

tion, that there is no work which calls for more exercise of conscience; no work—not even that of judge on the bench—which, when well done, illustrates more completely the truth of the old doctrine, “In justice all moral virtue lies involved”. An examiner has many temptations to strive against: the temptation to idleness; to give way to weariness; to treat the sameness of his subject-matter with perfunctoriness in dealing with it; to give way to feelings of pique when he finds that his own pet views or papers are entirely unknown to the examinee. Of course, a strong and upright man resists all these temptations; but strength and uprightness are largely or entirely moral qualities. I need not labour, however, at what is self-evident. Let me say a few words about the way in which a man’s moral nature is, or ought to be, called into activity, not when he is engaged in testing, but when he is engaged in communicating or acquiring knowledge. As regards the duties of a teacher when teaching, he is bound to beware of leaving any one side of a question, any one set of facts, in neglect and inadequately expounded. Imperfection of exposition in a teacher not only produces, in the second generation, so to say, imperfection of investigation in the hearer, but—as words terribly shoot back, like the Tartar’s bow, mightily entangling and perverting the judgment—such imperfection and want of fulness in the communication reacts by producing imperfection and want of fulness in investigation in the teacher himself. It is (trite remark) difficult to estimate the consequences of any one action; but it is easy to see that an example set by a person, himself set in authority, of slovenliness and inadequacy in his methods of work may hurt the consciences of his younger brethren, and have widely and lengthily ramifying consequences in neutralising chances for neutralising evil and suffering.

Having said thus much about the responsibilities of students and teachers *in presenti*, Dr. Rolleston concluded with some remarks upon the responsibilities which will gather round the student *in futuro*.

#### THE IRISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE annual public meeting of the Irish Medical Association was held on Tuesday last, Dr. Wharton, the President of the Association, in the chair. In his opening address, the President called attention to the great importance that some regulations should be enacted for the limitation of the sale of intoxicating drinks. He expressed his belief that howsoever admirable might be the provisions of the new Public Health Bill (Ireland), yet they would be of comparatively small practical importance unless means be devised to check the vice of intemperance. Dr. Wharton then alluded to the efforts of Sir Dominic Corrigan to close public-houses on Sundays, a measure which has hitherto not met with legislative success, but has been carried into practical effect by Archbishop Leahy in the town of Thurles with the happiest effects. Dr. Wharton pointed out how much of the broken-down health seen in hospital wards and dispensaries is traceable to intemperance; and threw out a suggestion whether the same cause does not, to some extent at least, contribute to the spread of enteric fever and zymotic disease generally. He also alluded to the baneful practice of sending children to fetch intoxicating drinks in open vessels, thereby giving them an early taste for drink; and concluded by exhorting his hearers and all who have the public good at heart to put forth their best efforts to render sanitary legislation as prohibitive as possible of intemperance. The Honorary Secretary then read the report which stated, amongst other matters, that the result of the inquiry by the Civil Service Commissioners into the complaints of the medical officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary has resulted in an increase of pay of two shillings per month per man. The same report, which allowed this increase, also recommends that the office of medical Poor-law commissioner should be abolished, and the Poor-law medical officers thereby deprived of the professional supervision provided for them by the Medical Charities Act, a step which has been protested against by the Council of the Irish Medical Association. Petitions from that body, together with the College of Physicians and College of Surgeons, were presented to Mr. Gladstone, who replied that there was no desire to exclude the medical element from the Local Government Board. The prosecution of defaulters in vaccination having been productive of a vast amount of annoyance and trouble to some of the dispensary medical officers, and doubts having arisen as to their right to the usual fee, the Local Government Board have stated that, if the justice before whom the proceedings are laid certify that expenses ought to be allowed, and ascertain the amount, the medical officer is entitled to be paid out of the poor-rates. The Chief Secretary for Ireland, having obtained leave to introduce a Public Health Bill, a conjoint committee, formed of the Irish Medical Association, the College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons,

the Dublin Sanitary Society, and the Poor-law Medical Association, have prepared a measure which it is hoped will prove efficient, useful, and satisfactory.

