

the nature of the opposition made by those who strove in both Houses to prevent the Bill passing. It was made a *sine quâ non* by some, especially by Lord Redesdale, that a clause should be inserted in the bill, if it was allowed to pass, that no portion of the grant should be paid from the Consolidated Fund, but that it should be solely a local charge. The motive, though crafty, was obvious; if half the superannuation, like the salary that preceded it, had been paid from Imperial taxation, one half the antagonism which our aged friends have experienced in securing superannuation, would have been nullified. It is therefore incumbent on us, whilst trying for a compulsory, instead of a permissive superannuation allowance, that we should also ask, that as our services are in every sense national in their results, so also the nation at large should be called upon to contribute to our pay and to our superannuation.

#### THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

WE believe that there will this year be three vacancies in the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, to be filled by election. The vacancies are caused by the resignation of Mr. South and the retirement in rotation of Mr. Hilton and Mr. Marshall. Mr. Marshall will offer himself for re-election, and, having been but a short time in office, will no doubt be re-elected. Mr. Hilton, for the reverse reason, does not, it is stated, purpose to claim any further renewal of College honours, of which he has enjoyed a handsome share. There will thus probably be two absolute vacancies to be filled by new men. Among the candidates spoken of, are Mr. Savory, Mr. Baker of Birmingham, and Mr. Cooper Forster. Next to these in seniority stands Mr. Henry Smith, who has not yet, we believe, announced his intention.

#### EXTENSION OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

WE learn with great pleasure that the North Staffordshire Medical Society (after an existence of more than a quarter of a century) has passed a resolution to become a Branch of the British Medical Association, and, still further to extend its usefulness, has decided to merge into a County Branch, to sink its hitherto northern individuality, and to join with the medical profession of the south of the county in forming what will be, we must hope, an important addition to the already large family of an important and useful parent.

Staffordshire is socially, if not politically, marked into two great divisions, north and south, with the Potteries and Newcastle as the populous towns of the north, and Wolverhampton as the populous town of the south, where is situated the South Staffordshire Hospital. The north has also its hospital situated at Hartshill, the North Staffordshire Infirmary, while the county town has a hospital of its own, the Staffordshire General Hospital.

With three such hospitals in such important manufacturing districts, and the large number of medical men scattered throughout this populous county, the proposed Branch ought indeed to become a successful one. The further proceedings of the proposed organisation will be watched with interest.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

#### NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of the Northern Branch will be held at Bishop Cosin's Library, Durham, on Thursday, April 30th, at 2.45 P.M.

The President, Dr. Heath, will deliver an address, entitled "Reminiscences of a Visit to Vienna and Zurich."

The following papers have been promised.

1. On a Rare Form of Dislocation of the Hip-Joint. By Dr. Heath.  
2. Notes of a Case of Injury to the Knee-Joint. By W. L. Emmer-son, Esq.

3. Report of a Case of Paracentesis Thoracis. By Dr. Philippon. Gentlemen who are desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to communicate with the Secretary at their earliest convenience. G. H. PHILIPSON, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, March 30th, 1874.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

THE North Staffordshire Medical Society having resolved to become a Branch of the British Medical Association, the medical practitioners of the county of Stafford are earnestly requested to attend a meeting at the

London and North-Western Hotel, Stafford, on Thursday, April 30th, 1874, at 3 P.M., when a scheme for the management of the Branch will be submitted for their approval.

J. WEAVER, *President*, J. M. TAYLOR, *Honorary Secretary*,  
North Staffordshire Medical Society.

#### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.

THERE will be only one meeting this spring, which will be held at Gravesend, on Friday, May 29th (D.V.); A. SHEWEN, M.B. Lond., in the Chair.

