

sense, should the Sepoys of the army of India have abler and better educated doctors than their pale-faced and more costly fellow-soldiers? It is for the War Office and the Horse Guards to answer this question.

DR. MINTER, Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, whose term of office at the Naval Hospital at Stonehouse was unexpectedly brought to a close by the issue of new regulations, is (says the *Western Morning News*) to receive some compensation for the loss of his appointment. It was at first refused by the Treasury; but, the Admiralty having again represented the case, and favoured the claims of Dr. Minter to some consideration, £100 has now been awarded.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTH-EAST HANTS DISTRICT.

THE next ordinary meeting of the above Branch will be held at the George Hotel, Portsmouth, on Thursday, February 10th, at 4.30 P.M.

Notice of the following communications has been received.

1. Dr. Elliott: Chloroform and Ether as Anæsthetics.

2. Dr. Ward Cousins: The Physical Indications of Arrested Phthisis.

Dinner will be provided at 6.30 P.M.: charge 6s., exclusive of wine. Members intending to be present, are requested to communicate with the Secretary on or before February 8th.

J. WARD COUSINS, *Honorary Secretary*.

Southsea, January 24th, 1876.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE next meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on Thursday, February 10th, 1876. The Chair will be taken by the President at 3 o'clock P.M. precisely.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. Lawson Tait will move, "That Rule I shall be altered so as to read, 'Associates desirous of becoming members of the Branch must give notice to one of the secretaries of the Branch. The application shall be submitted to the consideration of the Council; and, in the event of its receiving their support, it shall be submitted to a ballot at a general meeting, when four black balls shall be required for exclusion; and, in the event of more than sixteen members voting, one black ball in four.'"

The following papers are promised.—1. Mr. Lloyd Owen: On a peculiar form of Vesicular Corneal Eruption. 2. Dr. Rickards: On four consecutive cases of Thoracic Aneurism. 3. Mr. Bartleet: On Roux's Amputation at the Ankle, with cases.

Members are invited to exhibit pathological specimens at the commencement of the meeting.

BALTHAZAR FOSTER, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries*.
JAMES SAWYER, M.D.

Birmingham, February 1876.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

THE winter meeting of the above Branch will be held, under the Presidency of Dr. WRIGHT of Cheltenham, at 4 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15th, at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud.

Business of the Meeting.—The New Stroud Hospital.

For Discussion.—The Work of Sanitary Medical Officers, and its Claims upon the Profession generally: Mr. Wilton.

The dinner (five shillings) will be at Seven o'clock.

RAYNER W. BATTEN, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Gloucester, February 1st, 1876.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

A MEETING of the above Branch will be held at the Southampton Hotel, Surbiton, at four o'clock, on Thursday, February 17th, 1876.

The following papers are promised.

1. Dr. Fenn: On the Pathology and Treatment of Acute Rheumatism.

2. Dr. Lauder Brunton: On the Mode of Action of Alteratives.

3. Dr. A. Collicie: How do Contagious Diseases spread, and what is the extent of Isolation necessary in their treatment.

There will be a dinner afterwards at the Southampton Hotel at six o'clock; charge, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. Those who intend to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretary on or before February 15th.

F. P. ATKINSON, *Honorary Secretary*.

Surbiton Road, Kingston, January 29th, 1876.

OBITUARY.

SIR DAVID DUMBRECK, M.D., K.C.B.

WE regret to announce the death at Florence, last week, of Sir David Dumbreck, M.D., V.C., K.C.B., at the age of 75. He became M.D. of Edinburgh in 1830. He joined the army medical service at an early age, and served with great distinction. When war broke out between Russia and Turkey in 1854, Dr. Dumbreck was sent out to organise the hospital service of the army department; and, on the invasion of the Crimea, was attached to Lord Raglan's staff. He was present at the battles of Alma, Balaclava, and Inkermann, and during the siege of Sebastopol. Subsequently, Dr. Dumbreck served as principal medical officer in Cape Town. He was appointed Deputy Inspector-General in 1854, and Inspector-General in 1859; and retired from the service in 1860. He was appointed a Honorary Physician to the Queen in 1866, and a K.C.B. in 1871. He had the Crimean war medal with four clasps, the Turkish medal, and was a knight of the fourth class of the order of the Medjidie.