Dr. Morgan, in the course of his remarks, referred to the tenth and eighteenth clauses of the new Public Health Bill as the most important, the first enacting that the medical officer should be, without option of refusal, the sanitary officer of that district, the dispensary district being taken as the limit of area by Sir M. H. Beach. The eighteenth clause of the Bill referred to the amalgamation of districts, where it was found that certain districts were, from their smallness or other causes, unable to provide for the working of the Act.

#### PASS AND PLUCK FOR THE FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

AT the pass examination for the diploma of Fellow, which was brought to a close on Saturday last, it is stated that only six out of the nineteen candidates were successful. We publish a letter from a teacher in reply to the observations we were constrained to make last week, and we shall be pleased to see the subject further discussed. Several old anatomical teachers have, however, added testimony confirmatory of the correctness of our observations. From some of these, it appears that at Guy’s and St. Thomas’s Hospitals, former demonstrators attended as early as eight o’clock every morning; at the Charing Cross, we remember seeing Mr. Hancock at 8.30, his successor Mr. Hird attended at the same early hour. This, we believe, was also the case at St. Bartholomew’s, an old pupil of which writes that he was “always in the dissecting-room at eight, and soon afterwards met his teacher there”.

### ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

#### BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1874.

*President*—Sir WILLIAM FERGUSSON, Bart., F.R.S., Surgeon to King’s College Hospital, London.

*President-elect*—EDWARD COPEMAN, M.D., Senior Physician to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

The business of the Association will be transacted in four Sections, viz.:—

SECTION A. MEDICINE.—*President*: Dr. Eade, Norwich. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. Sydney Kinger, London; Dr. Durrant, Ipswich. *Secretaries*: Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; Dr. Lowe, Lynn.

SECTION B. SURGERY.—*President*: Sir James Paget, Bart., F.R.S., London. *Vice-Presidents*: T. W. Crosse, Esq., Norwich; Dr. Macnamara, Dublin. *Secretaries*: F. Worthington, Esq., Lowestoft; Reginald Harrison, Esq., Liverpool.

SECTION C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.—*President*: Dr. Churchill, Dublin. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. W. S. Playfair, London; Dr. Steele, Liverpool. *Secretaries*: Dr. Edis, London; F. Image, Esq., Bury St. Edmunds.

SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.—*President*: W. H. Michael, Esq., London; *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. Bateman, Norwich; Dr. Ransome, Bowden. *Secretaries*: Dr. Bond, Gloucester; Dr. Leech, Manchester.

The Honorary Local Secretaries are:

Dr. J. B. PITT, Norwich.

H. S. ROBINSON, Esq., Norwich.

Dr. BEVERLEY, Norwich.

TUESDAY, August 11th.

10.30 A.M.—CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

1 P.M.—MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

3 P.M.—MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, 1873-74.

8 P.M.—GENERAL MEETING—President’s Address, Annual Report of Council, and other business.

WEDNESDAY, August 12th.

9.30 A.M.—MEETING OF COUNCIL, 1874-75.

11.30 A.M.—SECOND GENERAL MEETING.

11.30 A.M.—ADDRESS IN MEDICINE.

2 to 5 P.M.—SECTIONAL MEETINGS.

9 P.M.—SOIRÉE AT ST. ANDREW’S HALL.

## THURSDAY, August 13th.

- 9 A.M.—MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.  
 10 A.M.—THIRD GENERAL MEETING—Reports of Committees.  
 11 A.M.—ADDRESS IN SURGERY.  
 2 to 5 P.M.—SECTIONAL MEETINGS.  
 6.30 P.M.—PUBLIC DINNER.

## FRIDAY, August 4th.

- 10 A.M.—ADDRESS IN OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.  
 11 A.M.—SECTIONAL MEETINGS.  
 1.30 P.M.—CONCLUDING GENERAL MEETING.

