

perty of tissue rather than anything else in the whole body—either a property of the body as a whole, or a property of the blood, or anything else, because it is tissue that is changed. I venture to request, on behalf of those concerned in histological inquiries, a little more indulgence than we have received from some speakers in regard to the inquiry whether we cannot define objects by the properties they present at all periods of their career. And, if these characters are extremely minute, that surely is rather the misfortune of histologists than their fault; but, until we have a precise enumeration of all the minute characters of tumour, it will not be possible to construct text-books and works of reference in such a way as that we shall know precisely to what we are referring.

The discussion was then adjourned.

#### MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH.

FEBRUARY 5TH, 1874.

RUTHERFORD HALDANE, M.D., President in the Chair.

*Enlarged Prostate and Calculus in Ureter.*—Dr. JAMES RITCHIE showed a good example of enlarged third lobe of the prostate, which had caused complete retention; also a calculus from the ureter of the same patient, the presence of which seemed to explain severe pain lasting at intervals for four years, and which seemed to have caused a large abscess in the vicinity of the kidney.

*Intracranial Tumour.*—The secretary, Dr. MUIRHEAD, read a paper by Dr. LAWRENCE of Montrose, on a case of intracranial tumour, with remarks. The case was chiefly interesting from its long duration, the careful way in which it had been watched and treated, and the absence of many of the more usual indications of tumours of the base of the brain. Vision had been completely lost, but few other nervous symptoms had been noticed, and only on three occasions was there any epileptiform seizure. Death took place somewhat suddenly. The examination showed considerable pressure on the hemispheres, from a very large collection of fluid (twelve ounces) in the lateral ventricles; the tumour itself was pulpy, and its connections and relations had been apparently ill defined.—The PRESIDENT explained the absence of mental symptoms, by the probable slow formation of the fluid in the ventricles, or as a passive dropsy, and the consequent adaptation of the brain to its circumstances.—Dr. MATTHEWS DUNCAN ascribed the great variations in the symptoms of brain-cases, rather to our imperfect means of observing them, than to any real impossibility of classifying them in a scientific manner.—Dr. BATTY TUKE referred to the discrepancy between the symptoms in cases like this and those that Dr. Ferrier's experiments on the brain would lead us to expect, and bore emphatic testimony to the carefulness and accuracy of Dr. Ferrier's experiments, in opposition to the adverse opinions lately enunciated by Dupuy.—Dr. G. W. BALFOUR did not see the connection between a case of diseased human brain and experiments on animals, and alluded to the manner in which Dr. McKendrick's experiments on the brains of birds produced quite different results from what was found in the diseased brains of men.

*Relation of the Cranial Contents to the Pressure of the Atmosphere.*—Dr. CAPPIE read an elaborate paper on this subject. In it he discussed the views and experiments of Dr. Kelkie of Leith, examining the various factors acting on the vascularity of the brain. Among these were "the greater or less activity of certain dynamic forces within the skull itself, and, as a cofactor, the peculiar arrangements of the bloodvessels of the brain." The subject, confessedly a very difficult one, was enforced by copious argument and apt illustration, but was quite destitute of any original experiments.—A short discussion followed, in which the President, Dr. Batty Tuke, Dr. Matthews Duncan, and the author took part.

*Use of the Aspirator in certain Cases of Urgent Retention of Urine.*—Mr. JOSEPH BELL described a case in which he used the instrument (so far as he knew for the first time in Scotland with this object) last June, to relieve retention of three days' standing in a feeble old man. The patient, besides having a weak heart, severe bronchitis, and emphysema, was dropsical, suffering from uræmic poisoning, being almost comatose and slightly delirious; his scrotum was infiltrated, red, and brawny. His urine, after it was drawn off, deposited copious albumen. A No. 2 needle was introduced in the middle line above the pubes, and at once withdrawn. No inconvenience followed its use; and an instrument was passed next day, and the stricture was rapidly dilated. The patient recovered. Mr. Bell did not think that many cases admitted or required such treatment, but, in similar urgent ones, where age and feebleness contraindicated perineal section, and an enlarged prostate prevented tapping by the rectum, he believed this simple, safe, and effectual operation was advisable. It was, in his opinion, easier and better than tapping from the rectum.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Friday, April 10th, 1874.

Gentlemen intending to bring forward communications are requested to send the headings to the Secretary by the 24th instant.

ALFRED SHEEN, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE fourth ordinary meeting of this Branch was held at the College Green Hotel, on Thursday, March 5th, at seven o'clock. EDWARD LONG FOX, M.D., President, in the chair. There were present fifty members and five visitors.

