanitary duties with which we have now charged them” (Sidney Herbert to General Peel, Secretary at War, 9th July, 1858).

When the so-called unification of the Army Medical Department was advocated, principally on the grounds of economy, army medical officers naturally looked forward to increased pay and allowances as being only a just recompense for increased duties and responsibility. The reverse has happened, and the anomaly, unknown in civil life, has occurred of increasing duties and withdrawing at the same time pay, allowances, and privileges.

For the following reasons, the medical officers of the army have always held that their services should receive special recognition on the part of the State.

a. Because by their exertion the mortality and sickness in the army have been largely reduced in amount, thus rendering that army more efficient and easily recruited, and in this way leading to large pecuniary savings.

b. Because their pay and allowances are given in full of all demands; they, unlike other officers of the army, having no share in the host of lucrative staff appointments.

c. Because, being professional military officers, sharing with the soldier all the casualties and vicissitudes of war as evidenced in every campaign, they should be entitled to the same honours and rewards as their so-called combatant brother officers, and, in recognition of their profession, receive, as do the Royal Engineers, extra pay and allowances for professional work.

d. Because, by entering upon the study of medicine, preparatory to competing for a medical commission in the army, they must lose at least four years' service towards pay, promotion, and pension, in consequence of having to enter at a later age.

partly from the attempt, on the side of certain ladies, to carry out mixed education. Either we must have ladies' colleges, or we must have certain classes taught separately. Ladies ought to be instructed in hospitals for women and children, or in the female wards of general hospitals. The diseases of males could be taught in children's hospitals, and in children's wards of general hospitals. There is no doubt that in England ladies will practise amongst women and children, and will neither shock themselves nor adult males by unseemly examinations or operations.

I call upon my male professional brethren to extend a helping hand towards our female brethren, and I should feel pleased to see an invitation to become a member of the British Medical Association sent to Dr. Garrett-Anderson, at the annual meeting that will shortly take place.—I am, etc.,

FREDERICK J. BROWN, M.D.

Rochester, June 7th, 1873.

\* \* \* Mrs. Garrett-Anderson was unanimously elected a member of the British Medical Association, and of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, at a meeting of the Branch Council, on February 28th. Her nomination paper was signed by Dr. R. Barnes, Dr. Charlton Bastian, Dr. Billing, Dr. Andrew Clark, Mr. Critchett, Dr. Murchison, Sir James Paget, Dr. Priestley, Dr. Tyler Smith, and Dr. A. P. Stewart.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

### THE TESTIMONIAL TO DR. DRUITT, LATE EDITOR OF "THE MEDICAL TIMES AND GAZETTE".

At a meeting of the General Committee held June 7th—Sir William Fergusson in the chair—the proceedings in respect to this fund were brought to an end. It will be remembered that the subscription was opened in order to testify the sense of the community of the public services rendered by Dr. Druitt during a series of years as a medical journalist, and in sympathy with the circumstances of his premature retirement from active work under the stroke of a severe illness. At the first meeting, held last year appropriate resolutions were passed, and a Subcommittee was appointed to carry them out. The Subcommittee now reported that one hundred and seven well known members of the profession had joined the Committee, and that a sum of £1,284 had been subscribed. Of this sum, £45 : 17 had been expended in the purchase of a suitably inscribed silver cup, to be presented to Dr. Druitt; and there were £1,215 in hand, the balance of £23 : 16 : 11 representing the total expenses of printing, postage, etc. It was resolved at this meeting to place a cheque for the amount thus in hand to the credit of the account of Dr. Druitt, who is now in India. A letter was read from Dr. Druitt, expressing a grateful sense of the kindness of his friends, and his satisfaction at being thought in any measure worthy of it. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, Treasurer (Mr. Walton), and Honorary Secretary of the Fund (Mr. A. T. Norton).

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 5th, 1873.

Davis, Harry, Callington, Cornwall.  
Pain, Tertius d'Oyly, Middlesborough, Yorkshire  
West, Rowland Hill, Chippenham, Wiltshire

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his primary professional examination.

Potter, Henry Percy, St. Thomas's Hospital

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**BECKETT INFIRMARY**, Barnsley—House-Surgeon: £140 per annum, furnished rooms, etc.  
**BELLINGHAM UNION**, Northumberland—Medical Officer for District No. 4: £12 per annum.

**BETHNAL GREEN**, Parish of—Medical Officer to the Schools at Leytonstone: £100 per annum.

**BLOOMSBURY DISPENSARY**, Great Russell Street—Resident Medical Officer.  
**BRIDGWATER RURAL AND URBAN SANITARY DISTRICTS**—Medical Officer of Health: £150 per annum, and private practice.

**BRISTOL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**—House-Surgeon.  
**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**—Public Analyst. Applications to Acton Tindal, Esq., Aylesbury.

**BUCKS COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Assistant Medical Officer: £80 first year, £100 per annum afterwards, board, and furnished apartments. Applications to Acton Tindal, Esq., Aylesbury.

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

**CLAYTON HOSPITAL AND WAKEFIELD GENERAL DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, residence, attendance, coals, and gas.