EXCURSIONS.—The Excursion Committee will make arrangements for the convenience of members and their friends wishing to visit the factories and places of interest in the city and neighbourhood during the meeting, and for parties of ladies and gentlemen to do so on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, there will be excursions to geological and botanical stations and places of antiquarian and general interest in Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Honorary Secretary will endeavour to arrange for gentlemen well acquainted with the locality to accompany the parties on Friday and Saturday.

Any information will be given by Mr. H. B. FRANCIS, St. Clement's, Norwich, Honorary Secretary to the Excursion Committee.

Members of the Association will receive cards for the above proceedings, evening meetings, etc., at the Reception Room, Assembly Rooms, Norwich.

## ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The seventh annual Museum of the British Medical Association will be held at the Assembly Rooms, and will be open daily from 10 A.M. till 6 P.M., on August 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, for the exhibition of the following objects.

1. Latest inventions in medical and surgical instruments and appliances of all kinds.
2. New chemicals and apparatus; new drugs and their preparations; and new articles of diet for invalids.
3. General pathological specimens; with photographic models, drawings, etc., illustrating disease.
4. Urinary calculi; with drawings or diagrams of urinary disease, and of operations on the urinary organs. [Also instruments with diagrams, etc., illustrating the history of the operation of lithotomy from the earliest periods up to the present day.]
5. Drawings, diagrams, or models illustrating the ventilation of hospitals and private dwellings.
6. Microscopic pathological specimens.

The following is a list of the Museum Committee; to any member of which communications, etc., may be addressed—Mr. William Cadge, *Chairman*, 24, St. Giles' Street, Norwich; Mr. Francis Sutton, London Street, Norwich; Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, 4, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.; Mr. Joseph Allen, Tombland, Norwich; Mr. Francis Fowke, 37, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.; Mr. Chas. Williams, 9, Prince of Wales' Road, Norwich; Mr. J. R. Baumgartner, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; Mr. Charles Firth, *Hon. Sec.*, 65, St. Giles' Street, Norwich.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS.—Application to be made as soon as possible, at the same time giving a list of objects, and mentioning the space required. Each object to be accompanied by a printed or written description, or reference, for insertion in the Catalogue; and it is important that these descriptions should be sent *as early as possible*—viz., not later than July 28th.

All parcels to be delivered on or before August 4th, and to be removed within three days after August 14th. They must be addressed "British Medical Association, care of C. Firth, Esq., Assembly Rooms, Norwich". All expenses of carriage and all risk to be borne by the exhibitors. A card bearing the name and address of the exhibitor to be enclosed in each package, ready to be fixed on the outside.

N.B.—Specimens of disease and calculi which have been exhibited at former meetings cannot be received on this occasion.

Communications to be addressed to CHARLES FIRTH, Esq., St. Giles' Street, Norwich, the Secretary for the Museum Department.

## 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.

## 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. Retropharyngeal Abscess in the Child. By Dr. Oxley.
  4. Specimens of rarer forms of Contracted Pelvis. By Dr. D. Lloyd Roberts.
  5. Some of the Uses of Chloral-Hydrate in Labour. By Dr. Wallace.
  6. On the Action of Stimulants. By Dr. Ross.
  7. Remarks on the Position of the Heart's Action, based upon Chest-rule Measurements made by Mr. Patchett. By Dr. Ransome.
  8. On Mazoititis (apud Lactantes): its Course, Result, and Management. Also, the exhibition of various articles of interest. By Dr. Garstang, Blackburn.
  9. Brain and Lung, from a case of Tubercular Meningitis. By Dr. Oxley.
  10. Morbid Growths removed from the Uterus. By Dr. Steele.
- 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, June 3rd, 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. BARTLETT.

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.

## NORTHERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at South Shields, on Tuesday, June 30th.—President, 1873-74, G. Y. HEATH, M.D.; President-elect, 1874-75, A. LEGAT, M.D.

G. H. PHILIPSON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

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

## NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Bettwsycoed, on Tuesday, July 7th, at 1 P.M.; T. EVANS JONES, Esq., President.

Luncheon will be kindly provided by the President at the Hotel, from 12 to 1 P.M.

The dinner will be ready at 4 P.M. precisely. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, including a pint of wine.