FREDERICK JAMES BROWN, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Rochester, March 30th, 1874.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

#### SEX IN EDUCATION.

SIR,—That the subject of "sex in education" should be reconsidered from the modern point of view, is reasonable and useful. Dr. Maudsley has undertaken to emphasise and recast certain warnings given by a recent American writer, Dr. Clark, who expresses a fear that the intermittent periods of weakness in young women may be overlooked by those who claim for them higher education and more active participation in lucrative pursuits. The claim for due attention to physiological rules of health and laws of life is always well timed. I am inclined to think, however, that it coincides rather than clashes with the tendency to a higher education. The pursuits to which poor women, by the natural laws of social selection, have, by reason of their defective and one-sided education, been condemned, have been those which make the most continuous claims upon their physical frame, and which afford the least chances of the necessary relaxations and intermissions. Physiologically, callings such as those of the sempstress, the overworked dressmaker, the ballet-girl, are among the most inexorable pursuits of modern industry. As to the character of the higher education which, it is intimated, will breed up a generation of invalids, I suppose girls to be as capable as boys of deriving mental strength and refreshment from the study of geometry, the dead languages, and the modern sciences; and I doubt whether there is any form of disease to which they predispose. The sufferings endured and inflicted by young ladies persistently bowed down to the study of French, music, and the globes, are not inconsiderable. It is very truly observed that, if women are to be trained mentally with some such degree of care as is bestowed on boys in our colleges and public schools, they will require physical recreation also—such as boys are now taught to consider of hardly secondary importance, if not sometimes of superior importance, to mental training. It is difficult to see why the corollary should be assumed, that this prevents the possibility, or interferes with the chances, of higher education for women. The importance of the physiological argument is so great, that it is desirable not to lessen its force by connecting it with errors of deduction which a very small experience will detect. The most highly educated ladies known to London society are among the most healthy; and Mrs. Somerville was a notable instance in point. The ladies who have shown themselves thus far apt for higher education practically refute the invalid theory. The facts must go for what they are worth. Twelve thousand midwives practise rudely obstetrics in this country; it would be difficult to imagine that their health would be affected by a little more of the "higher education", which would put them in the way of doing less harm and more good. I do not know how many hundred or thousand women act as nurses, some as day, some as night nurses: to them, too, a little higher education would do no harm.

Girls now work as many hours a day in their schools as boys, and get less physical exercise; but they work at wearisome inanities, and are allowed only third-rate teachers. Any sort of teacher is good enough for a "girls' school". The hours wasted on the music-stool by thousands, aye, millions of girls, who have neither love nor use for musical training, will surely rise in judgment against the present generation, when it comes to answer in future times for its doings. They

14½ ditto; 1870, 15 ditto, 14¾ ditto; 1871, 25 ditto, 14½ ditto; 1872, 15 ditto, 14¾ ditto; 1873, 100 ditto, 15 ditto. It is shown conclusively that during the past fifteen years there has been a steady drift to leeward, and no helping hand has been stretched out to save the unfortunate doctors from the rock of disappointment. In India, in 1864, the ranks above assistant-surgeon were augmented at one sweep by 307 officers, in an establishment of 861, by the promotion of all men of twelve years' service. The augmentation of a third of that number, by the promotion of 102 surgeons in an establishment of 959, would, we believe, satisfy all demands of the members of the Imperial Department.

### THE MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE ASHANTEE WAR.

THE omission in the recent *Gazette* of the names of many medical officers who have done good service during the Ashantee War has been acutely felt by those interested, and the *Army and Navy Gazette* expresses the hope that the authorities will not forget the very great claims which they have upon their consideration. Officers who volunteered and did arduous duty in the earlier portion of the war, and when the preliminary preparations for the reception of the white troops had to be undertaken and carried out, should not be forgotten, as neither should those officers who held the arduous regimental appointments at its close. At present, we shall not allude further to this matter, as we are sure the present Chief of the Army Medical Department, who is in the best position to judge of his officers' claims, will not forget to urge those of the ones he thinks most deserving of support.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, April 9th, 1874.

Bate, George, Camelford, Cornwall  
Crawshaw, Benjamin, Accrington, Lancashire  
Dawson, Richard Stratheden, Octocamund, Madras

