

In this case the points which appear to me most worthy of note are : 1. Vaccination ran its course during the period of incubation of small-pox. 2. The small-pox following said vaccination was decidedly of what is usually regarded as the unprotected type. 3. Although it was complicated with the parturient and puerperal states, the patient has recovered from small-pox.

The important question arises, although variola in this instance was of the unprotected type, may it not have been mitigated by the cow-pox, which ran its course during the period of incubation?

ROBERT COWIE, M.A., M.D., Lerwick, N.B.

SELECTIONS FROM JOURNALS.

THERAPEUTICS.

TINCTURE OF DIGITALIS AND CHLORAL HYDRATE IN DELIRIUM TREMENS.—Dr. E. Chenery (*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, October 16, 1873) records the case of a Scotchman aged 35, who, when first seen, had neither taken food nor slept for nearly a week, during which time he had been on a continuous debauch. His mind was greatly agitated, his muscular system in a state of unrest, and his pulse feeble and frequent. A strong mustard plaster was applied to the pit of his stomach; fifteen grains of chloral were given; and, in twenty minutes, twenty drops of the tincture of digitalis. These were retained; and, in ten minutes, thirty grains of chloral were administered, and were followed by three hours of refreshing sleep. A raw egg and some milk were then given, with another portion of digitalis, and in a short time thirty grains more of chloral. This time he passed off into a sleep of many hours, from which he awoke much relieved. Small doses of digitalis were continued for several days, partly to reduce the pulse, but principally for the sake of the eliminative action on the kidneys.

TRAUMATIC TETANUS SUCCESSFULLY TREATED WITH CALABAR BEAN.—Dr. J. A. Durcan (*Chicago Medical Journal*, November 1873) used Calabar bean in a severe case of traumatic tetanus, after large doses of opium, chloral, ether, belladonna, and bromide of potassium, had been given without benefit. A tincture of the bean was used, containing one grain of the powdered drug to four minims of the menstruum. Fourteen drops were given at once, and subsequently nine drops every two hours. In four hours, a troublesome spasmodic contraction of the neck of the bladder was overcome, a quart of urine was passed voluntarily, and the pulse fell from 104 to 80. The patient's general condition, however, remained about the same. The remedy was continued in doses of eight drops every three hours for fifteen days, when, as there was not much change for the better, fifteen drops were given every three hours for the entire day. The following day—the twentieth of the disease—the patient was able to leave his bed, ate with great appetite, and from that time progressed steadily to complete recovery.

SURGERY.

GUN-SHOT WOUND OF THE HEAD.—Dr. T. P. Prewitt (*St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal*, November 1873) reports the case of a man aged 32, who, in endeavouring to shoot himself, inflicted a wound a little to the left of the median line of the forehead, and about an inch and a half above the supraorbital ridge. The man suffered somewhat from irritability of the stomach, nausea, and vomiting; but this condition was relieved by chloral and morphia. He was kept quiet, and in five weeks was discharged from the hospital greatly improved. About a year afterwards, he came under observation again, complaining of great headache, involuntary discharges of urine, and general *malaise*. He sank gradually, became semi-comatose, and died of asthenia. On the *post mortem* examination, the bullet was found encysted, lying near the anterior border of the left lobe of the cerebrum, on the under surface of which was a large sac filled with pus. There were evidences of inflammation of the brain and dura mater in the neighbourhood of the ball.

TWO NEW METHODS OF RECTAL LITHOTOMY.—Dr. Theodore Schaffer (*Vierteljahrsschrift für die prakt. Heilkunde*) describes two new methods of lithotomy, which he calls, 1. recto-vesical lithotomy; 2. recto-urethro-prostatic lithotomy. By the recto-vesical lithotomy, we penetrate directly into the bladder. This operation is performed in five stages. The first comprises the preliminary dilatation of the rectum and bladder. The dilatation of the rectum is intended to facilitate the access of instruments. It is effected by the aid of Sims's