Gentlemen who may wish to communicate papers or cases, and who intend dining, will please to give early intimation to the Secretary.

D. KENT JONES, *Honorary Secretary*.

Beaumaris, June 3rd, 1874.

## METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

AN ordinary meeting of this Branch will be held at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 8 P.M., when a paper will read by W. Eassie, Esq., C.E., on "Cremation in its Sanitary Aspect".

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

London, June 4th, 1874.

## SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Museum, Torquay, on Thursday, June 25th, at 1.30 P.M.; J. KEMPTHORNE, F.R.C.S., President; SPENCER THOMSON, M.D., President-elect.

After the meeting, a visit will be paid to Kent's Cavern, under the guidance of W. Pengelly, Esq., who has kindly offered to accompany the party.

The dinner will be at the Torbay Hotel, at 5.30 P.M. Tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

The South Devon and Cornwall Railway Companies will grant (on production of dinner-ticket) return tickets at single fares.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or exhibit cases are requested to communicate at once with

JOHN WOODMAN, F.R.C.S.,  
*Honorary Secretary*.

Exeter, June 3rd, 1874.

## SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

THE thirtieth annual meeting of the South-Eastern Branch will be held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 25th June, at two o'clock; G. F. HODGSON, Esq., President-elect.

Dinner punctually at half-past five. Tickets, 8s. each.

Dover, June 1874.

CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

## SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE attention of the Publisher having been drawn to the paragraph which appeared in this JOURNAL of April 25th, headed 'South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch: General Meeting', and which paragraph contained certain resolutions passed by a Committee of such Branch in reference to certain alleged conduct on the part of Mr. J. D. Brown, F.R.C.S., of Haverfordwest, he has to express regret that the resolution should have been published.

37, Great Queen Street, June 1st, 1874.

## YORKSHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on the 27th instant; M. MARTIN DE BARTOLOMÉ, M.D., President, in the Chair.

*President's Address.*—After making some remarks upon the advantages of the Association to the medical profession, the President considered the desirability of the general appointment of medical coroners. He then referred to the advantages which had followed the appointment of sanitary officers, and especially the good results which had followed that legislation in Sheffield; this had been shown in the improved and increased water-supply, and in the establishment of baths; and he concluded this subject by praise of the first annual report of the medical officer as an able and voluminous production. Allusion was then made to other sanitary topics, and the alteration in the type of disease within the past thirty years, which was said to be less adynamic, and the effect upon the character of disease by the improved means which had been adopted by the public authorities for the preservation of health. In conclusion, it was said, in the present day, however, there appears to be a greater disposition than ever to acknowledge our shortcomings, and to exculpate nature from much of the blame unfairly laid to her

charge. Let us hope, then, for the future, that we may all join, with unbiassed minds and willing hands, in furthering sanitary measures, without, at the same time, failing to study both the constitution of the atmosphere and the peculiar characters of individual disease.

*Report of Council.*—Dr. PROCTER, the Local Secretary, read the report. The Council, in the first instance, drew attention to some general matters of the Association, in relation to its great increase in members and income, as well as in power and importance. During the past ten years, from 2422 members, with a total income of £2755, in 1864, it had increased to from 5800 to 6000 members, with an income of £8500 in 1874, with twenty-six Branches in active operation. Coupled with this fact, it was said that the Association was now free from debt, and was in a position to set apart a fund for original research in some branch of medical science. The report then proceeded to discuss some other general questions before the profession, as those of medical reform, the required personal voting of the provincial fellows of the College of Surgeons, and the proposed amalgamated diploma of the College of Surgeons and the College of Physicians, together with the suggested special sanitary qualification for officers of health. In relation to the Branch, it was reported that the number of Branch members now amount to 214, and that twenty-six new members had been added during the year, whilst the loss had been five by resignations and deaths. During the past year, since the annual meeting at York, successful meetings had been held in the spring at Wakefield, and in the autumn at Halifax, and to them twelve communications had been made. The report concluded by showing the advantages to medical men of the Association, and the benefits which resulted from the Branch organisation, where subjects of local interest and importance could be discussed; and it could be developed according to its local exigencies and character, and proper representations made to the parent Association as they were demanded.