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 at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on January 27th.

Caffyn, Stephen, Silverdale, Sussex
Cooper, John N., L.K.Q.C.P.I., Hyde, Lancashire
Ellis, William A., Sloane Street, Chelsea
Kirkas, Kanoba R., Bombay
Nicholls, Frederick, L.S.A., Stockwell
Nicholson, John F., Brigg, Lincolnshire
Peerless, Walter R., East Grinstead
Pickup, William J., Bacup, Lancashire
Price, Robert J., University Street
Pronger, Charles E., Crawley, Sussex
Roberts, W. S. W., Earl's Court Road
Rogers, Thomas K., Southgate Road
Russell, James, M.B.Aberd., Croydon
Sandes, W. H. F., New Wandsworth
Shoalbred, William A., Wolverhampton
Thurstan, Paget E., B.A. Cantab., Guernsey
Walford, Robert, Colchester
Whitelegge, Benjamin A., Tideswell, Derbyshire
Wright, Henry, Lutterworth, Leicestershire

The following passed on January 28th.

Allott, Wordsworth L., Hoylands, Yorkshire
Boys, Arthur H., Brixton Hill
Horton, Samuel H., Great Yarmouth
Fox, Thomas C., B.A. Cantab., Broughton, Hants.
Grimwood, Harry C., L.S.A., Stowmarket
Hayes, Francis G., West Brompton.
Jones, Abraham E., M.B. & M.C. Edin., Manchester
McCarthy, Justin McC., St. Thomas's Terrace
McCullagh, Thomas A., Liverpool
Perry, Edward E., Reepham, Norfolk
Richmond, Charles E., L.S.A., Manchester
Rockliffe, William C., M.A. Cantab. & L.S.A., Hull
Ryley, James, Louth, Lincolnshire
Scott, John W., Dronfield, Yorkshire
Stephenson, William A., Weymouth
Wartenberg, Victor A., Lytham, Lancashire
Wood, Edwin S., Newport, Monmouthshire

The following passed on January 31st.

Alexander, Charles F., Great Dover Street
Boswell, Alexander, L.S.A., Putney
Burton, John R., L.S.A., Lee, Kent
Chamberlain, Edward T., Dartmouth
Coombs, Graham L., Chippenham
Darbishire, Samuel D., M.A. Oxon., Conway, North Wales
Evans, Evan W., Bath
Ford, Arthur Vernon, Portsmouth
Johnson, John, M.B. Univ. Melbourne, Camberwell New Road
Little, Henry S., Reading
Phelps, William, L.S.A., Weston-super-Mare
Quartley, Francis C., Swindon
Rogers, F. G. A., Bedford
Scovil, Francis S., St. John, New Brunswick, Canada
Spokes, Peter S., Reading
Watteville, the Baron Armand de, Pembroke Square
Wilding, William A., L.K.Q.C.P.I., Church Stretton
Williams, William H., Sherborne, Dorset

At the examination for the diploma of membership, which was brought to a close on Monday last, we are informed that as many as

forty candidates were rejected out of one hundred and fifty-three examined; and fourteen, who passed in Surgery only, will be admitted members of the College when qualified in Medicine. The examinations for the diploma in Dental Surgery, which was commenced on Tuesday last, will be brought to a close on Tuesday next.

The name of Mr. Robert Wm. Hewson, of the Edinburgh School of Medicine, was accidentally omitted from the list of candidates who passed the primary examination on January 17th. (See JOURNAL, January 22nd, p. 119.)

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, January 27th, 1876.

Batchelor, Henry Thomas, Bancroft Road, Mile End Road
Roberts, Henry William, Leeds
Richmond, Charles Ernest, Manchester
Roche, Eugenius Alfred, Sunderland Terrace, Bayswater
Rockliffe, William Craven, Hull
Schön, James Edward, Warley Lodge, Brondesbury, N.W.
Wilson, George, The Villas, Erith, Kent

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

Foster, William, Westminster Hospital
Livesey, Ernest William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

At the Preliminary Examination in Arts, held at the Hall of the Society, on the 28th and 29th January, 1876—45 candidates presented themselves; of whom 14 were rejected, and the following 31 passed, and received certificates of proficiency in general education—viz., in the First Class, in order of merit:

Edwin E. L. Bowling, John Fuller Joyce, John Lawrence, and Frances Helen Prideaux. 5. Stephen Henry Appleford and Ronald Volckman. 7. Ashley Bird and Charles Nathaniel Simons.