speculum, slightly modified. The rectal walls are further separated by means of hooks of metal wire. The dilatation of the bladder is intended to increase the projection which its base forms in the rectum, to separate laterally the seminal vesicles, and thus to remove them from the field of operation, and finally to elevate the peritoneal *cul-de-sac* which is thus protected. This dilatation is obtained by injection of air, or, preferably, of carbonic acid gas, the latter being better borne. When the bladder is very irritable, this injection of gas is not made until after the patient has been placed under chloroform. In the second stage, dissecting forceps are applied above the base of the prostate. The rectal mucous membrane is pinched up transversely, and the fold longitudinally incised. In the third stage, the muscular layer of the rectum is similarly divided. In the fourth, the prostatic perineal aponeurosis is seized, drawn through the rectal wound, and divided longitudinally, after it has been ascertained that the incision will not affect either the seminal vesicles or the deferent canals. In the fifth stage, the base of the bladder (examined first with the same precaution) is longitudinally incised by the aid of scissors, which are conducted along a groove in the catheter. The incision is made to an extent proportional to the presumed size of the stone, but always taking care not to injure the peritoneum. The stone can then be extracted. A few points of suture are then applied by a form of needle invented and described by the author as greatly facilitating the operation. The second method is named by the author lateral recto-prostatic lithotomy. It is especially applicable to young subjects, with a view to avoid injuring the peritoneal *cul-de-sac*, which in them descends very low. As in the first method, the bladder and rectum are first dilated; the catheter is then introduced into the bladder. The sound may easily be felt in the membranous part of the urethra, and the prostate explored. Half a centimeter below the border of this organ, a fold is caught by a strong forceps, including the mucous and muscular layers of the rectum. When once all the layers of the rectum are divided, small oblique incisions are made at the extremities of this wound, in such wise as to form a rounded flap convex below. This flap is lifted up, then dissected. The membranous portion of the urethra is then reached, which is divided, as well as the prostate, to an extent proportionate to the supposed extent of the stone. Some points of suture are then applied to the prostate and the flap, which falls back and applies itself to the spot by its own weight. The author considers the application of suture very important in these cases, to avoid fistulæ. In the operations of rectal lithotomy, where the parts divided have thus been brought together, cure was obtained once in eight days, and once in eleven days, without leaving any fistula.

PATHOLOGY.

CYSTICERCUS IN THE BRAIN: ABSENCE OF SYMPTOMS.—Meschede (*Deutsche Klinik*, No. 32, 1873, and *Centralblatt für die Med. Wissenschaft.*, December 13) describes the necroscopic appearances found in the brain of a man aged 38, who had suffered for some years from heart-disease and a chronic frontal affection (the nature of which is not stated), but had never manifested any mental disturbance or other symptom of disease of the brain. On the convex surface of the cerebrum, embedded in the cortical substance, were three hydatids about the size of peas; and, by microscopic examination, many of the ganglionic cells in their immediate neighbourhood were found in a state of fatty degeneration. Dr. Meschede remarks that the absence of symptoms gives a special interest to this case, in contrast with others in which the severest mental disturbance and dangerous nervous diseases have attended the presence of cysticerci in the brain.

REPORTS AND ANALYSES

AND

DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW INVENTIONS

IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, DIETETICS, AND THE ALLIED SCIENCES.

AROMATIC CANDLES.

MESSRS. FIELD have introduced a novelty in the form of candles impregnated with aromatic substances—benzoic acid, styrax, etc.—which is at once ingenious and attractive. The air around is quickly impregnated with balsamic vapours; and it may be expected that thus relief will be afforded in many cases of irritation of the pulmonary mucous membrane and bronchial spasm. The idea is one which is creditable to the ingenuity of the manufacturers, and we hope it may be largely tried and found generally useful.

it. I called upon Mr. Walker, and told him every particular, and asked him to call, as by accident, as she positively refuses to call in a doctor; but I thought I should like to be on the safe side. She fainted soon after I came, and really she is so feeble that I should not care for all the responsibility. Whether she were suffering from simple or complicated disease, I will write you to-morrow; perhaps she may be better—it seemed all bile with the apple that she vomited.

Yours devotedly, POLLIE.