*President and Council.*—Dr. HEATON proposed, Mr. FAVELL seconded, and it was resolved—"That Mr. Teale of Leeds be elected President for 1875-76, and that the following gentlemen constitute the Council and representatives for the year. *Branch Council:* B. Dodsworth, Esq., W. D. Husband, Esq., W. Matterson, M.D., F. Needham, M.D., S. W. North, Esq., G. Shann, M.D., of York; T. C. Allbutt, M.D., C. Chadwick, M.D., J. C. Heaton, M.D., S. Hey, Esq., T. R. Jessop, Esq., T. P. Teale, Esq., T. Scattergood, Esq., C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq., of Leeds; M. Martin de Bartolomé, M.D., J. Benson, Esq., W. F. Favell, Esq., J. C. Hall, M.D., A. Jackson, Esq., J. H. Keeling, M.D., of Sheffield; R. H. Meade, Esq., Bradford; S. Knaggs, Esq., Huddersfield; R. T. E. B. Cooke, Esq., Hadleigh; S. Holdsworth, M.D., Wakefield. *Representatives in the General Council:* T. C. Allbutt, M.D., W. F. Favell, Esq., J. C. Hall, M.D., J. C. Heaton, M.D., S. Holdsworth, M.D., A. Jackson, Esq., W. Matterson, M.D., G. Shann, M.D., T. P. Teale, Esq., C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq."

*Secretary.*—On the motion of Dr. HOLDSWORTH, seconded by Mr. A. JACKSON, Dr. Procter was re-elected Secretary.

*Dinner.*—After the meeting, thirty-five members dined together at the Royal Hotel.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

SIR,—As a demonstrator of anatomy, of eight years' standing, I feel that I cannot allow the remarks in your number for May 30th, on the fellowship examination, to pass by without saying something on behalf of the abused teacher. I contend that it is not fair to say that it is our fault that men are plucked for the fellowship, for it is by no means the rule for men to go up for this examination straight from the schools; but, after completing their third winter's dissection, they pursue a more independent course, form their own opinion on their fitness, and go up when they please. We can and do control the movements of men going in for the primary membership examination.

Out of the sixty-nine candidates for the recent examination, only five had not passed any examination in anatomy. Of the remainder, forty-two had passed the primary examination for membership, fifteen may be said to be members (one wanting only a qualification in medicine before receiving his diploma), and seven were men of eight years' standing. To say that teachers do not work as hard as before is certainly untrue, as far as our school is concerned; we have now added to our former work a system of evening examinations, which will be more numerous and extend over a still longer period next year, and we are

interest, a zealous reader of books of travels and of history, especially military history. He was well conversant with the achievements of the British Army, particularly of the Highland regiments; indeed, he used at times, playfully, to say that he had mistaken his profession, and that he ought to have been a soldier; and no one who knew him well could fail to note that he possessed in no ordinary degree many of the qualities which go to form the able and successful commander.

During the first ten years after his retirement, he visited many of the countries of Europe, and studied their objects of interest. Dr. McLennan, for many years before he left India, was apprehensive regarding his health. He at times suffered from irregular action of the heart, with sense of faintness, which seemed to indicate cardiac mischief, though even to the last the physical signs were not very evident. His habits of life had been careful—perhaps, at times, even too much so. He took little or no wine, and, for years in India, was very abstemious in the use of animal food; but he abandoned this almost vegetarian system after his return to Europe. We have seen, however, that there was no relaxation in mental labour, and, owing probably to this want of rest in the winter of 1864-65, after fatigue and exposure to continued cold, he suffered from an attack of cerebral congestion with muscular disturbance and sopor. From this he recovered, but he never regained his original energy. He ceased to mix in general society, but enjoyed the social intercourse of his family and his friends. He maintained his interest in passing public events, followed with attention the incidents of the Franco-Prussian war, and, in times of greater languor, Scott's novels read aloud were a never-ending source of pleasure.

