

lead us to a similar conclusion. The Irish Poor-law Medical Officers' Association has also determined to send a deputation to Sir M. Beach, to point out some of the defects of the Bill. A conjoint Committee, formed of representatives from the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the College of Physicians, a similar Committee of the College of Surgeons, the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association, the Irish Medical Association, and the Sanitary Associations of Dublin, Cork, and Waterford, are holding almost daily meetings, with a view of discussing and amending the defects of the Bill. We may mention, *en passant*, that the Bill shows marks of considerable carelessness in its draughting; for Acts of Parliament are quoted, as to be administered by the newly constituted authorities, which have no real existence, not ever having been extended to Ireland.

THE KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE APOTHECARIES' HALL OF IRELAND.

We understand that the Irish Apothecaries' Company have addressed a rather peremptory demand to the College to withdraw its Irish Pharmacy Bill, and support that of the Apothecaries' Company. We are not surprised to learn the College firmly refuses to withdraw its Bill, as the Bill has met with the almost unanimous approval of the Irish press as well as that of many of the professional journals in England. The Irish Chemists and Druggists' Association has repudiated the proposals of the Apothecaries' Hall, and, we hear, will give its support to the College Bill.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

THE election for President, Vice-President, Council, and Secretary, will take place on next Monday, June 1st. The present Vice-President, Mr. Joliffe Tufnell, will be elected President; and for the vice-presidency the contest will lie between Dr. Mapother and Mr. Edward Hamilton of Steevens's Hospital. Without referring in any way to the merits of the two candidates, we believe we are correct in stating that the latter gentleman will be the one selected. As regards the election for the Council, since we referred to this matter last week, we find, as then stated, that several additional names have been put forward. Mr. Barton of the Adelaide Hospital will also offer himself as a candidate for the office of Councillor, and we consider that his chance is a very good one.

PASS AND PLUCK FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

DURING the past week, the Primary Examination for the Fellowship has taken place. The following questions had to be answered in writing.

1. Describe, in their relation to each other and to the several parts in contact with them, the muscles which form the floor of the posterior triangle of the neck.
2. Name the structures, in their relative order, which would be necessarily divided in cutting out the last rib through an incision made in the skin over it.—1. At what period of embryonic life does the formation of the liver commence? Describe the process of its development up to the period of birth, and the changes it undergoes during the first year after birth. State what functions it performs during intrauterine life.
2. What arrangements exist for neutralising the effects on the brain of shock, in jumping from an elevation on to the feet? Describe the mechanism of these arrangements, and how they act.

Four hours were allotted to this paper; and it was notified that "all four questions *must* be answered". It will be seen that two questions in anatomy and two in physiology were set. Each candidate had also on a subsequent day to undergo a *viva voce* examination upon anatomical specimens at two tables, a quarter of an hour at each.

It may, perhaps, be as well to remind students how the final result as regards each candidate is arrived at. It depends, then, upon his proficiency in four points—(1) his written answers to the two questions in Anatomy; (2) ditto in Physiology; (3) his replies at table A; (4) ditto at table B. And he must obtain a "good" mark in three of these four particulars to pass; if he receive only "moderate" marks in any two of the four points, his rejection follows. It would appear that the examiners are determined to maintain the standard which was contem-

plated when the examination for the Fellowship was instituted; for at the recent examination sixty-nine gentlemen presented themselves, and of that number forty-five failed to pass. Such a result has naturally led to much complaint; and we hear opposite statements on the subject. We are assured, however, on good authority, that no unusual rigour has been shown, but that the candidates from the schools generally were very ill prepared. It is intimated that demonstrators nowadays do not work as hard as heretofore, or students either. Demonstrators driving about at noon in well appointed broughams, and with dainty kid gloves, find their students only then beginning to set to work. We do not know how this is, but somebody must be responsible for the many lamentable failures of this week. Who is it?

The second or pass examination in Pathology, Therapeutics, and Surgery took place on May 28th. The following four questions were set, all of which were required to be answered.