Take care of the house, and let me find you have been a good housekeeper; I will come back as soon as she is well enough to be left comfortably.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the Branch will be held at the York House, Bath, on Thursday evening, January 22nd, at 7 o'clock; E. LONG FOX, M.D., President.

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

Bath, January 1874.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH. 1

AN ordinary meeting of this Branch will be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Friday, January 30th, at 8 P.M., when Mr. W. H. Michael will read a paper on "The Public Health Act (1872): its defects and suggested amendments."

A. P. STEWART, M.D. }
ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*

London, January 13th, 1874.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

MR. G. TURNER JONES of Denbigh, treasurer of this Branch, has, on account of his ill health, been ordered to the South of France for six months. During his absence, Mr. D. Kent Jones of Beaumaris, honorary secretary, will act as treasurer of the Branch.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1874.

PRESCOTT HEWETT, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Business of the Annual Meeting.—Dr. J. C. J. Fenwick and Mr. E. Venning having been appointed scrutineers of the ballot for officers and members of Council, declared the election by the meeting of the gentlemen whose names were proposed by the Council for the several offices (a list of the names appears at another page).—Dr. SOUTHEY, honorary secretary, read the annual report of the Council.—Dr. THOROWGOOD moved that the report be received.—Dr. CAYLEY seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. GREENHOW moved that the following new rules and alterations in the existing rules be made. In place of additional Rule III—

"Every non-resident member elected prior to January 9th, 1874, shall be entitled either to purchase the *Transactions* of the Society at prime cost, or, on payment of a composition fee of two guineas, to have delivered to him at any place in the United Kingdom, without further expense, a copy of every volume of the Society's *Transactions* which may be published subsequently to such payment.

"Every non-resident member of the Society elected subsequently to January 9th, 1874, shall be entitled, on payment of the sum of three guineas in addition to the usual admission fee, to have delivered to him at any place in the United Kingdom, without further expense, one copy of every volume of the Society's *Transactions* which may be published subsequently to such payment.

"Every resident member of the Society who may become non-resident shall be entitled, on payment of the sum of three guineas, to have delivered to him at any place in the United Kingdom, without further expense, one copy of every volume of the Society's *Transactions* which may be published subsequently to such payment."

Mr. CALLENDER seconded the proposition, which, after discussion by Dr. J. E. POLLOCK and Dr. C. T. WILLIAMS, was adopted.—Mr. B. CARTER moved that "The Laws of the Society, with the additions

just made, be codified afresh, and published in the next volume of the Society's *Transactions*."—The proposition was seconded by Dr. BUZZARD, and carried unanimously.

Mr. B. CARTER, in an eloquent speech, moved that the thanks of the Society be given to the retiring officers.—Dr. J. E. POLLOCK seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Sarcoma by the Orbit cured by Actual and Potential Caustery.—

