

lower extremity of Chang, which required immediate care to prevent further destructive changes from taking place.

*Statement of Eng's Widow made to the Commission at Mount Airy.*—The paralytic stroke from which Chang had suffered occurred about three years ago, when he was at sea, seven days out from Liverpool. He had been intemperate for some time previously, and had been drinking hard on board the vessel, being frequently intoxicated. He had never had *mania-a-potu*. Even when he was drunk, Eng was not affected. Two of his children had died; one from phthisis, the other apparently from apoplexy. Eng had lost five children; one each from phthisis, diphtheria, and dysentery; one from the effects of a burn, and one still-born. Chang died on Saturday, January 17th. He had had a cough since the preceding Monday night. It was dry, with scanty, frothy sputum and no pain. Left lung probably involved; slight dulness on corresponding side. On Thursday, January 15th, his skin was acting freely, and for that reason Dr. Hollingsworth ordered him not to venture out; but, in spite of that prohibition, he went as usual to Eng's. At the time of his arrival, he had little cough and no expectoration, but loud bronchial rales were plainly heard by those around him. When Eng saw his wife, after learning that Chang was dead, he said, "I am dying", but did not speak of his brother's death. He soon afterwards expressed a desire to defecate, and this continued for half an hour. He rubbed his upper extremities, raised them restlessly, and complained of a choking sensation. The only notice he took of Chang was to move him nearer. His last words were "May the Lord have mercy on my soul"!

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| A Friend at Norwich ...  | 1 0 0   |                           |           |

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

AN ordinary meeting of this Branch will be held at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, on Wednesday, March 25th, at 8 P.M., when Dr. Anstie will read a paper on "The Prognosis and Treatment of Chorea".

A. P. STEWART, M.D., } Hon. Secs.  
ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D., }

London, March 12th, 1874.

### WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday, April 2nd, at 5.15 P.M. The following question has been settled by the Council as the one on which each member should be asked to express his opinion at the said meeting:—"What is your opinion as to the relative value of chloral hydrate and opium in allaying pain and inducing sleep?"

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

Taunton, March 2nd, 1874.

### EAST SUSSEX AND WEST KENT DISTRICTS OF SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH.

A CONJOINT meeting of the above districts will be held at the Infirmary, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, March 18th, at 3 P.M.; Dr. WARDELL in the Chair, who will read a short paper on the "Progress of Medicine".

Dr. Wardell invites members and their friends to lunch at 1.30 P.M., at his residence, Calverley Park.

Dinner will be provided at 5.0 P.M., at Terry's Restaurant, opposite the South Eastern Railway Station. Charge, 6s., exclusive of wine.

Members and visitors intending to lunch or dine are requested kindly to inform either of the Secretaries *two days* previously to the meeting.

Notice has been received of the following communications.

1. T. F. Sanger, Esq.: Remarks on the Treatment of Neuroses by Phosphorus; and on the Operation of Dry Tapping.
2. F. Manser, Esq.: Case of Delirium Tremens treated by Large Doses of Tincture of Digitalis.
3. G. F. Hodgson, Esq.: Cases illustrative of the Value of the so-called Artificial Tympanum.
4. M. A. Adams, Esq.: On Gastric Ophthalmia.

THOMAS TROLLOPE, M.D., St. Leonard's-on-Sea } Hon. District  
F. J. BROWN, M.D., Rochester } Secretaries.

### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Medical Institution, Liverpool, on Wednesday, March 25th, at 4 P.M., to consider the Report of the Subcommittee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee on the Instruction and Registration of Midwives.

Dinner at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, at 6 P.M. Tickets 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

Gentlemen intending to dine are requested to notify to the Honorary Secretary as early as possible; in any case, not later than Monday, the 23rd instant.

A. B. STEELE, *Honorary Secretary.*

Liverpool, February 28th, 1874.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: GENERAL MEETINGS.

THE fourth general meeting of the session, 1873-74, was held at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on January 8th. Present: FURNEAUX JORDAN, Esq., in the chair, and thirty members.

*New Members.*—Dr. Pope, Queen's College, and Mr. Lloyd, Chesham, were elected members of the Branch.

*Communications.*—1. Mr. LAWSON TAIT showed Mr. Richardson's Scissors, and Specimens of Coiled Wire Drainage Tube.