In the Second Class, in alphabetical order:

Arthur J. M. Armstrong, Wm. Taylor Bell, Reginald Hewitt Boyson, George Thompson Burbridge, Francis Henry M. Burton, George D. Crowther, Laura Ormiston Dillbin, William Frederick Everett, B. C. E. F. Gunn, Herbert L. Hawksley, Robert Holloway, James Prytherch, James J. D. Stacey Jones, Frederick John Lilly, John Palmer, John Peche, William de Mornet Riddell, Francis Stewart Simmonds, George Stocker, Charles Edward Strickland, Benjamin Emile Studer, James Turton, and Francis Verdon.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' PROVIDENT MEDICAL INSTITUTION—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £180 the first year, with residence (unfurnished), coal, and gas, and an allowance of £40 per annum for cab-hire. Applications on or before the 16th inst.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £130 per annum the first, £140 the second, £150 the third and following years, with an allowance of £30 per annum for cab-hire, and furnished rooms, fire, light, and attendance. Applications on or before the 9th instant.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR CHILDREN, Manchester—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum; engagement for one year from March 25th. Applications not later than March 1st.

CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle—Assistant to the House-Surgeon. Board, lodging, and washing free. Applications to the House Surgeon.

EAST AFRICAN MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND—Medical Gentleman wanted for Lake Nyassa Mission. Applications to the Secretary, 21, Young Street, Edinburgh.

EAST RETFORD UNION—Medical Officer for the Tuxford District. Salary, £40 per annum, and fees.

ENNIS DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM—Resident Pupil. Applications to the Resident Medical Superintendent.

FISHERTON HOUSE ASYLUM, Salisbury—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to Dr. Finch, at the Asylum.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES OF RHOS, Ruabon—Medical Practitioner. Salary, £110 per annum. Applications, on or before the 15th instant, to Mr. J. Griffiths, Builder, Hall Street, Rhos, Ruabon.

GATESHEAD DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.

GLASGOW LYING-IN HOSPITAL—Out-door Physician for the Central District.

GOWER UNION, Glamorgan—Medical Officer for the Eastern District. Salary, £20 per annum, exclusive of vaccination and other fees. Applications on or before the 5th inst.

HAYDOCK LODGE ASYLUM, near Newton-le-Willows—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to Dr. Lister.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, W.—Honorary Physician. Applications on or before the 15th instant.

KENT COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Barning Heath, near Maidstone—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £700 per annum, with unfurnished house, and garden. Also, a Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with furnished apartments, attendance, fuel, lighting, milk, produce of garden, and washing. Applications on or before the 11th inst.

LISNASKEA UNION, co. Fermanagh—Medical Officer for the Brookborough Dispensary District. Salary, £115 per annum, and fees.

LOGIE, Parish of—Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, with opening for private practice.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL AND ASYLUM AND MALE HOSPITAL—Surgeon.—Surgeon to the Out-Patients. Applications on or before the 9th inst.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES, Manchester—Medical Officer. Private practice allowed. A minimum income guaranteed. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL—Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications on or before the 15th inst.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £500 per annum, with residence (free of rates and taxes), and with gas and water laid on. Applications on or before the 1st March.

NORTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION—Physician. Applications on or before March 1st.

NORTH WITCHEFORD UNION, Cambridgeshire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Fourth District. Salary, £60 per annum, and extra medical fees. Applications on or before the 15th instant.

ODD FELLOWS' DISPENSARY, Hull—Surgeon. Salary, commencing the 1st March, £175 per annum; midwifery extra. House, coals, and drugs paid for by the Society. Applications to William Stubbs, Esq., East Park Terrace, Holderness Road, Hull.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Galway—Professor of Midwifery. Applications, on or before the 19th instant, to the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—Examiner in Anatomy and Physiology. Applications on or before the 12th instant.

ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY, Truro—Visiting Surgeon. Applications on or before the 10th inst.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road—Honorary Surgeon. Applications on or before the 28th inst.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, Paddington—Assistant Surgeon. Applications on or before the 14th inst.

SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications on or before the 1st March.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY—Assistant to the House-Surgeon. Board, lodging, and washing provided. No salary. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.

STRATTON UNION—Medical Officer for the South District. Salary, £60 per annum, with fees. Applications on or before the 7th inst.

ULVERSTON UNION—Medical Officer for the Barrow District. Salary, £60 per annum.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Chelsea—House-Surgeon and Registrar. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging in the hospital. Applications on or before the 12th inst.

WANTAGE UNION—Medical Officer for the Hendred District. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications on or before the 14th inst.

WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road—Honorary Surgeon. Applications not later than the 19th instant.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

CRETIN, Eugene, M.B., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Birkenhead Borough Hospital, *vice* D. C. Davidson, L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.

GODFREY, Charles W., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed House-Surgeon to the Huntingdon County Hospital, *vice* A. S. Greenway, M.B., resigned.

GREENWAY, Alexander S., M.B., appointed Resident Medical Officer at St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Manchester.

HEATH, H. T., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed House-Surgeon to the Ripon Dispensary.

JONES, William M., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Rotherham Hospital, *vice* W. A. Garrod, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

LEACHT, Harry, M.R.C.P., appointed Visiting Physician to the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.

LIEWELYN, William, M.B., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Wrexham Infirmary, *vice* *T. Eytton Jones, M.D.; resigned, and appointed Consulting Surgeon.

MESSITER, M. Arden, M.R.C.S., appointed Visiting Surgeon to the Dudley Dispensary, *vice* J. P. Badley, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

MILES, George E., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the North Wales Lunatic Asylum, Denbigh.

STONE, William Domett, M.D., appointed Physician to the Finsbury Dispensary, *vice* W. Lomas, M.D., resigned.

WHITE, Charles, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Warrington Infirmary, *vice* G. W. Hardy, M.R.C.S.Eng.

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.

RITCHIE.—At 1, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh, on January 29th, the wife of R. Peel Ritchie, M.D., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HAYNES—HIRON.—On January 27th, at St. George's, Hanover Square, by the Rev. W. K. B. Briscoe, assisted by the Rev. E. E. Jones, Frederick Harry Haynes, M.D., of Leamington, to Henrietta, youngest daughter of the late John Hiron, Esq., J.P. of Campden, Gloucestershire.

PRICE—MORRIS.—On January 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, Cardiff, William Price, M.B.Lond., Charles Street, Cardiff, to Annie, eldest daughter of John Morris, Esq., Solicitor, of the same town.

THE Goldsmiths' Company have voted a donation of £50 to the funds of the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, Marylebone Road.

TESTIMONIAL.—On Tuesday, January 25th, a valuable testimonial, consisting of an illuminated address, a handsome silver tea and coffee service, a massive silver salver, a copy of the Holy Bible (illustrated by Doré, bound in morocco), and a purse of gold, was presented to William Henry Davies, Esq., Surgeon, of Penner House, near Newport, Monmouthshire, by the workmen and inhabitants of Abercarn and its surrounding neighbourhood, as a token of their respect and esteem.

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.

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.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 3 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.—Guy's, 1.30 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.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. R. J. Lee, "Description of a Machine for Creating a Warm Atmosphere suitable for Pulmonary Complaints"; Dr. De Havilland Hall, "A Man with Transposition of Viscera"; Mr. Richard Davy, "Two Cases of Re-amputation".

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Ballot. 8.30 P.M. Dr. Vandyke Carter, "On the Bouton de Biskra (Mycosis Cutis Chronica)"; The late Mr. George Gascoyen, "On Spheclus of the Thyroid Gland".