*Papers.*—I. Dr. J. G. SWAYNE read a paper on the Induction of Premature Labour, and gave statistics of a number of cases illustrating the subject.

2. Dr. SHINGLETON SMITH read a case of Leuco-sarcoma, which was treated in the British Royal Infirmary, and showed an interesting series of microscopic specimens of the tumour. Dr. Martyn, Mr. Tibbits, Mr. W. M. Clarke, and Dr. Goodridge, joined in a discussion which followed.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCH; GENERAL MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held in the Board Room of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on Tuesday, March 10th; D. B. BALDING, Esq., the President, in the Chair.

*Combined Meeting.*—Professor HUMPHRY proposed, and Mr STEAR seconded, a resolution that the combined meeting of the South Midland, East Anglian, and Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Branches, which it was agreed to hold in Cambridge in 1874, should be postponed till 1875. This was carried unanimously.

*Meeting in 1874.*—Upon the proposition of Dr. BRADBURY, seconded by Mr. WILSON, it was decided that a Branch meeting should be held this year at St. Ives, on Wednesday, May 27th, under the Presidency of Dr. GROVE.

*New Members.*—Dr. W. Armistead and Dr. Bacon were elected members of the Branch; and E. M. Beckett and G. Wherry, Esqs., members of the Association and of the Branch.

## MEDICAL OFFICERS AT THE FALL OF COOMASSIE.

THE following list, which we received from a correspondent at the Prah, gives the names of the medical officers of the Ashantee Expedition who were present with Sir Garnet Wolseley at the taking of Coomassie, and of the corps to which they were attached.

1. Surgeon-Major Mackinnon, C.B., Principal Medical Officer.
2. Surgeon-Major Waters, Secretary to the Principal Medical Officer.
3. Surgeon-Major Jackson ..... } First Field Hospital.
4. Surgeon Kynsey ..... }
5. Surgeon-Major Clutterbuck... } 42nd Highlanders.
6. Surgeon Troup ..... }
7. Surgeon-Major Fox ..... } 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
8. Surgeon-Major Wiles ..... }
9. Surgeon Macrobin ..... } The Rifle Brigade.
10. Surgeon-Major Mosse ..... } Wood's Regiment.
11. Surgeon Atkins ..... } Russell's Regiment.
12. Surgeon Conyers ..... } Royal Engineers.
13. Surgeon-Major Woolfreyes, Unattached.
14. Surgeon-Major Turtton, Sanitary Officer.
15. Surgeon McNalty, in charge of the Staff.

## 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 12th, 1874.

Clay, James Hemingway, Matlock Bath  
French, Alexander Martin, Chatham  
Klein, Leopold Martial, Lower Norwood

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

Hope, James William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Murrell, William, University College Hospital

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

- ANDOVER RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.**—Medical Officer of Health: £10 for one year, and 2s. for each visit required. Applications, 26th instant, to Thomas Lamb, Clerk.
- BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.**—Resident Medical Officer: £60 per annum, rooms, board, etc. Applications, 2nd instant, to the Medical Committee.
- BRIDGWATER UNION.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 6 District: £34 per annum, and fees. Applications, 24th inst., to Paul Reed, Clerk.
- BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon and Physician's Assistant: £50 per annum each, with board, lodging, and washing in the house.
- CANTERBURY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.**—Medical Officer of Health: £60 per annum for three years.
- 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.
- CHIPPENHAM URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.**—Medical Officer of Health: £10 for six months.
- CITY OF LONDON UNION.**—Medical Officer to the Casual Wards.
- DEAL AND WALMER DISPENSARY.**—Surgeon.
- EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, board, etc.
- EDINBURGH ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.**—Extra Physician. Applications, 24th instant.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Physician. Applications, 28th instant, to W. T. Grant, House-Governor.
- HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.**—Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications, 6th April, to the Sec.
- KILBURN DISPENSARY.**—Two Resident Medical Officers: £150 and £80 per annum, apartments, etc., respectively. Applications, 6th April, to the Hon. Sec., 32, Boundary Road, N.W.
- KILMATHOMAS UNION, co. Waterford.**—Medical Officer for the Kilmac-thomas Dispensary District: £120 per annum, and fees. Applications, 14th April, to David Power, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Kilmac-thomas.
- KIRKDON, Forfarshire.**—Parochial Medical Officer.
- KIRKMICHAEL, Dumfriesshire.**—Parochial Medical Officer.
- LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES.**—Two Honorary Medical Officers to the North Dispensary. Also Assistant-House-Surgeon: £108 per annum, furnished apartments, coals, gas, and attendance. Applications, 25th instant, to W. Lister, Secretary.
- LUNSDALE UNION, Lancashire.**—Medical Officer for the Hornby District: £60 per annum.
- LUTON UNION, Bedfordshire.**—Medical Officer for the Markyate Street District: £50 per annum.
- 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.
- MARTLEY RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.**—Medical Officer of Health: £100 per annum. Applications, 27th inst., to A. W. Knott, Clerk, Worcester.

## METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT ASYLUM FOR IMBECILES,

Hampstead—Medical Superintendent: £400 per annum, unfurnished house, coals, and gas. Applications, 21st March, to W. F. Jebb, Clerk, 37, Norfolk Street, Strand.

**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, 31st instant, to John Thomas, Clerk.

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

**NOTTINGHAM COUNTY AND BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM, Sneinton.**—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 COLLEGE, Birmingham.**—Joint Professor of Forensic Medicine. Applications, 16th instant, to the Secretary.

**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.

**ST. GEORGE AND ST. JAMES DISPENSARY, King Street, Regent Street.**—Assistant Dispenser: £2:10 per month. Applications, 26th instant, to J. H. York, Sec.

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

**TORBAY INFIRMARY, Torquay.**—Dispenser: £50 per ann., board and lodging.

**TRURO UNION, Cornwall.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the St. Agnes District: £35 per annum, and fees. Applications, 24th instant, to R. Murrack, 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. A. Carpenter, Registrar.

**WARWICK and LEAMINGTON FEMALE PENITENTIARY.**—Medical Officer.

**WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.**—Surgical Registrar: £40 per annum. Applications, 31st instant, to the House Committee.

**WILTS COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Devizes.**—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, residence, etc. Applications, 25th instant, to the Clerk to the Committee of Visitors.

**WOODRIDGE UNION, Suffolk.**—Medical Officer for the Walton District: £62 10 per annum.

The announcement of a vacancy for Medical Officer of the Leicester Union Workhouse, in the JOURNAL of March 7th, was an error.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

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

\***BANKS, V. Mitchell, F.R.C.S.**, Lecturer on Anatomy in the Liverpool Royal Infirmary School of Medicine, appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, *vice* \*Reginald Harrison, Esq., appointed Surgeon.

**DREW, Charles Wallace, M.R.C.S. Eng.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the North Devon Infirmary.

**JONES, Thomas, M.B.**, appointed Operating Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Manchester.

**LEONARDI John, M.R.C.S.**, appointed Resident Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road.

\***STOWER, J. H., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Administrator of Chloroform, etc., to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, *vice* A. Cumberbatch, F.R.C.S., resigned.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

## MARRIAGE.

**PENNINGTON—BRAITHWAITE.**—On March 17th, at St. Silas's Church, Liverpool, by the Rev. Dr. Harrison, Thomas Pennington, M.R.C.S. & L.S.A., of that town, son of the late Rev. John Pennington, Rector of Lorton, to Jane, daughter of the late Edward Braithwaite, Esq., of Ulverston.

## DEATH.

**WOODMAN.**—On March 11th, at 2, Chichester Place, Exeter, Caroline, the beloved wife of John Woodman, F.R.C.S. (Honorary Secretary of the South Western Branch of the British Medical Association).

**VACCINATION AWARD.**—The Local Government Board have awarded the sum of £11 gs. to Mr. Crocker, Surgeon, of Bingley, for efficient vaccination.

## BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

*Principles of Mental Physiology.* By W. B. Carpenter, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S. London: H. S. King and Co. 1874.

*Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London.* Vol. xv. For the year 1873. London: Longmans and Co. 1874.

*Sanitary Report of the Province of Oudh.*

*The Ninth Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.* 1872.

*The Puerperal Diseases: Clinical Lectures delivered at Bellevue Hospital.* By Fordyce Barker, M.D. New York: 1873.

## 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.

**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.

**MONDAY**.—Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. Thomas Bryant, F.R.C.S., "Foreign Body discharged through Abdominal Parietes"; Dr. Cockle, F.R.C.P., "A Case of Labial Carbuncle followed by Pyæmia" (by Dr. Cockle and Mr. J. Blackstone); Dr. Tuchman, "On a New Instrument to Aid in Diagnosing Disease of the Bladder and Kidneys" (will be read by Mr. Woodhouse Braine, Honorary Secretary).

**TUESDAY**.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. J. M. Cunningham (Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India), "Recent Experience of Cholera in India"; Mr. R. Brudenell Carter, "On an Improved Method of Abcision of the Anterior Portion of the Eyeball".