2. Mr. HAMMOND read notes on two cases—Inversion of Uterus, and Eclampsia.

3. Dr. MALINS read a paper on Bipolar Version.

The fifth general meeting was held on February 12th. Present: FURNEAUX JORDAN, Esq., in the chair, and fifty-two members and visitors.

*Communications.*—1. Mr. BARTLETT showed a new Stand Aspirator and Mr. Spencer Wells's Forceps.

2. Mr. WEST presented a specimen of Nævoid Tumour, six inches in length, three in breadth, and one in thickness, removed by him that morning from a child, eight months old. This large erectile growth, which was on the right side of the chest, reached from the mamma round to the scapula, and the deeper portion of it intended below that bone. Mr. West had removed the greater portion by the *éraseur*, having first elevated the tumour from the subjacent parts by means of five acupressure needles. No hæmorrhage accompanied or followed this part of the operation, but considerable bleeding took place when the deep part of the tumour was being removed, partly by enucleation and partly by the scalpel, from the front of the scapula. Mr. West brought the case forward as showing that the *éraseur*, although most useful for the removal of nœvoid tumours having a narrow base without loss of blood, was not suitable for those cases in which the growth sprang from a broad base.

3. Mr. B. JOLLY showed several Internal Sequestra removed from the

Tibia for Necrosis after Esmarch's plan for the prevention of hæmorrhage. There was scarcely a drop of blood lost during the entire operation, and the view of the healthy from the diseased structures was as unimpeded as it ever is upon the *post mortem* table.

*The West Haddon Case.*—Dr. FOSTER proposed, and it was carried: "That this meeting expresses its deep sympathy with Mr. A. G. Waters, a member of this Branch, on account of the unfortunate position in which he has recently been placed, and of the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife."

Dr. FOSTER also proposed, and it was carried: "That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, for his able and outspoken criticism of the evidence on the 'West Haddon case.'"

Mr. LAWSON TAIT read a paper on the Medical Education of Women.

#### NORTH WALES BRANCH: INTERMEDIATE MEETING.

THE intermediate general meeting of this Branch was held on Tuesday, February 24th, at 11.30 A.M., at the Cambrian Hotel, Pensarn, Abergele; R. DAVIES, Esq., Llanfairtalhairn, President. There were also nine other members present. Several letters were received from members regretting their inability to attend, owing to professional engagements.

*The Portrait Presentation of T. T. Griffith, Esq.*—Mr. KENT JONES, Honorary Secretary, read a letter which he had received from Mrs. Griffith, of Wrexham, expressing her grateful thanks to the subscribers of the portrait of her husband, which was presented to her, for their kindness and liberality towards herself. The portrait, she added, would always remain a memento of that kindness, and would be cherished and valued.

*New Members.*—Richard Glyn Griffith, Esq., of Bangor, and Robert Davies, Esq., of Abergele, were unanimously elected members of the British Medical Association and of the Branch.

*Papers and Cases.*—The following were read.

1. Case of Fracture of the Skull, with the Bones exhibited. By LL. LODGE, Esq., St. Asaph. This was an interesting case, and elicited discussion. During life, the most prominent symptoms were those of acute peritonitis. The man survived forty-five hours after the blow on the top of the head. *Post mortem* examination discovered no lesions whatever in the abdominal viscera, nor in those of the thorax. The inner plate of the skull corresponding to the small external wound of the scalp was fractured.

2. Case of Ovarian Tumour, complicated with Disease of the Liver. By R. DAVIES, Esq., Llanfairtalhairn.

3. Cases of Severe Injuries to the Head, accompanied with Fracture. By R. HUGHES, M.D., Conway.

4. Cases of Cholera in the West Indies. By Dr. DAVIS HUGHES, Menai Bridge.

*Dinner.*—All who were present, with Walter Wynne, Esq., of Abergele, and A. F. Watts, Esq., of Pensarn, dined together and spent a most agreeable day.

#### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT MEETING.

THE fifty-first meeting was held at the Ship Hotel, Faversham, on Thursday, March 5th, 1874; EDWARD GARRAWAY, Esq., the President of the Branch, in the Chair.