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

Weddell, William Henry, St. Mary's Hospital

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**ALNWICK INFIRMARY**—House Surgeon: £120 per annum, furnished apartments, etc., and the privilege of taking an apprentice. Applications, 2nd May, to W. T. Hindmarsh, Honorary Secretary.  
**BOOTLE BOROUGH HOSPITAL**—House Surgeon: £80 per annum, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 20th instant, to T. P. Dawson, Hon. Secretary.  
**BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL**—Physician. Applications, 22nd instant, to Henry Fox, R.N., Secretary.  
**CAHERCIVEEN UNION, co. Kerry**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Valencia and Portmagee Dispensary District: £80 per annum, and fees. Applications, 25th instant, to John O'Driscoll, Honorary Secretary, Knightstown, Valencia.  
**CHELtenham GENERAL HOSPITAL and DISPENSARY**—Honorary Medical Officer to the Branch Dispensary. Applications, 1st May, to David Hartley, Secretary.  
**CHORLTON-ON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon: £120 per annum, lodging and attendance, coals and gas.  
**CROOM UNION**—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Adare Dispensary District: £120 per annum, and fees. Applications, 20th inst., to Matthew O'Flaherty, Hon. Sec., Donoman Castle, Croom.  
**CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle**—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, board, etc. Applications, 22nd inst., to John Laver, Sec.  
**DEWSBURY UNION, Yorkshire**—Medical Officer for the Gomersal District.  
**\*DONEYAL UNION**—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Pettigo Dispensary District: £60 per annum, and fees. Applications, 23rd instant.  
**GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham**—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, and residence. Applications, 27th instant, to W. T. Grant, House Governor and Secretary.  
**GENERAL INFIRMARY, Leeds**—House-Physician; House-Surgeon: each £100 per annum, board, residence, etc. Applications, 30th instant, to Dr. Heaton.  
**\*IRVINESTOWN UNION**—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Clonelly Dispensary District: £60 per annum, and fees. Applications, 23rd instant.  
**KILCHRENAN and DALAVICH, Argyllshire**—Parochial Medical Officer. Applications, 1st May, to Rev. N. Mackenzie, Kilchrenan.  
**LEICESTERSHIRE and RUTLANDSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, and lodging. Applications, 9th May, to W. Napier Reeve, Clerk to Visitors, Leicester.  
**LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon and Apothecary: £100 per annum, board, and lodging. Applications, 4th May, to J. W. Danby, Secretary.  
**LINCOLN GENERAL DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon and Apothecary: £150 per annum, furnished apartments, fire, and gas.  
**LISKEARD**—Certifying Factory Surgeon.  
**LISKEARD UNION**—Medical Officer to the Workhouse: £32 per annum.  
**LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES**—Three Honorary Medical Officers to the North Dispensary. Applications, 29th instant, to W. Lister, Secretary.

**LUNESDALE UNION, Lancashire**—Medical Officer for Workhouse: £111 per annum. For District No. 1: £49 per annum, if resident in the village of Hornby; any other part of district, £30 per annum, exclusive of usual extras. Applications, 21st instant, to Robert Stephenson, Clerk, Hornby.  
**MACHYNLETH UNION**—Medical Officer for the Towyn District: £36 per annum.  
**NENAGH UNION, co. Tipperary**—Medical Officer for the Workhouse: £100 per annum. Applications, 30th instant, to J. H. Sheehan, Clerk—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Silvermines Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications, 2nd May, to W. H. Carroll, Honorary Secretary.  
**NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTICS, Queen Square, Bloomsbury**—Medical Registrar: £50 per annum.  
**NOTTINGHAM COUNTY and BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 29th instant, to Kemp Sanby, Clerk to Committee of Visitors.  
**OXFORDSHIRE**—Public Analyst.  
**QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham**—Pathologist. Applications, 16th May, to W. Young, Secretary.  
**ROATH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £50 per annum.  
**ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL**—Clinical Assistants and Ophthalmic Dressers.  
**ROYAL SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS**—Aural Surgeon.  
**ST. GEORGE and St. JAMES DISPENSARY, King Street, Regent Street—Accoucheur.** Applications, 23rd instant, to J. H. Yorke, Secretary.  
**ST. SAVIOUR, Southwark**—Medical Officer for No. 9 District: £130 per annum. Applications, 23rd instant, to H. C. Jones, Clerk, John Street West, Blackfriars Road.  
**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL**—Resident Physician's Assistant: £100 per annum, furnished rooms, and commons.  
**SCHOOL FOR THE INDIGENT BLIND**—Consulting Physician.  
**STAFFORDSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Medical Superintendent: £450 per annum, board, and lodging. Applications, 25th instant, to Chairman of Committee of Visitors.  
**TOWYN URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health.  
**WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, and SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 4th May, to the Secretary.  
**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, New Zealand**—Professor of Anatomy and Physiology: £600 per annum and class fees, and allowance for passage money and outfit. Applications, 25th instant, to John Auld, Esq., W. S., Edinburgh.  
**WINDHILL URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £35 for one year.  
**WOLVERHAMPTON and STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, board, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 27th instant, to the Chairman of the Medical Committee.  
\* Held together.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

