

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Hull Infirmary, on Wednesday, May 27th, at 1 P.M.; Dr. G. F. ELLIOTT, President, in the Chair.

Dinner at the Vittoria Hotel, at 4.30 P.M. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d. ROBT. H. B. NICHOLSON, *Hon. Sec.*
Hull, May 18th, 1874.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Corn Exchange, St. Ives, on Wednesday, May 27th, at 3 P.M.; W. R. GROVE, M.D., President.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, or be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate with the Secretary without delay.

The dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, at 6 P.M. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each. J. B. BRADBURY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*
Corpus Buildings, Cambridge, May 4th, 1874.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, May 27th, at 2.30 P.M.

The members will dine together at the Royal Hotel. Tickets (exclusive of wine) 6s. 6d. each.

Gentlemen desirous of bringing forward communications, or attending the dinner, are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

W. PROCTER, M.D., *Local Secretary.*

York, May 4th, 1874.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE next meeting of the above District will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, at 3 P.M. The Chairman to be chosen at the time.

Notice has been received of the following communications.

1. Mr. J. T. Penhall: Practical Observations on the Use of Plaster Splints, and on some recent Surgical Cases.

2. Mr. E. Smith: Case of Typhoid Fever.

Dinner as usual, at 5 o'clock. Tickets 5s., exclusive of wine.

THOMAS TROLLOPE, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*
35, Marina, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, May 12th, 1874.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.

THE next meeting is appointed to be held at the Infirmary, Gravesend, on Friday, May 29th, at 4 P.M.; ALFRED SHEWEN, M.D. Lond., in the Chair.

Dinner will be provided at the Old Falcon Inn, at 6 P.M.

Papers are promised by W. Buchanan, Esq., on the Treatment of *Post Partum* Hæmorrhage by the Perchloride of Iron; and by the Chairman, on Hydatidiform Mole. Further papers are desired.

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

Rochester, May 11th, 1874.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick, on Thursday, June 4th, at 12.30 P.M.; ROBERT TIFFEN, M.D., President, in the Chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, or be present at the dinner, are requested to give early notice to the Secretary.

HENRY BARNES, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

Carlisle, May 5th, 1874.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

THE next meeting of the above District will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, at Worthing; WM. J. HARRIS, Esq., in the Chair.

Gentlemen desirous of bringing forward any communications, or relating cases, are requested to inform me of the same at once, in order that they may be inserted in the circular convening the meeting.

WM. J. HARRIS, *Honorary Secretary.*

Worthing, May 16th, 1874.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE sixth ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the College Green Hotel, Bristol, on Tuesday evening, May 28th, at 7 o'clock; E. L. Fox, M.D., President, in the Chair.

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

Bristol, May 20th, 1874.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE annual meeting of the above District will be held at the Fleur-de-Lis Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, May 28th, at 3 o'clock; H. G. SADLER, Esq., in the Chair.

Dinner at 5 o'clock precisely; charge, 5s., exclusive of wine.

The Chairman kindly invites members and their friends to lunch at his house, from 1 till 3.

Notices have been received of the following communications to be read at the meeting.

1. Mr. H. E. Hutchings: Case of Intestinal Obstruction.

2. Mr. Rigden: On the advantage of the Obstetric Forceps in some cases in which they are not considered absolutely necessary. (Adjourned discussion.)

3. J. Braxton Hicks, M.D., F.R.S.: A method of Paracentesis Abdominis in Ascites, complicated by Tumour, or much Tympanitis.

4. J. Braxton Hicks, M.D., F.R.S.: The Local Treatment of Cystitis in Women.

5. Mr. Arthur Long: Case of General Paralysis after Injury to Head; Recovery.

6. Mr. Arthur Long: Case of Strangulated Hernia; Symptoms Masked by Patient taking a large dose of Opium; Operation; Death.

Gentlemen who intend to be present at the dinner, are particularly requested to inform me on or before Tuesday, the 26th instant.

EDWARD W. THURSTON, *Honorary Secretary.*

Ashford, May 18th, 1874.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting will be held at Blackburn, on Wednesday, the 17th of June, at 1 P.M.—CHARLES WHITE, Esq., President; JOHN SKAIFE, Esq., President-elect.

Dinner at half-past four. Tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

Members intending to read papers or exhibit specimens, etc., are requested to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary of the Branch.