After having partaken of lunch, kindly provided by the President at his residence, twelve members attended the meeting.

*Papers.*—1. Mr. GARRAWAY read a paper on Bits of Placenta left behind, in which he propounded the question as to whether it was ever justifiable, wilfully and deliberately, to leave behind fragments of placenta, or whether it would be correct to use any amount of violence, even to tearing the uterine parietes, rather than risk the consequences of leaving such fragments behind. In a practice of twenty-five years, he had had about six such cases. In those occurring in the earlier months of gestation, he related two cases where, to all appearances, the placenta never came away, unless as mere *débris* in the ordinary discharges. —Mr. REED mentioned the opinion held by some, that retained portions of placenta sometimes developed themselves into hydatids and other forms of uterine moles.

2. Mr. BOWES read a case of Stone in the Bladder, with enlarged Prostate, in a clergyman, aged 80. No examination was allowed till retention of urine necessitated the use of the catheter, when a stone was

detected. All operative interference was forbidden; and, at his death, thirty-one uric acid calculi, weighing 223 grains, were found in the bladder. The points of interest were the slight constitutional disturbance produced by their presence, and the few symptoms which had happened in their passage from the kidney, a rigor being the only one. Opium was found to be the most useful palliative. It was considered that the largest stone had only been in the bladder six months.

3. Mr. THURSTON narrated a case of Puerperal Septicæmia which threatened a fatal issue, but eventually recovered. The favourable termination, he considered, was to a great extent due to the internal injection of a lotion of carbolic acid.

4. Mr. FRANCIS read a short paper containing the Results of his Midwifery Practice during Thirty-six Years. The number of labours personally attended amounted to 3630; the maternal mortality was six; two of the deaths were from phthisis, three from placenta prævia, and one from exhaustion following arm-presentation. He had had three cases of puerperal convulsions, three cases of forceps, one of spontaneous evolution, one of double monstrosity (being an exaggerated case of Siamese twins), one case of inversion of uterus, no rupture of perinæum, and no single case of *post partum* hæmorrhage. He thought highly of the use of ergot, but never bandaged. Mr. Francis considered that his great success and low mortality were to a great extent due to the healthy class of individuals amongst whom his practice was situated. The members present could not but congratulate the author upon his success as a midwifery practitioner, and especially on his perfect freedom from that bugbear of midwifery, *post partum* hæmorrhage.

*Dinner.*—The members afterwards dined together.

*The next meeting* will take place at Canterbury, on May 28th.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

A MEETING of this section was held on Tuesday, February 10th; Mr. LAWSON TAIT, in the absence of the President, in the Chair.

*Histology of Some Points in Skin-Diseases.*—Mr. G. H. EVANS, after describing the normal structure of the skin, illustrated by specimens shown, described certain pathological states, especially those involving the epithelial elements. The eruptions of sudamina and miliaria, often seen during the course of acute febrile attacks, had their origin in the occlusion of sweat-ducts at the external apertures, from the accumulation of epithelia whilst the perspiratory function was in abeyance; hence, on its re-establishment, the transpired sweat separated the horny from the mucous layer, giving rise to the characteristic vesicular eruption. In the dysidrosis first described by Dr. Tilbury Fox, the sweat-ducts were found closed in their continuity, not at the external apertures only, and thus the glands themselves became dilated. In its clinical course, it somewhat resembled pemphigus, principally occurring on the hands and feet, except that the fluid contained in the vesicles was always clear in the former and milky or purulent in the latter. The varieties of acne, molluscum, and wen were then noticed as illustrating the principal pathological conditions to which the sebaceous follicles were subject. In pityriasis was well exemplified the action of various irritants—mechanical, as in pityriasis versicolor, or inflammatory, as in pityriasis rubra, which led to a hyperplasia of the superficial epithelial elements. Finally in ichthyosis, of which a very fine specimen was exhibited, was found an example of a hypertrophy of the cell-elements in the various layers of the epidermis, with a similar affection of the papillæ of the corium, the latter, however, being present only in the more severe forms of the disease.

*Starch, and its Merits as a Food-Substance.*—Mr. WALTER G. LATTEY of Rugby read a communication on this subject, giving the natural history of starch, and also his views as to the destructive effect upon infants fed on a diet composed of this substance exclusively.