From time to time, but with very considerable intervals, there were recurrences, generally slight in degree, of the attacks of nervous disturbance, which were evidently much controlled by the frequent use of bromide of potassium, directed with other means by the skill of his attached friend Dr. C. J. B. Williams, whose watchful care and never failing sympathy were the comfort and the solace of these years of gentle decay, until "the silver cord was loosed and the golden bowl was broken".

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, May 28th, 1874.

Armstrong, Henry George, Staines  
Brummitt, Robert, Banbury  
Burtonshaw, Thomas, Crowle, Lincolnshire  
Chinery, Charles Warner, Lymington  
Collenette, Frank de Beauchamp, Guernsey  
Crowe, George Wyndham, Hartlepool  
Evans, David Thomas, 33, Trinity Square, S.E.  
Hawkins, William, Dorchester  
Paley, James Hewitt, York  
Stanigar, Francis Lionel, Jamaica

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

Buckland, Alfred George, London Hospital  
Day, Edward Joseph, St. Thomas's Hospital

**APOTHECARIES' HALL OF IRELAND.**—At the April examinations, the following gentlemen obtained the licence to practise Medicine and Pharmacy.

Edward Allingham, James S. Conway, Robert Gilmer, Francis B. Gregg, William Howlin, Robert D. Kenny, John F. O'Ryan, Thomas M. Roberts, and Charles B. Sparrow.

The following passed the Preliminary Examination in Arts.

William H. Allen, Charles Ernest Denning, John Finigan, Joseph Alphonsus Fitzmaurice, Richard Godly, George Anthony Horneik, Joseph B. Jackson, Edward E. Lennon, and Robert Wall.

Mr. Robert Alexander Shannon obtained the Annual Prize in Chemistry and Pharmacy.

Mr. William Z. Myles was awarded the Honour Certificate of second rank.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**BARONY PARISH NEW LUNATIC FARM ASYLUM**, Woodilee, Glasgow—Medical Superintendent: £500 per annum, house, etc. Applications, 1st July, to Peter Beattie, Inspector of Poor.

**BRADFORD (Yorkshire) INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY**—Junior House-Surgeon: £50 per annum, board and residence. Applications, 8th instant, to Charles Woodcock, Secretary.

**CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon: £80 first year, with annual increase of £10 up to £100, with board and furnished apartments. Applications, 8th instant, to A. G. Roper, Honorary Secretary.

**CASTLE WARD UNION**, Northumberland—Medical Officer to the Workhouse and the Ponteland District: £30 and £20 per annum respectively.

**EAST STONEHOUSE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £50 for one year. Applications, 8th June, to E. Wilkes, Clerk.

**GLAMORGANSHIRE AND MONMOUTHSHIRE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY**, Cardiff—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £100 a year, board, washing, and furnished apartments. Applications, 20th inst., to the Committee.

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

**GRAY'S HOSPITAL**, Elgin—House-Surgeon: £55 per annum, board and lodging. Applications, 6th instant, to David Forsyth, Secretary.

**HECKMONDWIKE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health: £20 per annum.

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

**INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION**, etc., Margaret Street—Visiting Physician. Applications, 16th instant, to Francis Baily, Secretary.

**LAMBETH**, Parish of—Resident Medical Officer and Dispenser for the Infirmary in Princes Road: £100 per annum, board, apartments, etc. Applications, 8th instant, 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 instant, to W. Napier Reeve, Esq., Leicester.

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Workhouse Infirmary: £120 per annum, and residence.

**MANSFIELD UNION**—Medical Officer for No. 5 District: £32:10 per annum.

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

**NEWPORT (Monmouthshire) INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY**—Resident Medical Officer: £85 per annum, furnished lodgings, board, etc. Applications, 10th instant, to E. W. Willey, Secretary.

**OLDCASTLE UNION**, co. Meath—Medical Officer for the Crossakeel Dispensary District: £100 per annum.

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

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL**—Resident Medical Officer.