Mr. BRUDENELL CARTER exhibited a patient, of whose case he gave the following account. L. C., a girl aged 12, was brought to St. George's Hospital, on March 5th, 1872, on account of a rapidly growing tumour, occupying the upper part of the left orbit, and displacing the eye outwards and downwards. It was removed on the following day; but was found, on microscopic examination, to present the characters of spindle-celled sarcoma. In six weeks it returned; and a second attempt at its removal was unsuccessful, as the new growth was very soft, had no defined limits, and seemed to infiltrate all the tissues of the orbit, and to extend far back towards the apex. On May 2nd, the eyelids, eye, and the whole contents of the orbit, were removed; and the cavity, after being carefully dried with a hot iron, was lined with chloride of zinc (Fell's) paste, in the manner successfully practised by Mr. Lawson. The bones of the orbit were thrown off by exfoliation, the sides of the cavity have skinned over, except where there is exposed mucous membrane at its apex, and there has been no return of the disease. The girl is strong and healthy, and may fairly be considered cured. Mr. Carter said he believed there was no other instance on record of the application of this treatment to a quickly growing malignant tumour in a young subject; and he urged that the facts supported the view that malignant disease was essentially and originally local. In confirmation of this opinion, he cited a case that he had formerly published, of the removal of an eye containing a gliomatous tumour of the retina, the patient being still alive and well, and with no return of the disease, twelve years after the operation. He also mentioned the case of a child with glioma of both retinae, from whom the right eye was removed in infancy, to determine the nature of the disease. The parents were then urged to permit the removal of the left eye also, but they refused. The glioma of the left eye remained stationary for more than three years, after which time it grew rapidly, and was eventually removed too late, having already spread along the optic nerve to the brain. On the right side no return of the disease had taken place, and the right optic nerve had wasted into a fibrous cord. Mr. Carter admitted the facilities for the complete removal of morbid growths, which were afforded by the anatomical conditions of the orbit and the eyeball; but urged that surgeons should aim at early and complete removal in other portions of the body. A section of the growth, removed from the patient shown, was placed under a microscope for the inspection of the members of the Society. The patient was exhibited to the meeting.—The PRESIDENT thanked Mr. Carter for his paper, and remarked that it seemed to show that, if the surgeon happened to catch the case at a sufficiently early period, he might hope to eradicate the disease by operation. He believed also that the most successful cases had been those in which, as in Mr. Carter's case, the whole of the contents of the orbit had been removed.—Mr. H. ARNOTT inquired if it was a fact, in Mr. Carter's fatal case, that, for three years after the removal of the right eye, the growth in the left eye remained *in statu quo* before beginning to grow.—Mr. CARTER replied that it was so. The growth was not on the optic nerve, but scattered in two or three patches over the retina. Certainly, the child was not seen for the three years, but it was said to have been well during that time by its parents. Upon being seen, the left conjunctiva was found injected. There was no discoloration or derangement of the iris; the retinal growth could not be seen, so that it was not positively known if it had increased. It seemed to have been passive during three years, and then grew rapidly from that time.—Mr. T. SMITH remarked that the old division of growths into malignant and non-malignant was being daily broken into. These tumours of the orbit occupied a peculiar position, from the fact that the circulation of the orbit was not so closely connected with the general circulation of the body as was the circulation of most other parts. He thought there was every degree of malignancy in tumours, from the most benign to the most malignant. One could scarcely argue from the ocular growths to tumours elsewhere situate, as cancer in the female breast. Cancers even varied. Some were simply locally malignant, and would not return after removal; others most certainly appeared at the original site and in other parts of the body. For example, in cases of melanotic cancer, the surgeon felt that, at however early period of the disease he might operate, and however small the growth removed might be, the patient was almost sure to be in his grave in two years. Other cancers would scarcely return in years, or perhaps not at all. He had seen even a fatty tumour return after removal, manifesting a certain degree of local malignancy.—Mr. ARNOLD

MEDICAL NEWS.

THE LONDON SOCIETIES.