*Adulteration of Tea.*—Dr. ALFRED HILL, Borough Analyst, at a late meeting, gave an interesting account of the present state of the subject of adulteration of tea. Dr. Hill pointed out the various structural characters and peculiarities of the leaf of genuine tea, especially as to margination and venation, and showed, under the microscope, the character of the ferruginous particles, silicious matters, and other substances with which tea is adulterated. He also submitted to the members various samples of ash and residues obtained by him in the process of analysis. A sample of "lie" tea was also shown, and its various ingredients described, and also the various colouring matters used as facings by the Chinese in the "manufacture" of different varieties of tea.

Mr. LAWSON TAIT showed sections of Dermoid Cyst, injected, and of Corpus Luteum.

fession, had seen so much active service in the field, and was so highly esteemed by the Emperor, as well as by the Crown Prince of Germany, that there was no doubt of his being selected for this responsible and important post whenever a vacancy might occur. A German friend of high position in the army, in notifying Dr. Loeffler's death to the writer of this obituary notice, remarks as follows:—"The worst loss of all is to the Prussian army. Loeffler was the marked future chief of the sanitary service of the German army, and I know no one of the same stamp and value. His death is a most grievous damage for the future. The interests of our profession are the same in all armies; and I am sure the news will be everywhere received with sorrow that such a champion as Loeffler does no more exist."

Dr. Loeffler was one of the earliest and most energetic friends of the system of volunteer aid to the wounded in time of war. He took a prominent part in the conferences at Geneva in 1863 and 1864, which culminated in the international convention now known as the "Geneva Convention", and he joined in all the subsequent international deliberations to which that treaty has given rise. The arrangements by which the Volunteer Aid Societies, in North Germany, were officially constituted auxiliaries to the regular army medical service in war time, were chiefly due to his influence and powers of organisation, and these societies have lost a firm supporter by his death.

The subject of this notice was also well-known, especially in Germany, as an author of numerous papers on points of military surgical practice. His work on the *Campaign against Denmark in 1864*, published in 1867, contains many observations of much interest, and has been frequently referred to in the recent surgical history of the United States' Civil War. Unfortunately, Dr. Loeffler had been so constantly employed in the active duties of his profession, since the publication mentioned, that he had been unable to complete it as he intended.

Dr. Loeffler, at the time of his death, had just attained his fifty-ninth year. Early in January last, he had an attack of perityphlitis, but made so favourable a recovery that he was considered to be convalescent. A few days before his decease, he was attacked with pericarditis. His death occurred suddenly, after slight exertion, on February 22nd.

#### ANDREW DODSON, M.B., Birmingham.

DR. ANDREW DODSON died on February 15th, at the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, of which he was lately elected house surgeon. Dr. Dodson was a distinguished student at Queen's College and the General Hospital, at both of which he took a number of prizes. He also filled various clinical offices in the hospital. He became M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., and M.B. Lond., in 1873, being placed third in honours in medicine and in obstetrics at the latter examination.

Dr. Dodson had just entered upon his first public appointment—that of House-Surgeon to the Children's Hospital—when he was seized with a slight cold, consumption rapidly set in, and he passed away. Upwards of one hundred of the students joined in the funeral procession, as it passed by the Queen's College to the Great Western Railway Station, *en route* to Wellington, his home; whilst a large number of the medical staff of the Queen's College and the hospitals followed his remains.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, March 5th, 1874.

Crossman, John, St. Thomas's Hospital  
Robinson, Richard Edward, Leeds

#### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**—Resident Medical Officer: £60 per annum, rooms, board, etc. Applications 2nd instant, to the Medical Committee.  
**BLOOMSBURY DISPENSARY**—Resident Medical Officer. Applications, 16th instant, to F. Latreille, Secretary.  
**BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL**—Physician's Assistant; Assistant House-Surgeon: £50 per annum each, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 20th instant, to Henry Fox, R.N., Sec.  
**CASTLEBLAYNEY UNION**, co. Monaghan—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Ballybay Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications, 24th instant, to Benjamin Browne, Hon. Sec.  
**CHESTERTON UNION**, Cambridgeshire—Medical Officers and Public Vaccinators for Districts 5 and 6: £50 and £30 per annum, and fees, respectively. Applications, 16th instant, to F. Barlow, Clerk, Cambridge.  
**CHIPPENHAM URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £10 for six months.  
**DROITWICH UNION**, Worcestershire—Medical Officer for the Hartlebury District: £50 per annum.