1. In which directions may the astragalus be dislocated? and how does this accident usually occur? Describe the attendant signs, possible complications, and consequences of this injury; and state how you would deal with it according to circumstances.
2. What is meant by degeneration? Describe the minute characters presented by its principal forms in those structures in which they most commonly occur.
3. Describe the varieties of inguinal hernia which occur in association with an open state of the vaginal process of the peritoneum in both sexes.
4. A man received a severe kick in the perinæum, which was rapidly followed by considerable swelling there and retention of urine. State the probable nature of the injury and its immediate and remote effects, the mode in which you would investigate such a case, and the treatment you would adopt.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

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 at the Royal Sea House Hotel, Worthing, on Tuesday, June 9th, at 3 P.M.; WM. J. HARRIS, Esq., in the Chair.

The dinner will take place at 5.15 P.M. precisely. Charge, 5s., exclusive of wine.

The Chairman kindly invites members and their friends to luncheon at his house from 1.15 to 3.45 P.M.

Gentlemen desirous of attending the dinner, are requested to give me notice by Saturday, June 6th.

Notice of the following communication has been received: "Case of Obstruction from Gall-Stones", by A. H. Collet, Esq.

WM. J. HARRIS, *Honorary Secretary*.

Worthing, May 25th, 1874.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

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

The following papers have been promised.

1. Remarks on Pleuritic Effusions, and their Treatment. By Dr. Waters (Liverpool).

2. On the Treatment of the Bites of Dogs by Lunar Caustic, as being unsound in theory, injurious and unsuccessful in practice. By Dr. Haddon.

3. Retro-pharyngeal Abscess in the Child. By Dr. Oxley.

4. Specimens of rarer forms of Contracted Pelvis. By Dr. D. Lloyd Roberts.

The Honorary Secretary of the Branch will briefly call attention to the proposed erection of a County Convalescent Hospital with the surplus of the "Cotton Famine Relief Fund".

The dinner will take place at the Town Hall at 4.30 P.M. precisely. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

A. B. STEELE, *Honorary Secretary*.

54, Rodney Street, Liverpool, May 27th, 1874.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Midland Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 3 P.M.; when an address will be delivered by the President, W. C. GARMAN, Esq.

The annual dinner will also be held at the Midland Hotel, at 5 P.M. precisely. Dinner tickets (exclusive of wine), 7s. 6d.

T. H. BARTLEET.

BALTHAZAR W. FOSTER, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*

Birmingham, May 26th, 1874.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Buckingham, on Thursday, the 25th June, at 2 P.M.—Dr. BRYAN, President; Robert De'ATH, Esq., President-elect.

Refreshments kindly provided from 1 P.M. to 1.30 P.M. previously, by Robert De'ATH, Esq., at his residence.

Dinner, at the White Hart Hotel, at 5 P.M. Tickets, 6s. each, including waiters.

Gentlemen intending to furnish papers and cases, are requested to send the titles of same at once to Dr. Bryan, or to.

W. MOXON, *Honorary Secretary.*

Northampton, May 27th, 1874.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Guildhall, in the city of Lincoln, on Thursday, June 25th.

Members wishing to read papers are requested to communicate at once with

C. HARRISON, *Honorary Local Secretary.*

Lincoln, May 25th, 1874.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, SOHO SQUARE.

SIR,—Unwilling as we are to continue the discussion on the affairs of the Hospital for Women, we feel constrained to ask permission for a little space in reply to the statement of the Committee published in your last issue.

It may be perfectly true, as stated by the Committee, that no official communications passed between the two Committees on the subject of the nursing within the dates specified; but it is none the less true that the question was constantly under the consideration of the staff; that complaints were frequent; and that many hours were spent by the staff in investigating these, and in endeavouring to effect improvements in the general character of the nursing. Over and over again, the matron, who was the official head of this department as well as the superintendent of nurses, attended the Medical Committee for this purpose; and it was not until we had exhausted all the means in our power that we thought it well to make complaint to the General Committee, inviting them to appoint a joint subcommittee for the due investigation of the subject. The way in which they received our complaint was this: they first refused to accede to our request, on the ground that it was "unconstitutional", though they had appointed just such a subcommittee, on their own motion, for another purpose, two years previously; and then they expressed their opinion that the charges which we had preferred had "little or no foundation", and "did not in the least weaken their confidence in the matron".