THE following are the new office-bearers of the principal London Societies which at this time of the year renew their "bureaux". The gentlemen whose names are marked with an asterisk (*) were not on the Council, or did not hold the same office during the preceding year.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—President: Sir William Jenner, Bart., M.D., K.C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S. Vice-Presidents: *L. S. Beale, M.B., F.R.S., W. Howship Dickinson, M.D., *C. J. Hare, M.D., J. Burdon Sanderson, M.D., F.R.S., J. Hilton, F.R.S., *C. Holthouse, J. W. Hulke, F.R.S., John Wood, F.R.S. Treasurer: C. Murchison, M.D., F.R.S. Honorary Secretaries: W. Cayley, M.D., H. Arnott. Council: *H. H. Cruicknell, M.B., J. Langton H. Down, M.D., A. B. Duffin, M.D., *C. Kelly, M.D., *A. Leared, M.D., *J. W. Legg, M.D., F. W. Pavy, M.D., F.R.S., J. F. Payne, B.A., M.B., *A. Julius Pollock, M.D., R. D. Powell, M.D., *P. H. Pye-Smith, M.D., W. M. Baker, W. F. Clarke, M.A., *M. Berkeley Hill, M.B., H. J. H. Lawrence, F. Mason, H. Cooper Rose, M.D., Henry Smith, *W. W. Wagstaffe, B.A., John Way, M.D.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—President: Prescott G. Hewett. Vice-Presidents: *G. Johnson, M.D., F.R.S., A. P. Stewart, M.D., H. Weber, M.D., G. W. Callender, F.R.S., J. Cooper Forster, T. Holmes. Treasurer: E. H. Greenhow, M.D., F.R.S. Council: J. Andrew, M.D., T. Buzzard, M.D., *W. Cayley, M.D., *W. S. Church, M.D., W. Cholmeley, M.D., E. Clapton, M.D., *W. H. Dickinson, M.D., A. B. Duffin, M.D., A. Meadows, M.D., *W. Moxon, M.D., *R. D. Powell, M.D., H. Arnott, R. Barwell, R. B. Carter, *J. Couper, J. C. Langmore, M.B., *G. Lawson, *A. T. Norton, T. W. Nunn, S. W. Sibley, A. Willett. Honorary Secretaries: R. Southey, M.D., *T. P. Pick. Trustees: E. H. Greenhow, M.D., F.R.S., J. B. Sanderson, M.D., F.R.S., G. W. Callender, F.R.S.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—Honorary President: Sir C. Locock, Bart., M.D. President: E. J. Tilt, M.D. Vice-Presidents: J. Clay (Birmingham), E. Copeman, M.D. (Norwich), H. M. Madge, M.D., *A. Meadows, M.D., W. S. Playfair, M.D., *C. H. F. Routh, M.D. Treasurer: G. C. P. Murray, M.D. Honorary Secretaries: J. J. Phillips, M.D., *A. Wiltshire, M.D. Honorary Librarian: *J. H. Aveling, M.D. Honorary Members of Council: H. Oldham, M.D., R. Barnes, M.D., J. Hall Davis, M.D., G. Hewitt, M.D., J. Braxton Hicks, M.D., F.R.S. Other Members of Council: *G. G. Bantock, M.D., *J. Bassett, M.R.C.S. (Birmingham), J. Watt Black, M.D., J. M. Bright, M.D., G. B. Brodie, M.D., *T. Chambers, M.R.C.P. Ed., W. H. Day, M.D., J. Duncan, M.B., A. W. Edie, M.D., J. Ellison, M.D. (Windsor), J. Fowler (Wakefield), *J. H. Galton, M.D., J. R. Kirkpatrick, M.B. (Dublin), W. Newman, M.D. (Stamford), J. B. Potter, M.D., *A. Roberts, M.R.C.S., Heywood Smith, M.D., *A. B. Steele, L.K.Q.C.P.I. (Liverpool).

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, January 8th, 1874.

Bates, William, The Crescent, Birmingham
Brayn, Richard, Hollystone, Market Drayton
Hughes, William, Her Majesty's Hospital Ship, Cardiff
Page, Herbert Markant, General Hospital, Birmingham

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ARDNAMURCHAN, Argyshire—Medical Officer for the Districts of Sunart, Ardnamurchan, and Moldart: £100 per annum, house, and garden. Applications, 2nd February, to Wm. Ralston, Inspector of Poor, Ardshealach, Strontian.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—Assistant Surgeons.

BINGHAM UNION, Nottinghamshire—Medical Officer for the South District: £22 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon: £130 first year, £140 second, £150 per annum afterwards. £30 per annum for cab-hire, furnished rooms, etc. Applications, 28th instant, to Alexander Bottle, M.D., Secretary.

BOLTON (Borough)—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Lichfield, and Penkridge Rural, and Lichfield and Rugely Urban, Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per ann., for three years. Applications, 26th inst., to John Bown, The Close, Lichfield.

CITY OF LONDON UNION—Medical Officer for District No. 2: £140 per ann.

CRANBROOK UNION, Kent—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Benenden District: £43 per annum, and fees. Applications, 26th instant, to H. J. Farrar, Clerk.

DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL—Physician.

DUNDROM CRIMINAL LUNATIC ASYLUM—Visiting Physician.

EXETER DISPENSARY—Consulting Physician.

FARNWORTH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health. GLENTIES UNION, co. Donegal—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Dungloe Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications, 27th instant, to W. Hammond, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD UNION—Medical Officers and Public Vaccinators for the Huddersfield South, and Wodehouse Districts: £37 and £12 per annum, and fees, respectively. Applications, 23rd instant, to John Cocking, Clerk.