**DUNFANAGHY UNION**, co. Donegal—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Cross roads (Falcargh) Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications, 20th instant, to the Rev. V. P. Griffith, Hon. Sec.

**EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon. Applications, 18th instant, to the Secretary, 11, Tavern Street, Ipswich.

**EAST RETFORD UNION**, Notts—Medical Officer for the Scrooby District.

**EDINBURGH ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**—Extra Physician.

**EDMONTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £30 for one year. Applications, 14th instant, to W. Pulley, Clerk.

**ERPINGHAM UNION**, Norfolk—Medical Officer for the North Walsham No. 2 District: £52 per annum.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL**, Birmingham—Physician. Applications, 28th instant, to W. T. Grant, House-Governor.

**HIGHLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**—Chemist: £300 per annum.

**HOLBEACH UNION**, Lincolnshire—Medical Officer for the Sutton Bridge District: £20 per ann., and fees. Applications, 16th instant, to E. G. Ayliff, Clerk.

**KILBURN DISPENSARY**—Two Resident Medical Officers: £110 and £80 per annum, apartments, etc., respectively. Applications, 6th April, to the Hon. Sec., 32, Boundary Road, N.W.

**KIRKDEEN**, Forfarshire—Parochial Medical Officer.

**LANCASHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, and increase of £10 per annum, board and lodging.

**LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES**—Two Honorary Medical Officers to the North Dispensary. Applications, 25th instant, to W. Lister, Secretary.

**MACHAR (Old)**, Aberdeenshire—Medical Officer for part of the Southern Division, and the Poor House. Applications, 10th April, to Thomas Skeene, Inspector of Poor, Aberdeen.

**METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT**—Medical Superintendent: £400 per annum, unfurnished house, coals, and gas.

**MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL**—Assistant Physician; Assistant Obstetric Physician; Dental Surgeon. Applications, 31st instant, to the Weekly Board.

**NARBERTH UNION**—Medical Officer for District No. 1, and the Workhouse: £35 and £20 per annum, and fees. Applications, 21st instant, to John Thomas, Clerk.

**NORTH LONDON CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL**—Physician. Applications, 15th April, to W. Hornibrook, Sec.

**NOTTINGHAM COUNTY AND BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM**, Sneyton—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 26th instant, to the Chairman of the Committee of Visitors.

**ONGAR UNION**, Essex—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 1 District: £105 per annum, and fees. Applications, 24th instant, to Charles Mott, Clerk, Chipping Ongar.

**QUEEN'S HOSPITAL**, BIRMINGHAM—House-Physician and House-Surgeon: £50 per annum each, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 21st instant, to Walter Young, Secretary and General Superintendent.

**ROMNEY MARSH UNION**—Medical Officer for the new Romney District, and the Workhouse: £110 per annum.

**ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**—Assistant to the extra Physicians: £52:10 per annum. Applications, 21st instant, to John Henry, Hon. Sec.

**RUGBY UNION**—Medical Officer for the Workhouse: £50 per annum.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Rugby District: £50 per annum, and fees. Applications, 16th instant, to G. V. Hefford, Clerk.

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL FOR SKIN DISEASES**, Liverpool—Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Applications, to Thomas John, Hon. Sec., 4, Water Street.

**ST. NEOTS UNION**—Medical Officer for District No. 1, and the Workhouse: £75:16 per annum, and £40 per annum.

**TORRINGTON UNION**, Devon—Medical Officer for the Peters-Marland District.

**TOW-ESTER UNION**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Blakesley District: £60 per annum, and fees. Applications, 16th instant, to William Whitton, Clerk.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**—Examiners, viz.: two in Medicine, two in Surgery, two in Anatomy, two in Physiology, etc., two in Obstetric Medicine, two in Materia Medica, etc., and two in Forensic Medicine: £150, £150, £100, £150, £75, £75, and £50 each, respectively. Applications, 31st instant, to Dr. Wm. B. Carpenter, Registrar.