A. B. STEELE, *Hon. Sec.*

54, Rodney Street, Liverpool, May 20th, 1874.

MIDLAND BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

THE opening meeting of this Branch was held at the President's house, Leicester, on April 28th, at 7 P.M.; H. LANKESTER, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Five new members were elected.

Papers.—The following papers were read and discussed.

1. A Case of Intestinal Obstruction, with Treatment. By John Barclay, M.D.

2. A Case of Double Popliteal Aneurism cured by Flexion. By T. W. Benfield, Esq.

3. Four Cases of Fissure of the Rectum, with Treatment. By C. W. Marriott, Esq.

4. A Case of Chronic Erysipelatous Inflammation of the Arm (patient shown).

5. A Case of Acute Farcy.

6. A Case of Sudden Death, with Remarks. By T. Blunt, M.D.

7. Mr. Dolman of Derby discussed the desirability of having Day Rooms in our Infirmarys for the use of convalescent patients.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the President, who, after responding, invited the members to stay and partake of supper.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT MEETING.

A MEETING of the East Surrey District of the South Eastern Branch of the British Medical Association was held at the Crystal Palace Hotel on Thursday, May 14th; J. SIDNEY TURNER, Esq., in the Chair.

Fifteen members and six visitors were present.

The Secretary.—Dr. Lanchester having resigned the office of Secretary, it was proposed by Dr. HOLMAN, and carried by acclamation :

"That this meeting accepts with sincere regret the resignation of their Secretary, Dr. Lanchester. The members would offer to him their heartfelt thanks for eight years of unwearied devotion to the best interests of the East Surrey District, and would beg to assure him that he carries with him, on his retirement, the well-earned warm personal regard of many attached friends."

It was then proposed by Dr. HOLMAN, and seconded by Dr. STRONG, and carried :

"That Dr. Galton be elected secretary."

Communications.—1. A paper was read by Mr. Howard Marsh on Retropharyngeal Abscess. The author referred especially to the disease occurring in children from two to four years old. He described five causes : 1. Disease of bodies of vertebrae ; 2. Injury ; 3. Sequel to exanthemata ; 4. Suppurating glands ; 5. Spontaneous (in this class he included the majority of cases). The symptoms he described were difficult breathing, without stridor, and with perfect vocalisation. He described abscess behind the oesophagus, with attacks of noisy breathing and spasmodic cough. He recommended opening with a narrow-bladed knife, and turning the child over to avoid suffocation. He had found pus at times so thick as not to run through a good sized aspirator-tube.

2. A paper was read by Mr. SIDNEY TURNER on a Case of Extra-uterine Fecundation. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. Howard Marsh and Stilwell (Epsom), and Drs. Lanchester, Holman, Hearnden, and Galton took part.

3. Dr. STRONG exhibited a specimen of long-standing Aortic Obstruction.

4. Dr. LANCHESTER read a case of Acute Tuberculosis of two weeks' duration. Mr. GALTON described a similar case of six days' duration.

5. Dr. GALTON showed an Instrument for the treatment of Ante-flexion of the Uterus, and described a case in which it was used with complete relief.

A discussion ensued, in which Drs. Lanchester and Holman took part.

Dinner.—Twenty-one members and visitors sat down to dinner ; and the cordial thanks of the meeting to the retiring Secretary again found warm and general expression.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ADMISSION OF WOMEN TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

SIR,—Having found myself in a minority of the medical graduates by signing the memorial to the Senate of the University of London in favour of the admission of women to degrees, I have been placed in an apologetic position before my friends, who maintain that the measure was carried by enthusiastic and theoretic artsmen, whilst the experienced members of the medical faculty were uniformly opposed to it. I will not attempt to gainsay this, but give my reasons for supporting it by my name. I need not reiterate, nor even mention, the arguments constantly used by the women's rights advocates, but simply state why, as a medical man, I was favourable to this and like proposals ; it is, in fact, because I regard the question from a professional point of view that I support the effort made for the higher education of women ; and it is for this reason I venture to trouble you with my opinion.