Thus it will be seen that our anxiety to improve the nursing by the aid of the Committee was curtly dismissed; and the only defence now urged by that body is, that we did not make complaint earlier!

We respectfully submit that the willingness of the Committee to adopt our recommendations for the improvement of the nursing in 1870 does not exonerate them from the blame which attaches to their proceedings in this matter three years later; yet it will be observed that the entire defence of the Committee for the action, or no action, taken by them in 1873 is based upon what they did in 1870; for they are careful to say nothing in explanation of their recent proceedings on the nursing question.

We refrain from making any comment on the fact, that we learn now for the first time, from the pages of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, that a resolution was passed by the Committee which might have changed the aspect of affairs, but which was never transmitted to us. This resolution, however, effectually disposes of the "constitutional" theory upon which our request for a joint subcommittee was refused. In regard to the remark, that "the Committee would emphatically deny the correctness of the assertion, that they have treated the staff with dis-

courtesy or want of consideration", we beg to state that, in a letter dated February 20th, 1874, they distinctly charged us with "subordinating the interests of the charity, and the welfare of the patients committed to our charge, to personal and entirely secondary considerations", these "personal and entirely secondary considerations" being our declining to investigate any further with them the utter inefficiency of the nursing, on the ground that we could not any longer continue in our offices under the terms of their new bye-laws (notice of which had then been sent to us), altering, as it did, the conditions upon which we accepted our appointments. We venture to think that the profession will scarcely be in accord with the Committee on this point.

We beg, further, to quote from the last paragraph of our published statement (copies of which, together with the entire correspondence between the two Committees, we shall be happy to send to any who wish for them), in order to show what our feeling on the whole subject in dispute really was. "We cannot conclude this statement without expressing our regret at the conduct of the Committee, and our surprise that they should have treated the staff, some of whom have been officers of the Hospital for a great many years, with such scant courtesy and consideration. We regret very much that the charity should suffer by this action, and, after years of faithful service and much hard work for the welfare of the Institution, we are sorry to have had our resignations forced upon us as they have been; nor can we believe that the true interests of the charity, as is declared by the Committee (Letter 13, p. 16), required such meddling legislation as is exemplified in the passing of the new bye-law."

If the Committee had acted fairly by us in the investigation of the nursing, which we desired only in the interests of the patients, or if they had frankly and unreservedly, without casting imputations on our professional honour, withdrawn the offensive bye-law, as they have done since we resigned our offices at the Hospital, the present scandal would not have existed; and few persons, we venture to think, will deny that the true interests of the charity would thereby have been served.

We are, etc.,

ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D.

JOHN SCOTT, F.R.C.S.

CHRISTOPHER HEATH, F.R.C.S.

ARTHUR W. EDIS, M.D.

CHARLES E. SQUAREY, M.B.

London, May 1874.

P.S.—Mr. Edgewood does not sign this statement solely on the ground that, as Surgeon-Dentist to the Hospital, he had little or nothing to do with the in-patients, and does not, therefore, feel himself competent to express any opinion on the nursing question. He resigned his appointment at the Hospital in consequence of the new bye-law.

DR. BARNES AND DR. SNOW BECK.

SIR,—Were I permitted to express an opinion, I would say, that Dr. Barnes exercises a wise discretion in resolutely refusing to enter into any scientific discussion. But, as the reasons he adduces in the present instance for this decision involve certain charges against myself, I can scarcely be expected to endorse them. These charges appear to consist of—1. That I have made some mistake in my arithmetic; 2. That I have committed the heinous offence of not giving him all he has asked for.