**WATERFORD UNION**—Medical Officer for the Kilmacthomas Dispensary District: £120 per annum.

#### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

**BAILLY**, James Johnson, M.D., appointed House-Surgeon to the Sheffield General Infirmary.

\***CRAWFORD**, Cooper Hayes, M.D., appointed Assistant Physician to the Staffordshire General Infirmary.

\***LUCAS**, R. Clement, B.S., M.B. Lond., F.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children.

#### 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.*

##### BIRTHS.

**CLARKE**.—On February 27th, at Bank House, Morley, the wife of J. C. Clarke, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.

**ROBERTS**.—On March 9th, at The Elms, Coningsby, Lincolnshire, the wife of Thomas Andrew Roberts, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., of a son.

**WOODCOCK**.—On March 2nd, at 4, Stretford Road, Manchester, the wife of Samuel Woodcock, L.R.C.P. Ed., of a son.

##### DEATHS.

**CURTIN**, Charles Joseph, M.D., at Egmont Place, Kanturk, on February 28th.

**LAMB**, Samuel, Esq., Surgeon, at Stourport, on February 11th.

**PEARSON**, Henry, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., at Swinton, near Manchester, aged 36, on February 23rd.

\***SWAIN**, Thomas, L.R.C.P. M.R.C.S., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in Queen's College, Birmingham, at Newhall Street, Birmingham, on Feb. 27th.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

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| 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.  |
| 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.

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| MONDAY   | —Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. One Hundredth and First Session. The President's (Mr. de Méric) Address. Dr. Dowse will exhibit—1. A Basilar Artery (abnormal); 2. An Elbow-joint, showing Dislocation of both bones backwards, of thirty years' standing. Dr. J. Fothergill, "On some points in the Treatment of Diseases of Children." |
| TUESDAY  | —Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. Adjourned Discussion on Cancer.—Statistical Society, 7.45. Henry Beverley, M.A., Inspector-General of Registration in Bengal, "The Census of Bengal."   |
| THURSDAY | —Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Special meeting to consider the present position of the Society. Dr. W. H. Day, "On Milk as a Diet and a Medicine."   |
| FRIDAY   | —Medical Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. George Giles, "On Staining with Aniline Dyes for Balsam-Mounting"; Dr. E. C. Baber, "On Staining with Picro-Carminate of Ammonia."   |

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the printer and publisher, Mr. T. Richards, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

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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. SNOW BECK has forwarded us a letter denying the accuracy of the answers of Dr. W. Playfair, the past honorary secretary of the Obstetrical Society, and of the present honorary secretary, to the complaints made in his paper. We do not, however, feel justified in giving space to a personal discussion of the kind. The letters are from official persons, relating to an official subject, and if Dr. Snow Beck challenge their accuracy, he must do so to the Society itself.

## ON THE TREATMENT OF HOOPING-COUGH.

SIR,—I beg to thank those gentlemen who kindly informed me of the mixtures they found most beneficial in this disease. After giving all a fair trial, I must give the preference, in an ordinary case, to small doses of compound tincture of benzoin, frequently repeated. If the cough be more than usually spasmodic, I find dilute hydrocyanic acid, combined with bromide of potassium, and camphor mixture, very serviceable; in the latter stage of the disease, I much prefer alum, combined with dilute nitric acid and gentian, to any other astringent tonic; although in all cases everything depends upon the diathesis of the patient. I was greatly disappointed in the use of chloral hydrate, as in one case only could I detect the slightest benefit.

Bronchopneumonia, I am sorry to say, has been a most frequent complication since Christmas, especially with infants under twelve months of age; which may be accounted for by the damp unsettled weather since the commencement of the year.

As I have mentioned my disappointment in the use of chloral hydrate in this disease, I must beg to be allowed to speak on behalf of croton chloral hydrate in cases of neuralgia; in one case, its action was really remarkable. A young woman had been suffering from acute neuralgic pains in the side of the face for several days, and after taking three three-grain doses of croton chloral hydrate, she slept for six hours, and awoke perfectly free from pain, and has since had no relapse.

I am, etc., EDWARD STEPHENS, L.R.C.P., etc.  
The Chantry, Ilminster, February 23th, 1874.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisements for insertion in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, should be forwarded direct to the Printing Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. FOWKE, not later than *Thursday*, twelve o'clock.