**THURSDAY**.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Open Meeting.

**FRIDAY**.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Cayley, "A Case of Hæmoptysis"; Mr. Warrington Howard, "A Case of Blood-Cyst of Hand"; Dr. Packard of Philadelphia, "Bracketed Splint for Excision of the Knee, or for Compound Fractures" (communicated by Mr. Callender).—Quekett Microscopical Club (University College), 8 P.M. Mr. E. T. Newton, "On the Preparation of Microscopic Sections of Soft Tissues".

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, in forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with *Duplicate Copies*.

**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.

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

**WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.**

**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.

**A SENIOR FELLOW OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY**.—The writers of the abstracts act under the knowledge that there is very great pressure on our columns to report the proceedings of the numerous medical societies of England, Scotland, and Ireland; and we can but feel grateful to them for care in condensation.

**THE PROPOSED ADMISSION OF WOMEN TO THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY**.—In a letter from Mrs. E. G. Anderson, it is stated "one of the speakers, is reported to have said that my name was smuggled into the *Medical Register*". In your report, which is a particularly accurate one, no such passage occurs. What is reported is perfectly correct—"Mrs. Anderson did not attend lectures" (public lectures), "but somehow or other she was smuggled through Apothecaries' Hall". Now, if any one procure the licence from the Apothecaries' Hall, or any other licensing body, they have only to present such licence to the Registrar, pay the usual fee, when, as a matter of course, the name is duly registered. The question to be considered is, Was Mrs. Anderson (at that time Miss Garrett) admitted to examination on the usual terms, and would any male student have been admitted to examination on the same terms? I do not hesitate to say, certainly not. To prevent such irregularity from becoming a precedent, the following rule has been added to the published regulations issued by the Society of Apothecaries. "No certificates of lectures or of anatomical instructions delivered in private to particular students, apart from the ordinary classes of recognised public medical schools, can be received by the Court of Examiners." What is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. I am, etc., THE OFFENDER.

**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. SCHLIEF (Berlin) shall receive a private letter.

DR. VEALE omits to state what sum was awarded.

## RELATIVE PROVISION.

The following may interest parents who are undecided whether to bring up their sons to Law or Medicine. The Court of Common Council has pensioned the widow of their clerk (a solicitor) with £300 a year. The widow of Dr. Gwynne Harries has had a pension of £50 conferred on her. Comment is superfluous.

March 1874.

I am, etc.,

THE PRESENT WRITER.

**ERRATUM**.—In the report of the proceedings at the Obstetrical Society, page 320, column 2, lines 11 and 17, for "candidate", read "medical practitioner".

## ALLEGED INSANITY.

SIR,—A patient of mine has a son aged 16. This lad has an exceedingly bad temper; gets into passions of temper if he be not allowed his own way. His father placed him in the workhouse, and paid for him to be there a week, so that it might frighten him into being a better lad. On being taken to the workhouse, he told the nurse that "if she did not let him out he would break the window to get out and go home". For such conduct he is sent to the lunatic asylum at Lancaster, the usual form being signed by some medical men, to the effect that the lad is insane. The father of the lad was never acquainted with any facts until the officer came to demand ten shillings as the fees for his week's maintenance at the asylum. My patient is only a working man, earning about twenty-six shillings per week, with a family of five to keep, and ten shillings per week off for this lad is more than he can afford. The lad is as sane now as ever he was, and wants to come home. I have directed his father to stop payment. What would you advise to be done in the case?

I am, etc.,

W. H. J.

March 5th, 1874.

\* \* Communicate in the first instance with the medical officer of the asylum, who, if the lad be not insane, would certainly discharge him at once.

## PRACTICE ON THE CONTINENT.

SIR,—You will much oblige me if you can inform me whether a duly and legally qualified medical practitioner (M.D. Edin., M.R.C.S.E., etc.) can practise as a physician among English residents and visitors at Brussels, Ostend, or any other Belgian town; also, whether his English qualifications would be sufficient to enable him to practise at any of the French watering-places, as Dieppe, Havre, or Boulogne; or at Hyères, Nice, Mentone, or any other place of resort in the Riviera. If not, can you inform me what other qualifications it would be necessary to obtain, or what legal forms may be requisite in order to acquire authority or permission to practise in either of the places named?

I am, etc.,

QUISQUIS.

\* \* To practise in France, an English physician must obtain either a French diploma by examination or special leave from the Minister of the Interior, for which he must apply through the English Ambassador. We are not sure how this is in Belgium, but Quisquis could learn on inquiry at the Foreign Office.

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Carlisle Patriot, March 13th; The Ayr Advertiser, March 5th; The West County Lantern, March 7th; The Scotsman, March 12th; The Brighton Examiner, March 3rd; The Leicester Advertiser, March 7th; The Blackburn Standard, Feb. 25th; The Hull Evening News, March 6th; The Sunderland Times, March 6th; etc.

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