1. I am not aware of any mistake in my arithmetic; and certainly I cannot accept that which Dr. Barnes wishes to force upon me. In this position, it may be well to go over the subject, and show how the numbers were made up. When I was unexpectedly asked by Dr. Playfair, during the discussion, how many cases of death, following the injection of the perchloride of iron, I had seen, I answered, offhandedly, "Some nine or ten". Afterwards, I found this was substantially correct, and did not feel it necessary to alter the figures. Subsequently, I stated I had had an opportunity of examining the uterus and appendages in four of these cases, and in all the appearances were identically the same. In strict language, perhaps, I was wrong in saying I "had seen" these cases; for, in two of them, I did not see the women during life, and only had the opportunity of carefully examining the uterus and appendages after death. But, as this examination enabled me to speak with confidence as to the cause of death, I cannot think I committed any serious fault in speaking of them as I did. These four cases have been fully recorded, with all their faults, in this JOURNAL; and, in a postscript added to them, I said: "I find that eleven cases of death, and 'one unsuccessfully', after the injection of the perchloride, were mentioned by different Fellows of the Society at the partial discussion which was permitted. These cases, with the four now recorded, make a total of fifteen or sixteen cases of death, besides others which are known to have occurred." Exception, however, is taken to these eleven cases, which are made up as follows: 1, Dr. Routh; 2, Dr. Graily

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College, on May 20th and 21st.

Amyot, Thomas H. E., Diss, Norfolk
 Blanch, Henry J. T., Shacklewell
 Campbell, Colin George, Dublin
 Day, Charles Henry, Brightwell, near Wallingford
 Farnell, Henry Dawson, Great College Street, Camden Town
 Garlick, George, Great James Street, W.C.
 Harpur, General Samuel, Christ Church, Canterbury, New Zealand
 Heddy, William Jackson, Redcliffe Gardens, West Brompton
 Lawrence, Thomas George, Rutland Street, N.W.
 Lees, David Bridge, M.B., Manchester
 Lilley, George Herbert, Ware, Herts
 Moore, George Edward, Hoxne, near Scole
 Parker, Alfred Edward, Finborough Road, S.W.
 Prichard, Arthur William, Clifton, Bristol
 Prockter, Alfred Edgcumb, Cheltenham
 Reid, Thomas Whitehead, Canterbury
 Ross, Douglas M'Kissock, Brighton
 Scott, Edward, L.S.A., Honiton, Devon
 Simpson, Walter Samuel, Pontefract, Yorkshire
 Slaughter, John Edward, Farningham, Kent
 Sparrow, Walter W. B., Saltby, near Birmingham
 Talbot, Russell Main, Bromley, Middlesex
 Tattershall, Lord, L.S.A., Bacup, Lancashire
 Walby, Thomas, Liverpool
 Williams, William Blundell, Singapore

Of the sixty-five candidates examined during the week, nineteen failed to satisfy the Court, and were referred to their professional studies for six months.

The following gentlemen passed the primary examination for the diploma of Fellow on the 25th May; and, when eligible, will be admitted to the "pass" examination.

Bird, Cuthbert Hilton Golding, B.A. and M.B.Lond., Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill: diploma of membership dated April 16th, 1872.
 Brietzcke, Henry, L.R.C.P.Lond., Margaret Street, Cavendish Square: July 29th, 1863
 Chicken, Rupert Cecil, Guy's Hospital: April 30th, 1872
 Halsham, William Johnson, M.B.Aber.: November 17th, 1871
 Hinterbottom, Augustus, Sloane Street: November 13th, 1872
 M'Gill, Arthur Fergusson, L.S.A., Park Square, Leeds: November 18th, 1868
 Mackenzie, Lewis, L.R.C.P.Lond.: November 15th, 1871
 Osborn, Samuel, L.S.A., Gresham Park, Brixton: January 26th, 1871
 Pughe, Rhinall Naval ap Joan, Mornington Road, N.W.: April 23rd, 1873
 Rossiter, George Frederick, St. Thomas's Hospital
 Sanders, Thomas, L.S.A., Woburn Place, Russell Square: May 24th, 1864
 Thane, George Dancer, Montague Street, Russell Square: Nov. 15th, 1871

The following passed on May 26th.

Carter, Frederick Heales, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
 Cock, Williams, Guy's Hospital
 Footner, John Bulkley, King's College
 Giles, George Michael James, St. Mary's Hospital
 Haines, George Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
 Wilkins, Robert Bird, University College

The following passed on May 27th.