**COUNTY OF CARMARTHEN INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, lodging, coal, and candles.

**DERBYSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications to Samuel Whitaker, Esq., 4, Victoria Street, Derby.  
**DRIFFIELD UNION**, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Wetwang District: £21 per annum, and fees.

**HARRIS**—Parochial Medical Officer. Applications to John Cunningham, Esq., Rodel, Harris, by Stornoway.

**H.M.'S INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE**—Eleven Surgeons.

**HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN**, Soho Square—Assistant Physician.

**KANTURK UNION**, co. Cork—Apothecary to the Newmarket Dispensary: £40 per annum. Applications to George Smith, Esq., Newmarket.

**KEIGHLEY** Rural, and Bingley, Haworth, Oakworth, and Oxenope Urban, Sanitary Districts, combined—Medical Officer of Health: £200 for one year. Applications to George Spencer, Esq., Keighley.

**LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY**—House-Physician: £100 per annum, board, furnished apartments, and washing.

**LIMERICK UNION**—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Clarina Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.

Applications to Jeremiah O'Grady, Esq., Ballybrone, Patrick's Well.

**LISMORE UNION**, co. Waterford—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Cappoquin Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.

**MERIDEN**, Rugby, Solihull, and Warwick Rural, and Lillington, Milverton, Rugby, and Warwick Urban Sanitary Districts, combined: £800 per annum.

Applications to H. Consett Passman, Esq., Leamington.

**NEWBURY UNION**, Berks—Medical Officer for District No. 1: £170 per annum, and fees.

**ROSS RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £60 p. ann.

**ROOTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY**—Resident House-Surgeon: £120 per annum, board, and furnished apartments.

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**, Gray's Inn Road—Junior House-Surgeon.

**ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL**, Bath—House-Surgeon: £60 per annum, board, and residence.

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL**—Assistant Dispenser: £100 per annum.

**ST. GEORGE'S URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**, Bristol—Medical Officer of Health: £50 per annum.

**ST. GEORGE DISPENSARY**, Mount Street—Resident Medical Officer: £170 per annum, and residence.

**ST. GEORGE AND ST. JAMES DISPENSARY**, King Street, Regent Street—Accoucheur.

**ST. MARYLEBONE**—Medical Officer for the All Souls and Cavendish Districts: £120 per annum.

**ST. PANCRAS**—Dispenser at the Workhouse and King's Road Dispensary.

**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL**—Demonstrator of Anatomy.

**SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon: £140 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.

**STOCKTON UNION**—Medical Officer for the Norton District: £50 per annum, and fees.

**STRAND UNION**—Dispenser: £78 per annum. Applications to John Jeffrey, Esq., 6, Bow Street.

**SURREY DISPENSARY**, Great Dover Street—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, and coal. Applications to R. G. Minshull Jones, Esq., 190, Tooley Street.

**SUSSEX**—Public Analyst. Applications to W. J. K. Langridge, Lewes.

**TORMOHAM AND ST. MARY-CHURCH LOCAL BOARD**—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum.

**TRAINING HOSPITAL**, Tottenham—Physician.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

**BLAKE, J. French**, Esq., appointed House-Physician to the Charing Cross Hospital, vice A. W. Orwin, Esq., whose term of office had expired.

**CAUTLIE, James**, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the Charing Cross Hospital, vice P. W. Delamotte, Esq., appointed Resident Accoucheur.

**DAVY, Richard**, Esq., appointed Lecturer on Anatomy at the Westminster Hospital, vice G. Legge Pearse, Esq., resigned.

**DELAMOTTE, Peter W.**, Esq., appointed Resident Accoucheur to the Charing Cross Hospital, vice J. Ffrench Blake, Esq., appointed House-Physician.

**GODFRAY, Amiraux**, Esq., appointed Ophthalmic House-Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, Charing Cross.

**LAIRD, John, L.K.Q.C.P.I.** (late Resident Surgeon to the Bootle Hospital and Dispensary, Liverpool), appointed Medical Officer to Sligo Dispensary District, in the room of R. K. Lynn, M.B., deceased.

### 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.*

#### BIRTH.

**STEELE**.—On June 10th, at Clifton Villa, Clifton, the wife of \*Charles Steele, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

**DOUGLASS—NEWTON**. At the Parish Church of Lancaster, on June 4th, by the Rev. Moorhouse Thompson, M.A., uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. Douglass, B.A., brother of the bridegroom, and the Rev. J. Dingle, M.A., Vicar of the Parish. \*George Douglass, M.D., to Susanna Ruth, eldest daughter of Joseph Newton, Esq., both of Gateshead. No cards.

**HART—BUTLER**.—On June 10th, at the Parish Church, Widford, by the Rev. Canon Butler, Vicar of Penrith, uncle to the bride, assisted by the Rev. William Buswell, Rector, \*Walter HART, Surgeon, of Great Baddow, Essex, to Mary Frances, fourth daughter of William Slatter BUTLER, Esq., of Widford, Chelmsford, Essex.

#### DEATH.

**NICHOLSON, John**, Esq., Surgeon, at Sheffield, aged 75, on June 3rd.

## 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.

**FRIDAY**.—Medical Microscopical Society, 8 p.m. Mr. Jabez Hogg, "On the Pathological Relations of Diphtheria and Croup."