I have been in the habit of looking at the matter in this way, referring only, as I said before, to reasons suggested by my calling. I see in England a superabundance of women, a very large excess over men—families with numerous unmarried daughters—and, therefore, it is certain that these cannot possibly (unless bigamy became legal) fulfil the first functions of the sex. I look upon these human beings as so many powerful and active machines developing large forces which must operate upon and influence everything surrounding them. If they do not work for good, they will for evil ; or, if restrained, work out their own destruction. The trite rhyme, of the devil finding something for idle hands to do, cannot be too often reiterated in the youthful ear, whether it be male or female ; and it is equally true that, if action of all kinds be restrained, the bodily force operates as a canker-worm and devours its producer. Activity, however, which is fruitless is better than no action at all, and the woman who makes pleasure her occupation, and all the little affairs of the society in which she mixes the business of her life, and as "idly busy rolls her world away", preserves at least her health. But let her have no object placed before her to stimulate her to exertion, and she falls a prey to the operation of those powerful nerve-forces which are constantly being produced within her, and which ought to find their correlation in some outward active pursuit. My own experience is, that a large number of girls' ailments are due to idleness and

the consequent *ennui* ; and that the nerve-forces are as self-destructive as an unrestrained locomotive engine would be, which, if not properly directed, would injure everything with which it came into contact, or soon cripple itself. I have seen lamentable instances of girls amongst the middle classes whose bodily and moral health has been destroyed by wrong-headed parents, who, under a mistaken view of religion, have deprived them of every amusement except the chapel on Sunday and Exeter Hall during the month of May, at the same time enforcing upon them lessons of self-reflection. These poor creatures have become fretful, peevish, dyspeptic, and nervous, with all energy washed out of them, and at last die piously of consumption. If they have been fortunate enough to dwell in a village, they may have found work in the church or the school ; but that their devotedness had no higher aim than occupation is borne witness to by many a clergyman, who finds how his church decorations fail when the young ladies get married.

My own experience is, that the strong, active, right-minded girls are those who have been well educated at school or college, and who are constantly engaged in work for themselves or others ; who are employed at drawing, sculpture, languages, or even science ; whilst the sickly, complaining creatures, who are ever in the doctors' hands, are those who are doing nothing. One of the most and worst chronic cases of hysteria I have ever known was cured immediately upon the young lady being required to take charge of her father's house.

Seeing, then, all these evil consequences of want of occupation, and seeing the young women themselves asking for work and to be allowed to follow various pursuits for their livelihood, it seems to me hard and unjust to deprive them of the opportunity. In the lower classes, when the man dies, the wife keeps the shop, or even conducts a large business requiring considerable management. If she unfortunately belong to a class of society above this, she is prevented from supporting herself and family from want of legal qualification.

I have no intention of advocating the desirability of women entering the professions of medicine or the law, but it seems to me that, if they were allowed to do so, the numbers would be so small, that they would in no way alter the present aspect of society. At the same time, I would not limit all the privileges of endowed universities, colleges, and schools to one sex, but let the other participate in them. The arguments in use at the present time against the physical disadvantages of overtraining of girls, and the sapping of their health, must, of course, receive due attention, in the same way as would the injurious training of boys or young men fitting themselves for any special sphere of life. At present, it has not been my lot to have learned from those connected with girls' colleges that any injurious effects to health have ensued ; but I have frequently heard of the marked good which has followed full occupation and emulation. My own experience has been exactly of the same kind. In a word, the great argument against women's work is, that they are not fitted for it ; their answer is, they are able and willing if no impediments be placed in their way. I for one would remove all restrictions, and let the field be open.

I am, etc.,

LONDON, May 1874. SAMUEL WILKS.

DR. SNOW BECK'S CASES.

SIR,—Some of your readers, remote from London, have probably felt some surprise that I have taken no notice of Dr. Beck's arguments against the use of perchloride of iron to arrest *post partum* hæmorrhage ; and that, disregarding alike these arguments and his personal attacks, I have simply persisted in challenging him to publish his "cases". Now that he has published his "cases", I beg permission, in vindication of the course I have pursued, to show how far his statements are to be trusted.

1. Dr. Beck's "*nine or ten cases seen by himself*". In the discussion at the Obstetrical Society on March 5th, 1873, Dr. Beck stated that "he had met with several cases where death had followed the injection of perchloride of iron into the gravid uterus to arrest *post partum* hæmorrhage, all the women presenting symptoms quite analogous to those known under the name of puerperal fever". Dr. Beck had also stated that he had never injected the perchloride himself. "Dr. Playfair asked Dr. Beck how many cases of death resulting from the injection of perchloride of iron he had personally seen. It would be interesting to the Society to know, inasmuch as many Fellows had repeatedly injected the iron without ever witnessing any bad results ; while he, who confessedly had never used the remedy himself, had had the bad fortune to witness several fatal cases." "Dr. Snow Beck answered, that *he had seen nine or ten cases*. The symptoms were similar to those of puerperal fever, but he felt convinced that death was caused by the injection of iron." This, then, was the statement which Dr. Beck was called upon to substantiate. I repeatedly challenged him to publish these "*nine or ten cases*". The result is as follows.

boards, and the average prices each kind of manure had commanded in the market.—Mr. SCLATER-BOOTH said that there was no information at the Local Government Board upon that subject.