Edwardes, Edward Joshua, St. Mary's Hospital.
 Murphy, Henry Howard, B.A.Cantab., St. George's Hospital
 Pitts, Bernard, B.A.Cantab., St. Thomas's Hospital
 Phillips, Arthur Owen Henry, St. Thomas's Hospital
 Symonds, Chaters James, Guy's Hospital
 Wakefield, Thomas, B.A.Cantab., University College

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, May 21st, 1874.

Holland, Lucius, Wyham-on-Tyne
 Mason, Richard, Tenby, Pembrokeshire
 Walker, William, Manchester

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

Evans, Frederick William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
 Gawth, James Jackson, St. Mary's Hospital
 Hitchins, Thomas John, St. Mary's Hospital
 Johnson, William Boyten, London Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

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.
 CARDIFF RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £200 per annum for three years. Applications, 5th June, to W. P. Stephenson, Clerk.
 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.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: £80 first year, with annual increase of £10 up to £100, with board and furnished apartments.

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, furnished apartments, and £10 per annum towards cleaning, etc. Applications, 2nd June, to Joseph Jordan, Honorary Secretary.

GLAMORGANSHIRE AND MONMOUTHSHIRE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, Cardiff—House-Surgeon: £100 a year, board, washing, and furnished apartments.

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.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE—Fourteen Surgeons. Applications, to T. P. Pears, Major-General, Military Secretary.

LAMBETH, Parish of—Resident Medical Officer and Dispenser for the Infirmary in Princes Road: £100 per annum, board, apartments, etc. Applications, 8th June, to W. B. Wilmot, Clerk, Brook Street, Kennington Road.

LEICESTERSHIRE and RUTLANDSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, near Leicester—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, and lodging. Applications, 6th June, to W. Napier Reeve, Esq., Leicester.

LONDON, City of—Medical Officer of Health, £500 per annum; Public Analyst, £200 per annum (or £600 per annum for both). Applications, 2nd June, to Joseph Daw, Principal Clerk.

MONAGHAN COUNTY INFIRMARY—Registrar and Apothecary: £60 per annum, rations, and apartments. Applications, 10th June, to P. J. Loughnan, Acting Registrar.

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

NEWTOWNSARDS 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.

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. Applications, 3rd June, to J. T. Blyth, Secretary.

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

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—Aural Surgeon.

SALFORD UNION, Lancashire—Medical Officer for the Workhouse: £80 p. ann.

SCHOOL FOR THE INDIGENT BLIND—Consulting Physician.

SKIRLAUGH UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Aldborough District: £18 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTONSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Knowle—Two Assistant Medical Officers: £100 per annum, increasing to £130; and £80 per annum, increasing to £100, lodging, board, etc., respectively. Applications, 4th June, to Dr. Manley.

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.

SWAFFHAM UNION, Norfolk—Medical Officer for the Soham Toney District: £70 per annum.

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, and the Workhouse: £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.

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

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.

BIRTH.

COLTHURST.—On May 18th, at Wincanton, Somerset, the wife of J. B. Colthurst, M.R.C.S.Eng., of a son.

DEATHS.

DIBB, Edward N., Esq., Surgeon, at Mexborough, aged 32, on May 5th.
 MACGARVEY, Matthew, C.M.Glasgow, for more than eighteen years Medical Officer to the Borrisokane Workhouse and Dispensary, aged 58, on May 11th.

THE Corporation of the City of London has just voted one hundred guineas to the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital.

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.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. John Williams will show a specimen of Calcified Fibroids. Dr. Tilt, "On Lymphangitis in Pelvic Pathology"; Dr. Robert Gray, "Separation of the greater portion of the Cervix Uteri during Labour"; and other communications.—Royal Microscopical Society, 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.

INQUIRER.—We are unable to give the information you require.

HOMO.—No; certainly not.

PERHAPS "An Admirer of Good Plain English" would kindly state his objection in a more argumentative form. His argument shall have attention; and, if desired, publication.

REMARKABLE TWIN DELIVERY.

SIR.—After carefully reading Dr. Umpleby's case of "Remarkable Twin Delivery", published in the JOURNAL of May 23rd, I can come to no other conclusion than that it was one of hour-glass contraction of the uterus.