**DORAN, Alban H. G., M.R.C.S.** (Anatomical Assistant to the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons), appointed Surgeon to the Metropolitan Dispensary, Fore Street, Cripplegate, vice A. E. Cumberbatch, Esq., resigned.  
**\*MOORE, John, M.D.**, appointed Surgeon to the County Antrim Prison, Belfast, vice H. Purdon, M.D., 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.

#### MARRIAGES.

**NORTON—HILL.**—On April 8th, at St. Paul's, Bristol, by the Rev. W. Saunders, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Doudney, John A. Norton, M.B., to Charlotte Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr. James Hill, of Bristol.  
**STEWART—CONNERY.**—On March 24th, at Christ Church, Belfast, by the Rev. Robert Vance, M.A., \*James Stewart, B.A., L.R.C.P.Ed., Assistant Medical Officer, Kent County Asylum, Maidstone, son of Robert Stewart, M.D., County Asylum, Belfast, to Maud, daughter of the late Richard Connery, Esq., of Belfast.

#### DEATHS.

**ADAMS, Robert, M.D.**, Staff-Surgeon Royal Army, at Woolwich, on April 10th.  
**KEAL, William Tomblin, M.D.**, at Oakham, aged 82, on April 5th.  
**RANSOM, Robert, M.D.**, at Cambridge, on March 30th.

**PRESENTATION TO DR. WALLER LEWIS.**—A handsome timepiece, tazzas, and candelabra, were presented by the medical staff of the postal service to Dr. W. Lewis, chief medical officer of the General Post Office, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The subscriptions, confined to their body, and limited in amount, were accompanied by a number of gratifying and cordial letters from all parts of the kingdom.

**THE LATE DR. PEACH.**—At the petty session at Derby, held last week, Colonel Mosley, the chairman, on taking his seat, said: "The Bench cannot proceed to the business of the day without recording, with deep regret, the loss the county has sustained in the death of Dr. Peach, who for many years presided at this Bench, and who was an ornament whenever he so presided. He had ever an anxious desire to do justice, and temper it with mercy. He had great perspicuity of intellect, and he was ever anxious to do good to those who came within his influence. He lived highly respected, and dies regretted; but his memory will long live in the recollection of those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance."

## 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. The adjourned discussion on Mr. Keene's communication concerning "Death from Chloroform" will be reopened by Dr. Richardson, F.R.S.

**TUESDAY**.—Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. Adjourned debate on Cancer.

**FRIDAY**.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Anstie (for Mrs. Garrett Anderson), "A Case of Malignant Disease of the Colon"; Mr. Henry Lee, "A Case of Traumatic Stricture of Trachea"; Dr. Morell Mackenzie, "Cases illustrating Treatment of Cystic Bronchocele"; Dr. J. Althaus, "Faradisation in a Case of Lead-poisoning"; Quekett Microscopical Club (University College), 8 P.M.

## 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.

**CAN** Mr. Walters suggest any means by which what he objects to can be prevented?

**MR. WALFORD** (Reading).—Shall have early insertion.

**ROYAL SCHOOL FOR DAUGHTERS OF OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.**

AN earnest appeal is made on behalf of Grace Louise Ellen Atkinson, aged 11, a candidate, for the fourth time, for admission into this institution. Her father, Staff Assistant-Surgeon Atkinson, residing at Freemantle, Southampton, is now a helpless sufferer from chronic rheumatism and paralysis of the lower limbs. He volunteered for the Crimea; accompanied the Highland Brigade, took charge of a hospital ship at Scutari, served in the Kinburn expedition, and to the close of the Russian campaign. When serving in the Mauritius, he was ordered to England on account of ill-health. Mr. Atkinson has nothing but his half-pay (eight shillings a day) to support himself, wife, and family, consisting of five children, all requiring education, and three of them younger than the present candidate. He had insured his life for £300; but the insurance office failed, whereby he lost all the premiums he had paid, and the prospect of leaving that small sum as a provision for his family. The case is strongly recommended by the Committee, and (*inter alios*) by the Rev. J. D'Arcy W. Preston, Rector, Freemantle, Southampton (by whom proxies will be thankfully received), Major-General Sir H. C. B. Daubeney, K.C.B., and by Professors Longmore, Maclean, Parkes, and Aitken, of the Army Medical School at Netley.