Factories (Health of Women, etc.).—Mr. CROSS obtained leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for improving the health of women, young persons, and children employed in factories, and affording better means for the education of such children.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen have recently passed the Primary or Anatomical and Physiological examination.

F. G. H. Whiteley, W. J. B. Clarke, G. W. Hambleton, R. Hasleden, W. F. Feltham, C. P. B. Clubbe, G. Hindle, A. C. B. Smyth, G. M. Tuke, R. H. Baillie, E. W. Livesey, A. E. Dicks, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; L. F. H. Birt, Charing Cross Hospital; J. W. C. Merriman, J. A. Vasey, F. C. Compton, B. F. Zimmerman, H. E. Friend, A. W. F. Street, W. E. Collins, F. C. D. Drevitt, P. M. Ellis, F. F. Glanville, S. W. Vasey, J. H. Ross, E. P. Apthorpe, S. H. Edgelow, G. A. W. Cones, H. Collier, St. George's Hospital; D. B. Lees, C. E. Bell, C. E. Wallis, E. H. Williams, A. C. Brock, A. Bain, T. S. Sheldon, F. A. Hyne, E. G. Dutton, T. F. Pedley, H. Wright, T. Jones, R. R. W. Gram, R. O. Cusack, F. G. Stewart, L. Jones, C. E. Perry, A. J. Rowbotham, W. Phelps, G. W. Lacey, P. F. Gilbert, C. P. Creed, A. W. Green, W. P. Turner, D. D. Malpas, S. V. Instone, A. M. Turner, E. H. Paddison, Guy's Hospital; H. R. Vachell, R. Clarke, S. L. Richardson, L. Druitt, M. Gainsford, A. S. Underwood, J. Price, D. P. H. Taylor, C. C. E. Beddoes, E. O. Scallon, King's College; A. J. Popert, A. Thompson, A. W. W. Dowding, P. M. Richards, F. G. Hayman, London Hospital; P. K. Cree, W. Walker, H. B. Ellis, Middlesex Hospital; S. G. Parkinson, H. Wickham, P. G. Young, St. Mary's Hospital; J. Gill, R. Harpur, E. H. Hare, V. G. Wride, H. C. Noot, C. De L. Brock, F. N. Hume, W. Morgan, C. C. Smith, H. Nutty, E. Ramsbotham, T. G. Cape, M. H. Green, F. M. Sandwith, C. W. Evans, W. P. Ashe, St. Thomas's Hospital; G. S. Bayley, J. F. Trafford, E. S. Smith, J. T. Buncombe, R. Walford, E. Martyn, P. S. Spokes, C. F. Middleton, J. Todd, B. G. Godfrey, W. H. Blake, G. L. Coombs, W. H. Williams, A. Hodge, A. W. Kempe, E. T. Chamberlain, University College; W. R. Basham, A. H. Collier, J. J. F. Barnes, Westminster Hospital; C. C. Jones, C. C. Crupps, Bristol; W. H. Beverley, J. Corrie, M. C. Sweeting, Leeds; A. A. Mouritz, Liverpool; G. L. Lennon, A. Galland, H. C. Smale, A. Richardson, J. E. Looker, J. W. Ashworth, J. N. Cooper, W. Armstrong, Manchester; H. Mackay, J. B. Emmerson, M. Duggan, S. Braithwaite, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; J. W. Scott, Sheffield; E. O. Jones, C. S. Watson, J. H. Hay, J. C. Eames, O. W. Smith, H. Dobson, T. Harker, W. J. Dodds, Edinburgh; A. W. Watkins, W. H. Sutcliffe, A. S. Currie, Glasgow; J. Sherburn, Glasgow and Edinburgh University; G. R. Armstrong, J. M. Edwards, H. Prytherch, J. Kilbride, Dublin; G. Whelan, Montreal and St. Thomas's Hospital; J. M. McCarthy, Aberdeen and Guy's Hospital; J. M. Jones, Edinburgh and Liverpool; G. R. Cundells, University College and St. Mary's Hospital.