I have never met with such a case myself; but yet I cannot see why a second child should not be retained from this cause, in the same way as a placenta after an ordinary labour.

Clifton, May 23rd, 1874.

I am, etc.,

J. G. SWAYNE.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AT VENTNOR.—By a clerical error the amount of contributions at the biennial dinner of this Institution was stated to be £500 instead of £5000. The Baroness Meyer de Rothschild also only erects one house; not two, as erroneously stated in the account whence our own was drawn.

TREATMENT OF LARGE ABSCESSSES BY THE ASPIRATOR.

SIR.—I would feel very much obliged if those readers of the JOURNAL who may have treated large abscesses by means of the aspirator, will give me the result of such treatment.

I have under my care a young lady with psoas abscess, consequent on spinal disease. The matter points at present in the upper and inner part of the thigh. Would it be good practice to use the aspirator in this case? If so, what quantity of matter should be drawn off at first? and how often should the operation be repeated? Are there any such cases so treated published? If so, where?

May 1874.

I am, etc.,

SURGEON.

A CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATE.—Thymol hydrate is a steoptin from thyme. It is a strong stimulant and disinfectant. It is very useful in pharyngitis and laryngitis when associated with exanthemata. Thymol, like camphor, is an useful addition to many essential oil inhalations. The formula for vapor thymolis, from the *Pharmacopœia* of the London Throat Hospital, is: R. Thymol, 20 grains; rectified spirit, 3 fluid drachms; light carbonate of Magnesia, 10 grains; water, to 3 fluid ounces; mix. A teaspoonful in a pint of water at 150 deg. Fahrenheit for each inhalation.

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.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR.—Will you help the cause of medical etiquette, and enlighten the profession, by inserting the following?

On March 14th, Mr. Thomas H. L. Heath (L.R.C.S., Ireland) was sent by one of our medical agents to look after my practice during my illness (pneumonia). He writes me (while away for change) "he cannot possibly remain longer than 14th May, as he must be in London on the 15th". On the morning of May 14th, he leaves me, saying he was going to London, etc. Two hours later, he comes back, saying he was going to "set up" in this town. Circulars (as enclosed) were posted to my patients and some other of the inhabitants. He told where he was going to lodge, and was very particular to point out the exact spot, and that he could attend them after the 14th. On the day he left me (May 14th), his brass plate was placed on his door.

I am, etc.,

GRIFFITH R. THOMAS, Surgeon and L.S.A.

Midhurst, Sussex, May 18th, 1874.

"With Mr. Heath's compts. Midhurst.

"Mr. Heath, Surgeon, begs to inform the residents of Midhurst and its neighbourhood that he has commenced the practice of his profession in this town entirely on his own account, and that he can be consulted at the original apartments of Mr. William Ingram daily as follows: Noon, 8.30 to 10.30; afternoon, 2.30 to 4.30; evening, 7.30 to 10.30.

"N.B. Mr. Heath requests as early notice as possible for all midwifery engagements, in order that he may dispose of his time to the advantage of his patients.

"N.B. On Sundays, Mr. Heath can be seen at any time except during the hours of Divine service."

CORBYN'S IMPROVED DOUBLE VALVE-INHALER.

SIR.—Referring to a letter in your issue of the 9th instant, we beg leave to state that it has never been asserted by us that our inhaler is superior to all other inhalers, nor have we stated that its special features are entirely novel; nor, indeed, if we understand the term "eclectic" correctly, do we suppose that Messrs. Bullock and Reynolds would assert each feature of their apparatus to be original. All we attempted was to improve on the already convenient instrument of Messrs. Maw, Son, and Thompson. It would not be difficult, however, were the matter of sufficient importance, to show that we have also improved on that of Messrs. Bullock and Reynolds; and there is at least one important particular not mentioned by those gentlemen—viz., that we have been able to produce an inhaler, admitted by them to be efficient (complete in case, with thermometer and nasal-piece), at half the cost of the "Eclectic", similarly fitted, and that we have done away with all necessity for the trouble and expense of a spirit-lamp.

We are, etc.,

300, Holborn, W.C., May 19th, 1874.

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