**ST. PANCRAS AND NORTHERN DISPENSARY**—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, residence, and allowance for servant. Applications to S. S. Wigg, Honorary Secretary, 33, Gordon Street, Gordon Square.

**STOCKTON UNION**, Durham—Medical Officer for the Middlesborough North District: £85 per annum.

**SUDBURY UNION**, Suffolk—Medical Officer for No. 3 District, and the Workhouse: £122 per annum, and £35 per annum, respectively.

**UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**, Newcastle-upon-Tyne—Lecture on Physiology.

**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 annum, board, residence, etc. Applications, 15th instant, to F. D. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

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

**WORKINGTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT**—Medical Officer of Health.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

\*BEDDOE, John, M.D., F.R.S., appointed Consulting Physician to the Bristol Hospital for Sick Children.

BROWN, George, M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

GIBSON, Charles H., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 1 of the Davenport Union, *vice* B. C. Gowing, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

HALDANE, William, M.B., appointed Medical Officer for the Parishes of Crathie and Braemar, *vice* W. Lyon, M.B., resigned.

\*HOSKING, Ethelbert, M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum, Wandsworth Common.

\*LEWTAS, John, M.B. (late House-Physician to the Seamen's Hospital), appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the North Dispensary, Liverpool.

NEWCOMBE, Charles Frederick, M.B. and C.M.Aberdeen (late Clinical Assistant, West Riding Asylum, Wakefield), appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Rainhill, Lancashire.

PICKLES, John Jagger, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed House-Physician to the General Infirmary at Leeds, *vice* G. H. Barfoot, M.B., resigned.

SINCLAIR, Alexander J., M.D., appointed Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

TURNER, F. Charlwood, M.A., M.D., elected Resident Assistant Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

### 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.

BENHAM.—On June 1st, at 40, Westgate Street, Ipswich, the wife of Henry James Benham, M.B.Lond., of a son.

#### DEATH.

GEERE, George, Esq., surgeon, very suddenly, at his residence, 21, Broad Street, Brighton, on June 1st.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE was in the Chair at the Annual Festival held at Willis's Rooms in behalf of the German Hospital at Dalston. The subscriptions during the evening amounted to £4,368.

## 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.—Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. M. Leon Collins, "On the Conditions of Propagation of Small-Pox and Cholera".

## 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.

X.—At the office of the General Council of Medical Education, 32, Soho Square.

PHLOX asks for the titles of any works showing "the evidences of design in the mental and physical constitution of man", especially the former subject.

A. D. will, we believe, find all he requires at Westminster Hospital School. There are good opportunities and excellent teachers.

AN OLD MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.—Dr. P. H. Green, a former Editor of this JOURNAL, is residing, we believe, in France.

MR. J. HINDLE (Blackpool).—The practice of publishing by advertisement "cards" of address, is one which is, we think, professionally objectionable, and we should be sorry to see it introduced into this country.

NOTWITHSTANDING that nearly every number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL published this year has included a supplement of eight pages, and that one-third more of original matter has been published this year in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL up to the present date than in any former year, we have still a considerable accumulation of manuscripts from town and country contributors. We would therefore especially ask our correspondents to compress, as much as possible, any communications with which they may favour us, with a view to their publication with the least possible delay.

ERRATUM.—In our note on the History of Clinical Lectures at page 724 of last week's JOURNAL, the statement regarding the origin of clinical lectures in London (last paragraph but one) was incorrect. What Dr. George Harley said on this subject was, "that clinical lectures had been occasionally given in the London hospitals from 1804; but that no systematic course was given until 1824, when the Apothecaries' Company made attendance on them compulsory on students."

## MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR,—On the point of etiquette contained in Mr. Griffith Thomas's letter, there can be no two opinions; but the question is a more serious one than one of mere etiquette. What is the law upon the subject? We who are in the habit of taking an annual holiday, must not be in any uncertainty about this matter. I was under the impression that the agent who sends down a *locum tenens*, made a point of requiring his signature to a bond not to practise in opposition to the person whom he goes to assist. If this be not so, or if such a bond be of no legal value, then it behoves each one who engages the services of a *locum tenens* to require an undertaking from him previously. Some of those learned in the law should enlighten us on this most important subject; and Mr. Thomas would do well to say through whose agency he obtained the services of his present opponent.