The total number number of candidates admitted to the primary examinations for the membership during the last and present months was 442, of whom 133 were rejected. The next primary examination will be held in July.

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, EDINBURGH: Double Qualification.—The following gentlemen passed their first professional examination during the May sittings of the examiners.

James Eld Hifferran, Mallow; Edward William Thomson, India.

The following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted L.R.C.P. Edinburgh and L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

Frank Hokins Pedrosa, Madras; James Henry Tyrrell, Madras; Thomas Inglis, Edinburgh; Thomas Burke Walsh, Limerick; Posthumous Walter Hughes, Flintshire; Hugh Frazer Hurst, Belfast; Louis Conrad Jockel, Edinburgh; John Alexander Gailey, Annan; Tom Johnston Irvine, Lancashire; Benjamin Williams, Cardigan; Thomas Kearney, Dunmanway; Wm. Wynne, Merionethshire; Charles Edward Sharpe, Coleraine; Patrick Charles Gorham, Clifden; John Malcolm Scott, Mid Lothian; James Harries Davies, Llansawel.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH.—The following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted Licentiates of College during the May examinations.

Alexander Robert Coldstream, Edinburgh; William Carey, India; John Young Pitthie, Kirkcaldy; Alexander William Reid, Ceylon; Alexander Kenneth Stewart, India; William George Lemuel Law, Samoa, South Pacific; Andrew Denholm, Duddingston.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examination meetings of the College, held on May 12th, 13th, and 14th, the License to practise Medicine was obtained by the following candidates.

Billing, James Pymar
Dixon, Henry George
Langan, Francis
Limrick, Osborne Edward Barber

Longford, Henry
Patterson, Alfred
Taylor, James

The License in Midwifery was granted to:

Dixon, Henry George
Limrick, Osborne Edward Barber

Longford, Henry
Patterson, Alfred

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Resident Registrar and Pathologist: £100 per annum, board, and residence. Applications, 25th instant, to W. T. Grant, House Governor.

BORRISOKANE UNION, co. Tipperary—Medical Officer to the Workhouse: £60 per annum.—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Borrisokane Dispensary District: £100 per annum.

CANCER HOSPITAL—Surgeon. Applications, 2nd June, to the Chairman of the Weekly Board.

CARLISLE DISPENSARY—Assistant House-Surgeon: £90 per annum, with apartments, gas, coal, and attendance.

COUNTY AND COUNTY OF THE BOROUGH OF CARMARTHEN INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, lodgings, etc., and the privilege of taking two apprentices. Applications, 2nd June, to H. Howells, Secretary.

DENHOLME GATE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £50 per annum. Applications, 3rd June, to George Burr, Clerk, Keighley.

DERBY COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Mickleover—Assistant Medical Officer. Applications to John Barber, Esq.

DERBYSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications to Samuel Whitaker, Secretary.

GATESHEAD DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer: £200 per annum, with furnished apartments. Applications to Joseph Jordan, Honorary Secretary.

GLASGOW ROYAL LUNATIC ASYLUM—Resident Physician-Superintendent: £600 per annum, house partly furnished, coal, etc. Applications, 12th June, to J. Roxburgh Strong, Secretary, 110, West George Street, Glasgow.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLANDSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, near Leicester—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, and lodging. Applications to W. Napier Reeve, Esq., Leicester.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Three Honorary Medical Officers to the North and South Dispensaries.—Assistant Resident House-Surgeon: £108 per annum, increasing to £128. Applications, 27th instant, to W. Lister, Secretary.

MOHILL UNION, co. Leitrim—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Rynn Dispensary District: £100 per ann., and fees.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE INFIRMARY—Physician.—Junior House-Surgeon: £50 per annum, board, and residence. Applications, 30th instant, to R. Y. Green, Secretary.

NEWTOWNARDS UNION, co. Down—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Grey Abbey Dispensary District: £110 per annum, and fees. Applications, 5th June, to R. O. Young, Honorary Secretary, Innishargie, Kirkcubbin.

OXFORDSHIRE—Public Analyst.

PARISH OF LAMBETH—Resident Medical Officer and Dispenser: £100 per annum, board, apartments, and washing.

PRESTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £100 for one year. Applications, 8th June, to Robert Ascroft, Clerk.