## APPEAL.

**DR. ORBY CAREY** writes:—I earnestly plead for help for a medical man under my care, who suffers from a painful and tedious illness. His condition is most pitiable, having been obliged, after years of toil and suffering, to give up his home and practise abroad, at great sacrifice, and return to England for treatment. His funds are exhausted. He has no relative able to assist him; and has a wife and three young children. The benevolent are asked to aid, that he may continue treatment.

Subscriptions received by Calvert Toulmin, Esq., 69, Inverness Terrace, Hyde Park, W.; H. Fry, Esq., East Ham, E.; and at National Bank, Bayswater.

**CORRESPONDENTS** are particularly requested by the Editor to observe that communications relating to Advertisements, changes of address, and other business matters, should be addressed to Mr. Francis Fowke, General Secretary and Manager, at the Journal Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., and not to the Editor.

**DR. D. BRODIE** (Liberton).—We shall endeavour to continue the subject in a further article.

## THE CASE OF MR. JACKMAN.

**SIR**.—As it seems I have not given the full details of my case, as it occurred from the onset, I will endeavour to do so to the best of my ability. I was so sadly stricken in the commencement, that I hardly knew how to begin and how to end, as I wished to represent it to the public in the strict principle of truth, not only for the benefit of myself, but for the good of others.

I was appointed medical officer of the Barnstaple Union by stating, in the first instance, that I would reside (according to the Poor-law Act) in the centre of the district. This overruled the two or three medical gentlemen who put in at the same time; one specially held qualifications wholesale, whereas I was a *bona fide* licentiate of the Apothecaries' Company of London, which carried everything so far back as 1857; and besides, I had previously held an appointment as medical officer for eight years in the Clutton Union, Somerset, at a salary of only £36 *per annum*. I resigned this, and came here at a salary of £60. All this was carried on in a hard-working way, night and day, more like a slave than a doctor; and if I asked for an increase of salary, I was laughed at. So things went on for years. However, the clerk, being a young man, and not long appointed to the office, made a serious mistake, for which I intend to prove my standing. It seems, according to his letter, that I was destined to be out of office at Michaelmas, although I was appointed at Christmas, 1857, at £60 *per annum*, under special contract of notice, giving two months or taking two months. Now, how does the clerk mean to rule this as being yearly? I think, under the old regulations, my appointment was as much destined for a permanency as that of any other medical gentleman under the union.

I have received several anonymous letters lately, and others, begging me to represent my case fully, in order that medical members may report it to the House of Commons as a case of extraordinary comment, and one worthy of being represented in its full sense to the House, where it must stand or fall according to its merits.

I sincerely thank those gentlemen who sympathise with my sad case, and thank them for their contributions, and trust I shall find others who will ultimately help me in my present distress and unsurpassed difficulty. I am, etc.,

Swymbridge, Barnstaple, April 13th, 1874. JOHN HAWKES JACKMAN.

## DR. SPENCER'S STETHOSCOPE.

**SIR**.—Will you kindly allow me space in the next number of the JOURNAL to inform several correspondents that my stethoscope can be obtained of Messrs. Ferris and Co., surgical instrument makers, Union Street, Bristol, and that the price is a guinea? Messrs. Ferris and Co. have worked out my designs in a very skilful manner; and though the manufacture and sale of the stethoscope is to be placed under no protection whatever, those who wish to have an exact copy of my completed designs will, doubtless, prefer to go to the original makers. Personally, I have no interest in the matter, beyond a desire to advance the cause of scientific medicine. I am, etc.,

Clifton, April 14th, 1874. WM. H. SPENCER.

**WE** are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Carlisle Patriot, April 10th; The Ayr Advertiser, April 9th; The West Country Lantern, April 4th; The Scotsman, April 9th; The Brighton Examiner, April 7th; The Leicester Advertiser, April 11th; The Blackburn Standard, April 15th; The Hull Evening News, April 10th; The Sunderland Times, April 10th; etc.

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