## 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.

MR. KENT JONES (Beaumaris).—It is promised in about a week.

MR. LAWSON TAIT.—Duly received.

## INTERNAL USE OF PHOSPHORUS.

SIR.—Will any of your readers who have prescribed the phosphorus pearls mentioned by Dr. Broadbent, be so good as to inform me if they have observed any peculiar appearance in the stools of their patients? A patient of mine has improved greatly while taking these phosphorus pearls; but his stools are of the colour of boiled asparagus, and very offensive. I am, etc., O. P.

## AN EXPLANATION OF THE SCANDALOUS AND LIBELOUS ALLEGATIONS IN DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED RELATIVE TO DR. FORBES WINSLOW.

SIR.—After some hesitation, I have come to the conclusion that I cannot allow the scandalous and libellous printed documents which have recently been circulated, with the evident intention of injuring and annoying me, to pass wholly unnoticed. The subject is, however, so peculiar and delicate, that I find much difficulty in making the matter intelligible without going into further details of a strictly private character, and this I certainly shall not at present be induced to do. I must, consequently, content myself with saying that the husband of the lady whose name is most unjustifiably made use of in the documents is, and always has been, a perfect stranger to me. I have never even seen him, nor have I ever written to, or received any letter from him.

Nearly twelve years ago, I was requested to see professionally the lady who had then recently left her husband's house, and was residing with her mother. She was suffering from an attack of acute melancholia. She remained under my care for about a year and a half, when she recovered. During the lengthened time she was under my treatment, and for many years after I had ceased to attend her, my mouth was hermetically sealed, except to her own mother, as to the nature of her illness, as well as to the sad domestic circumstances which surrounded the case.

After the lapse of six or seven years, I was spoken to by the mother of the lady relative to some proceedings which, I was informed, were contemplated in the Divorce Court, but I did not see the lady to whom I have before referred on that subject. My communications were solely with her mother and her solicitor. I had nothing to do with these intended proceedings, beyond explaining the evidence I could give if called as a witness.

I heard nothing further on the subject until, some years afterwards, I was unfortunately asked to meet, at the house of a medical friend, a widow lady, the sister of the husband to whom I have referred. In the drawing-room of the physician at whose house I had been dining, this lady, in the presence of a number of strangers, addressed me in a most offensive manner in reference to the cause of her brother and his wife not living together, and, by her remarks and manner, appeared to imply that I had interfered in the matter, and was the cause of the separation. This I indignantly denied; but the lady, not being satisfied with my emphatic repudiation of the charge, repeated with warmth her remarks, and asked me why the wife did not return to her husband. Feeling intensely irritated at being so unjustly and offensively attacked in a private room, I said, "if you want to know the reason, don't ask me, ask the wife herself"; and I then (what I immediately afterwards regretted) alluded to the nature of the case which the mother told me was proposed to be set up in the Divorce Court.

I heard nothing more of the matter for nearly a year. I then received an applica-

tion from a solicitor on behalf of the husband, asking me to apologise for observations I was said to have made in reference to himself. I replied that the charge was false, and that I had nothing to apologise for. I subsequently referred him to my solicitor, and an action for alleged slander was commenced against me.

In that action, my solicitor obtained an order upon summons for particulars of the persons to whom it was alleged that I had defamed the plaintiff. Particulars were delivered, with the names of two well known members of the medical profession, who, upon being applied to by myself as well as by the plaintiff's solicitor, denied that I had ever made the slightest reference to the subject to them, thus showing that their names had been very unwarrantably introduced into the case.

The plaintiff in the action, instead of taking the matter before a jury, in which case he would have had to prove his complaints by evidence, thought it right to have the validity of the pleadings first discussed before the judges *in banc*. Upon that discussion, judgment was given in my favour upon two of the three counts of the plaintiff's declaration; and, as respects the third count, the judges held that, *if established by evidence*, the plaintiff would be entitled to recover damages.

A few days after this decision, and without any further communication with me or my solicitors, the plaintiff voluntarily and formally discontinued his action, and submitted to pay the costs of it, which costs were subsequently taxed, and the action thus ended. This was in May 1872. I heard nothing further of the matter until the month of May 1873, when the scandalous documents to which I have referred were, in disregard of all propriety and decency, circulated not only amongst the medical profession, but to others.

I do not desire to dwell upon this extraordinary proceeding: nor do I, for the reasons to which I have referred, think it right to be drawn into further details upon such a delicate and painful subject. I content myself with the undoubted fact that I was fully prepared to defend the action referred to, but was precluded from doing so before a jury by the discontinuance, on the part of the plaintiff, of the suit, without my consent being asked or obtained.

Cavendish Square, June 10th. I am, etc., FORBES WINSLOW, M.D.

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WILL you, in your next issue, kindly answer the following:—"Is a medical man compelled by law to give a certificate of death of a patient upon whom he has been attending previous to such event?"—S.

\*.\* Not in England, unless specially requested to do so by the registrar within eight days after such death; when so requested, it is a misdemeanour to refuse.

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