HUDDERSFIELD INFIRMARY—Physician.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE—Eighteen Surgeons. Applications to Major-General Pears.

KINGSTON UNION, Surrey—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Kingston District of the Kingston Union: £125 per annum.

LINCOLN UNION—Medical Officer for District No. 3: £30 per annum.

LITCHURCH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £25 for one year. Applications, 26th instant, to W. H. Whiston, Clerk to the Authority.

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE—Surgeons. Applications, 12th February, to A. Armstrong, Director-General.

NORTHUMBERLAND LUNATIC ASYLUM, Cotingham, Morpeth—Medical Superintendent.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Physician. Applications, 10th March, to E. M. Kidd, Sec.

OUNDE UNION—Medical Officer for the Weldon Union: £41:10 per annum.

ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—Resident Medical Officer. Applications, 26th instant, to John Henry, Secretary, 20, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.

ROYAL SOUTH LONDON DISPENSARY, St. George's Cross—Two Honorary District Surgeons.

ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY, Bartholomew Close—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, apartments, etc. Applications, 23rd instant, to E. P. Rowsell, Secretary.

SOUTH STOCKTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health. Applications, 21st inst., to Joseph Dodds, Stockton-on-Tees.

STOWMARKET URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £10 to 10s. per annum.

ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer: 100 guineas per annum, apartments, etc. Applications, 19th instant, to Peter Matthews, Sec.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Quay Street, Manchester—Honorary Surgeon. Applications, 20th instant, to J. Barber, Sec.

SCARFTH UNION, co. Clare—Medical Officer for the Annacarriga Dispensary District: £100 per annum. Applications, 26th instant, to W. H. Mayne, Honorary Secretary.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, Greenwich—House-Physician: £120 per annum, and furnished rooms. Applications, 17th instant, to S. Kemball Cook, House-Governor and Secretary.

SUNDERLAND EYE INFIRMARY—Surgeon. Applications, 26th instant, to Thomas Dixon, Honorary Secretary.

TEWKESBURY UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Forthampton District: £55 per annum, and fees. Applications, 20th inst., to George Badham, Clerk.

THE FRIENDS' RETREAT, near York—Medical Superintendent. Applications to Jonathan Burt, Treasurer.

THRAPSTONE UNION—Medical Officer for the E. District: £26:8 per ann.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN—King's Professor of the Institutes of Medicine: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications 1st February, to J. Magee Finny, M.B., or Joseph Carson, D.D.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Gough House, Chelsea—Second Assistant Surgeon. Applications, 24th instant, to Capt. H. B. Scones, Secretary.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications, 10th February, to F. J. Wilson, Sec.

WHITCHURCH (South Hants) UNION—Medical Officer for the Overton District: £40 per annum, and fees. Applications, 10th inst., to S. Clarke, Clerk.

WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY—Dispenser and Assistant to the House-Surgeon: £50 per annum, board and washing. Applications, 17th inst., to Alfred P. Watkins, Sec.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

CREAN, Richard, L.K.Q.C.P., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester.

ESTCOURT, Henry, M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester.

MILES, Philip H., M.D., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester.

POCOCK, Frederick E., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Queen Adelaide's Dispensary, Bethnal Green Road, vice G. E. Herman, M.R.C.S., resigned.

*SOUTTER, M. C., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Surgeon in sole charge of the Hornsey Road Branch of the Islington and North London Provident Dispensary.

*WATERSON, John, M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Birmingham Borough Prison, vice Alfred Hill, M.D., resigned.

WYNTER, Hugh Bold, M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Surrey House of Correction, Wandsworth, vice Thomas P. Wright, M.R.C.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

DEATHS.

*ELLIOT, William Henry, M.D., Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, at Bouverie House, Exeter, aged 68, on January 10th.

LATHAM—Lost at sea, in the *Ben Lomond*, off Cape Horn, end of 1872, in his 21st year, Walter John, second son of *Charles W. Latham, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Assistant-Surgeon Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade, of Hackney Road.