I am, etc., BONA FIDES.

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.

AN OLD MEMBER.—At present, the College of Surgeons has not the power to erase the name of the notorious person mentioned by our correspondent from the list of members. Legal opinion was taken immediately after the learned judge's severe but just remarks on the conclusion of the trial.

## THE ADMISSION OF LADIES TO THE DEGREES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

SIR,—At the meeting of Convocation, on May 12th, I voted for the enfranchisement of woman's intellect, and I glory in the deed. In future, academic titles must be regarded as of common gender, appertaining to "homo", and no longer confined to "vir". Universities may well follow the lead of the Church of England in this matter. Thus, in the Prayer for the Queen, we find the title "governor", not "governess". Yet, if grammarians insist on distinction of gender, what would be easier than to use Magistra, Baccalaurea, Doctrix, Socia, etc.? But I adhere to the opinion that the common gender is best adapted to academic titles.

It is a matter of wonder to me that no one has spoken or written on the improvement of the human intellect that will surely follow on the intellectual culture of mothers. Who does not know that great men have been indebted to their mothers rather than to their fathers? Surely we may look for many great men in the future.

Amongst bestial animals, we find every variety in the respective endowments of the sexes. In the case of the dog, cat, and horse, there is perfect equality of mind and body. In the human animal, as well savage as cultivated, the female is usually physically weaker than the male, and mentally inclined to occupations different from those of the male, yet there are notable exceptions.

I verily believe that mankind would be benefited by the extension to females of the great principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity; yet, whilst advocating these principles, I need scarcely state that the social relations of the sexes must be based on the law of God.

Amongst the ancient Germans, woman was not considered as mentally inferior to man, but only as physically weaker, and requiring protection.—See *Introduction to Anthropology*, by Dr. Theodor Waitz. I am, etc.,

Rochester, May 23rd, 1874. FREDERICK JAMES BROWN, M.D. Lond.

P.S.—In the French language, words expressing professions, trades, etc., usually followed by men, have no feminine, even when exercised by women, as *docteur*, *sculpteur*, *graveur*, *imprimeur*.

## TREATMENT OF LARGE ABSCESSSES BY THE ASPIRATOR.

SIR,—I beg to inform "Surgeon" that a short time ago I had under treatment, in conjunction with a physician in this neighbourhood, in a lady aged 43, married, an abscess situated in the ovarian region. Being anxious to extract a small amount of fluid at a time, we used the "pneumatic aspirator" and removed about six ounces, without inconvenience to the patient. From what I observed in this case, I should say the instrument in question is most useful in all cases of the class named by "Surgeon". I am, etc.,

Newport Pagnell, June 3rd, 1874. H. HAILEY.

A COUNTRY SURGEON.—1. The holder of L.R.C.P. Ed. is a physician, if we use the word to denote one who has received his qualification from a College of Physicians, and follows the medical department of general practice. It does not follow, however, that by calling himself a physician, he can at once take rank with those members of the profession to whom the term has hitherto been mostly applied, or expect to obtain equal fees with them. There are surgeons and surgeons; and so there will be physicians and physicians. 2. A patient (or his friend) has the right to change the medical attendant. 3. The charge of a guinea per visit is decidedly high. Whatever our correspondent may call himself, he is only acting as a general practitioner; and we think he would act wisely by regulating his charges by the rules of general practice.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Birmingham Daily Gazette, June 1st; The Carlisle Patriot, May 30th; The Macclesfield Advertiser; The Shield; The Glasgow News; The Manchester Guardian; The Cork Examiner; The Hastings and St. Leonard's Chronicle; The Paris Journal; The Lancaster Daily Courier; The Leeds Weekly Express; The Liverpool Daily Courier; The Brighton Daily News; Nouvelle Chronique de Jersey; etc.

## COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—

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