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

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road—Physician. Applications, 4th June, to C. Lowther Kemp, Secretary.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—Aural Surgeon.

SCHOOL FOR THE INDIGENT BLIND—Consulting Physician.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Surgeon: £100 per annum to commence, £30 per annum for rent and taxes, and Midwifery and Vaccination Fees. Applications to S. Gordon, 14, Sydney Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

SURREY COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Wandsworth Common—Junior Assistant Medical Officer: £170 per annum, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 23rd instant, to Dr. Biggs, Superintendent.

SWANSEA—Public Analyst: £100 per annum.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer. Applications, 23rd instant, to John Robson, B.A., Secretary to Council.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, Newcastle-upon-Tyne—Professor of Medicine.

WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, and SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 30th instant.

WELLINGTON (Salop) UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Northern Division of No. 2 District: £80 per annum, and fees. Applications, 11th June, to George Marcy, Clerk.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: £80 per ann., board, residence, etc. Applications, 15th June, to P. D. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

WESTERN INFIRMARY, Glasgow—Superintendent: £250 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, 15th June, to W. H. Hill, Honorary Secretary, 106, Ingram Street, Glasgow.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—House-Physician. Applications, 1st June, to F. J. Wilson, Secretary.

WESTMINSTER UNION—Medical Officer to the Industrial School at Tooting: £60 per annum. Applications, 27th inst., to W. B. West, Clerk, Poland Street.

WEST RIDING LUNATIC ASYLUM, Wakefield—Clinical Assistant, Applications, 23rd instant, to J. Crichton Browne, M.D., Medical Director.

WOLVERHAMPTON and STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, board, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 1st June, to the Chairman of the Medical Committee.

VACCINATION.—Dr. Jackson, public vaccinator for the Harraton district of the Chester-le-Street Union, has been awarded by the Local Government Board a gratuity of £41 3s. for efficiency in the performance of the duties of that office.

OXFORD SEWAGE.—The visiting justices of Littlemore Lunatic Asylum and the Local Board of Health of the city of Oxford having come to terms upon the question of water-supply, all further opposition to Mr. Bailey Denton's scheme of outfall and disposal of sewage is at an end. It is finally determined that the Oxfordshire side of the river shall receive the sewage for purification before its discharge.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan 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.

TUESDAYGuy'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.

THURSDAYSt. 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.

SATURDAYSt. 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.

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. E. Sparks, "On a Disease of the Skin caused by the *Acarus Folliculorum*, illustrated by cases observed in the Dog"; Dr. Lockhart Clarke and Dr. Gowers, "On a Case of Hypertrophic Muscular Paralysis".

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.

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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.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS' ETIQUETTE.

SIR,—In looking over the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* for the last week, my attention was directed to the notices to correspondents. It appears that Dr. Roe, one of the medical officers of this union, has been in communication with you relative to a case of insanity, and, from the reply given, it appears to me that the case was not sufficiently stated. Under these circumstances, I have thought proper to supply you with additional information respecting the case. About a week or so ago, the relieving officer was directed to attend upon a person of the name of William Pearce, residing in one of the parishes in the Fourth District of this union, for which Dr. Bethell is the medical officer, as it was supposed that the man was of unsound mind. After visiting the case, the relieving officer called upon Dr. Bethell, who instantly attended upon the man, and, after examining him, pronounced him to be insane and dangerous, and said that he must be removed to the lunatic asylum. As it was late in the day, and the wife being in great danger, the relieving officer considered it prudent to have the man removed to the workhouse (between nine and ten at night) until the following morning, when he was conveyed to the lunatic asylum. The medical officer of the district in which the lunatic was residing did not sign the certificate at once (although he might have done so without seeing the man again), but postponed doing so until the following morning, which he did in the board-room at the workhouse, as the relieving officer was most anxious that the man should be seen again by the medical officer (Dr. Bethell), and it was also a convenience for the magistrate to sign it at the same time.

I admit that all cases admitted into the workhouse come under the treatment of the medical officer of that establishment; but as the man was previously examined by Dr. Bethell before he was sent to the workhouse, surely he was entitled to his fee for signing the certificate. It was quite an exceptional case, the man being merely sent to the workhouse because he could not be removed to the asylum on the day he was examined, and for the protection of his wife; and I submit that there was no breach of etiquette on the part of the medical officer of District No. 4 in visiting the man at the workhouse for the purpose of signing the necessary certificate, nor was there any blame attached to the relieving officer for sending the lunatic to the workhouse for a few hours. I hope to see your decision reversed. I am sorry that the case was brought before your notice.