DR. CRICHTON BROWNE'S Lecture in an early number.

## MEDICAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONS.

WE cannot refer Mr. Strickland to any Provident Institution which is entirely self-supporting. As yet, they all require the aid of honorary subscribers, and they will continue to do so until they are better known and appreciated. We would recommend him to procure the Report and Suggested Rules for such institutions, published by the Charity Organisation Society, 15, Buckingham Street, Adelphi (price 6d.); also, a pamphlet entitled "Provident Dispensaries", by Mr. John Becke of Northampton (price 6d.); and the recent Reports of the Provident Dispensaries at Coventry and Derby.

WILL some of your readers kindly state the result of their experience of the hypodermic injection of caffeine in the insomnia resulting from chronic alcoholism?  
I am, etc., E. W. W.

## DAY OF REST.

SIR,—I see in your correspondence a reference to me, as a writer upon the Sabbath as a Day of Rest, and to Picart, as proving that certain days were set apart by certain nations for the worship of the sun. In opposition to your correspondent, E. N. Smith, I affirm—"1. That no day of rest, such as the Sabbath (Exod., xvi, 29; xxxi, 15, 17; Num., xv, 32, 36), was ever known to any people except the Jews after the time of their Grecian captivity", a short period before the time of the first Isaiah. 2. That "the Sabbath was peculiar to the Jewish race"; and, as it was put on by Hebrew authority, it was taken off by a similar power when advisable (see Maccahees, ch. ii, 32, 59). 3. That Jesus distinctly abrogated the Sabbath, and the Apostle Paul paid no respect to it.

I know—who does not?—of Baal, Hadad, Chemosh, Ezar, Surya, and the thousand and one names given to the sun, but I never yet heard or read of any race, sect, or people, who kept a solar festival as the Jews were taught to keep their Sabbath—once a week; but not one Christian in a million knows how the Hebrews were directed to comport themselves on the Sabbath-day. Mr. Smith is certainly not one of the few, which I may wonder at, inasmuch as in my article on the Sabbath in *Ancient Faiths*, I have quoted every verse in the Pentateuch which bears upon doubtful points. The fact is, that the Hebrews, as opposed to Baal-ists, had not a distinct *Sun* Festival, but they had "new moons and Sabbaths"—the Sabbath not being a *Sun* day, but a day dedicated to *Saturn*, the most high god in the sky, to human eyes.

If any one desire to write an article upon a day of rest, he ought to include amongst his authorities a Cruden's Concordance and a Marginal Bible. I am perfectly familiar with Picart's *Cérémonies*; they are thoroughly French, and unreliable; so are all the other authorities quoted by Mr. Smith. I have studied them all, and discussed them with an acute Anglican divine.

On reading Mr. Smith's letter, I am not surprised that he has not derived any information from my article in *Ancient Faiths*. But I must, in the first place, declare that I am not a gnostic—doubting even whether the meaning of the term is known to Mr. Smith—and in the second, that I will, with pleasure, furnish to any inquirer genuine information upon the points connected with the Day of Rest. My motto is, *Magna est veritas et prævalet*. I will help any one who desires to prove that which is true.  
I am, etc., THOMAS INMAN, M.D.  
8, Vyvyan Terrace, Clifton, March 1874.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly Albion; Allen's Indian Mail; The Retford, Worksop, Isle of Axholme, and Gainsborough News; The Scotsman; The Torquay Directory; The Carlisle Daily Journal; The Blackburn Times; The Newcastle Daily Journal; The Leeds Mercury; The Northampton Herald; The Bradford Observer; The Liverpool Weekly Albion; The Edinburgh Courier; The Salford Chronicle; The Melbourne Age; The Newcastle Daily Journal; The Blackburn Journal; The Carlisle Express and Examiner; The Eastern Morning News; The Australian and New Zealand Gazette; The Somerset and Wilts Journal; The Halifax Guardian; The Daily Review; The Merthyr Express; The North Wales Chronicle; The North British Daily Mail; The Blackburn Times; The Glasgow News; The Glasgow Herald; The Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser; The Bath Express and County Herald; The Birmingham Morning News; The Tottenham Advertiser; etc.

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