MARRIOTT, John, Esq., Surgeon, at Colston Bassett, Nottinghamshire, aged 79, on January 2nd.

MARTIN, Robert, F.R.C.S., late of Holbrook, Suffolk, at Ipswich, aged 81, on December 22nd, 1873.

SKATFE, John, L.R.C.P. Ed., late of Northampton Square, London, at Easingwold, Yorkshire, aged 40, on December 12th, 1873.

STICKINGS, George, Esq., Surgeon, at Wye, aged 73, on January 9th.

WARNER, John, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L.M., only son of the late John Warner, Esq., of Leighton Buzzard, at the Towers, Torquay, aged 35, on January 11th.

WILSON, Richard, Esq., Medical Superintendent of the Morpeth Asylum, aged 46, on January 9th.

TESTIMONIAL.—On the occasion of his leaving Coton Hill Asylum, Stafford, to enter into private practice in Perthshire, Dr. William Yeats, assistant medical officer to the institution, has been presented with an elegant and valuable timepiece, along with other drawing-room ornaments, by the attendants and servants, in token of the great respect and high esteem in which he was held by them, and of their good wishes.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY	Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M. and 2 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.
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WILL some of your readers kindly state what mixture they have found most beneficial in whooping-cough?—**INQUIRER.**

H.—Singapore has a warm but very equable temperature—between 76 deg. F. and 80 deg. F. It agrees well with people of a consumptive tendency.

DR. CHARLES KIDD is once more requested to abstain from the abominable practice of forwarding anonymous post-cards.

THE PROPER TREATMENT OF TAPEWORM.

We have received many letters complaining—some in rather severe terms—that the proper treatment of tape-worm still remains obscure, after Dr. Cobbold's letter as also after his lecture on the subject. Rather than publish them in their present form, we shall bring their contents to Dr. Cobbold's notice, who will, no doubt, be able to clear up what is obscure, and to supply what is omitted in his former communications.

A NEW SCHEME OF MEDICAL EDUCATION.

SIR—An inquest on the body of a child, who had died of measles after being attended by an unqualified person, was the occasion of the following remarks by the deputy-coroner for Central Middlesex. To a question from the foreman of the jury, which I did not catch, the deputy-coroner replied that there is no law which forbids any person from giving advice, or any other person from taking such advice, in a case of illness. After some more conversation, it was asserted that the person in question had been house-surgeon to a neighbouring hospital. The deputy-coroner then said that no doubt he was fitted to undertake the treatment of disease. "There are several such persons practising in my neighbourhood, whom I know to be 'good' men, and I feel their case to be a rather hard one. They have been assistants for some years to regular practitioners, and they are well qualified to practise, only it unfortunately happens that they have not the legal qualification. Either they or their friends have not had the money to pay their fees; and under similar circum-

stances I am unwilling to blame them, or to blame them much." I wish I had a greater command of language, that I might point out how much these sentiments say for the largeness of Mr. Deputy-coroner's heart, without seeming to imply any odious comparison. For my own part, I have been in the habit of feeling and of expressing myself rather strongly in such cases as this; but I see now that I must be cautious. A gentleman, himself a legally qualified practitioner, and in high legal authority, thinks that persons who practise medicine without any of those guarantees which it is generally believed the laws of the country demand, are not to be too harshly nor too hastily condemned—indeed, are not to be condemned at all, but pitied rather. But it is not to this point that I wish to draw your attention. When so much is being said about the institution of one examining board which shall confer one sufficient qualification to practise, I feel that you, sir, who are interested in the subject, should be made acquainted with the fact that, in the opinion of at all events one whose position attracts attention, your schemes (though they may be admitted to be ingenious) are unnecessary. Here is a new, and, like some other great discoveries, a beautifully simple scheme of medical education which has been proved, on this occasion, to be practically sufficient. Let your aspirant assist a "good man" for several years, and then—he may start in practice on his own account without bothering any board about it at all. The advantages of this plan in saving labour, money, and brains, to the candidate are obvious. I have not time just now to search out the other advantages. I daresay the author of the scheme would be anxious to point them out to you if he knew you were interested in it. But what is your opinion, as far as this information goes?

I am, etc.,

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