I am, etc.,

WILLIAM REYNOLDS, Clerk.

Bridgnorth Union, Bridgnorth, May 11th, 1874.

. We concur in the view expressed by Mr. W. Reynolds, under the circumstances stated.

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. SPENCER'S STETHOSCOPE.

SIR,—In answer to the inquiries of your correspondent C. J. P., respecting Dr. Spencer's stethoscope, I can inform him of cases in which I found it of much service. I was recently called upon to give medico-legal evidence respecting the pregnancy or non-pregnancy of a young woman on whom it was suspected a criminal assault had been committed four or five months before. The case presented some little difficulty, as the girl was a paralytic imbecile, and unable to give much information. There was no evidence of quickening, and the woman resisted a vaginal examination. I listened most carefully for the foetal heart with the ordinary stethoscope, but failed to discover it. It was important that I should be able to give *certain* evidence next day. In this dilemma I used Dr. Spencer's stethoscope, and in a few minutes heard the foetal heart and counted its pulsations; then (by means of the commutators, which are one of the chief features in the instrument) I discovered its exact situation—an unusual one. On again applying my ordinary stethoscope and listening intently, I could just hear the sounds of the heart. The sounds were so indistinct and muffled that, had I not known exactly where to listen, I should never have heard them. I was now able to give positive evidence of pregnancy, which subsequent events have verified.

Again, I had recently under my care a patient suffering from septicæmia. One morning, when auscultating the chest with Dr. Spencer's instrument, I distinctly heard crepitation, though neither myself nor a physician, whom I had in consultation, could discover anything abnormal with the ordinary stethoscope. In twenty-four hours, crepitation was marked, and could be heard on immediate auscultation. From what I have seen of Dr. Spencer's stethoscope, I am convinced that it will be found of very great value in investigating valvular sounds of the heart, in tracing murmurs, and, when sounds are confused, in separating and localising them. In the early stages of pericarditis, pleuritis, etc., the power of conducting sounds, with little loss of intensity, possessed by the new instrument, will often enable us to detect friction-sounds many hours earlier than by the stethoscopes in common use, and thus we may gain a day's march in our treatment. The case I have mentioned will, I think, help to prove its value in obstetric practice; and, although I do not consider that it will supersede the ordinary instrument, I have no doubt that it will be found a valuable—nay, more, a necessary—instrument in the hands of those who practise scientific auscultation. I am, etc.,

Lodway, near Bristol, April 1874.

WILLIAM A. CONCANON.

J. H. P.—Some experiments on the production of fat, by the external use of cod-liver oil, were made by Klencke, and are mentioned in Stillé's *Materia Medica*, 3rd edition, vol. ii, p. 803. Klencke shaved young dogs, and rubbed them with cod-liver oil twice daily for three weeks. At the end of this period they were in as good condition as dogs to whom oil had been internally administered; their bile was found as rich in fat, and their chyle equally charged with corpuscles without nuclei. Similar changes were observed in the bile and chyle of a cat bathed twice a day for some time in the same liquid; and some oil was discovered in the urine of the animal, proving, it was supposed, its free absorption by the skin.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Carlisle Patriot, May 16th; The Ayr Advertiser, May 14th; The West County Lantern, May 16th; The Scotsman, May 14th; The Brighton Examiner, May 19th; The Leicester Advertiser, May 16th; The Blackburn Standard, May 20th; The Hull Evening News, May 16th; The Sunderland Times, May 16th; The Auckland Chronicle, May 15th; The Blyth and Bedlington Star, May 16th; The Northern Daily Express, May 19th; The Sussex Advertiser, May 13th; The Newcastle Daily Journal, May 13th; The Bridgwater Mercury, May 13th; The Richmond and Twickenham Times, May 16th; The Brighton Daily News, May 18th; The Sussex Advertiser; The Bradford Observer; The Naval and Military Gazette; The Dorset County Chronicle; The Cork Daily Herald; The Cork Examiner; The Rochester and Chatham Journal; The Yarmouth Independent; The Northern Echo; The Hastings and St. Leonard's Chronicle; The Royal British Guiana Gazette; The Cork Examiner; The Manchester Guardian; etc.

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