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M. Annual Meeting: Election of Officers. 8 P.M. Hunterian Oration, by Henry Sutton, M.B., F.R.C.P.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. T. Holmes, "Recurrent Tumour of Shoulder: removal of Scapula and half the Clavicle"; Dr. George Brown, "Case of Reduction of Partial Dislocation of Astragalus of long standing"; Mr. Pugin Thornton, "A Case of Oedema of Larynx"; Mr. H. G. Trend, "Case of Purpura Rheumatica".—Hunterian Society. Dinner at the Albion, Aldersgate Street, at 6 P.M.; Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, F.S.A., in the Chair.

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, 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, 36, Great Queen Street, W.C.

THE ADMISSION OF LADIES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

SIR.—The recent decision with regard to the L.M.R.C.S.E. has an important bearing on the question lately submitted to our members, as to whether or not ladies should be admitted to the Association. For my own part (and it may be presumed I was not solitary in that opinion), I thought all on the *Medical Register* should be eligible for election, and returned an answer accordingly. But though I was willing to welcome Mrs. Garrett-Anderson, I am by no means disposed to open our doors to those who gain an entrance to the profession through the insufficient test of an L.M. examination only, and consequently have written to the secretary to request that my vote may be altered. Probably others may see the matter in the same light.—Very truly yours,

A. T. CARSON, M.D. Edin., M. and L.M.R.C.S. Eng.

Portrush, Co. Antrim, 31st January, 1876.

MR. C. H. WALTERS (Cheltenham) writes that our correspondent last week was mistaken in the impression that the resolution of the Gloucestershire Branch meeting in favour of the admission of women to examination in medicine by the College was unanimous; and he adds that there were only nine members present at the meeting, of whom six were in favour of, three against it.

HOME FOR AN IMBECILE BOY.

DR. D. WATSON would be greatly obliged to any member who could recommend a suitable home for a little patient, boy of seven years, who, though not imbecile, is, apparently as the result of convulsions during teething, so far mentally weakened as to require different attention than can well be given in a middle-class home.

Chalford, Stroud, January 24th, 1876.

NOTICES of Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Appointments, intended for insertion in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.

THE TITLE OF DOCTOR.

SIR.—I do hope the noble step the College of Physicians are contemplating will result in the sanctioning of the prefix which many of their licentiates at present make use of in spite of orders to the contrary. There is no doubt, as your correspondent, "A Doctor, but not M.D.", states, of their right to do so; and the simple fact of its being so openly done and permitted by the authorities in question speaks volumes. Would a man not a member or licentiate of either of our Colleges of Surgeons risk putting surgeon on his brass plate? What I understand the College of Physicians think on the subject is simply that a physician—whether he be licentiate, member, or fellow—is entitled to some mode of identification by his patrons and the public generally; and from my inquiries and experience in the matter, I do not believe that many of them (the public) believe those who assume the title to be necessarily doctors of medicine, but physicians in contradistinction to surgeons only; and that is all said non-graduated licentiates want them to. If the severity of the examination for the qualification have anything to do with it, I am sure the College can grant the privilege with impunity; for many I could name have found the Scotch and Irish degrees far easier to obtain than the London license.—Yours, etc.,

A PHYSICIAN.

SIR.—I would not prolong the discussion of this vexed question, did I not think that something may yet be said that will lead to a practical solution of the difficulty. I am sure every thoughtful observer will agree that the present anomalous and chaotic condition of things in our profession cannot continue very much longer. Indeed, it is not difficult to see already the probable lines by which the needed reforms will be effected.

If any one holding only the diploma of one of the Colleges of Physicians desire to write himself "M.D.", he must know very well that he cannot legally do so. M.D. implies an University degree, and it is better that it should remain so. In virtue of his diploma, however, he is a physician or "doctor"; and it is as right and proper that he should be so called, as that a member of the clerical profession should be styled "reverend". The Colleges of Physicians cannot confer the degree of M.D., but they may and ought to sanction the title of "doctor". Whatever the laity may think, no medical man can commit the mistake of supposing that the possession of M.D. must necessarily indicate superiority. Nay, your *medicina doctor* may even be inferior to one who can only call himself M.R.C.P.; and yet the former is addressed as "doctor", while the latter, however capable and accomplished, both generally and professionally, is destitute of any title by which he may be distinguished, in ordinary social intercourse, from the thriving publican in an adjoining street. It will be possible, of course, to rectify this in the future when the functions of teaching, or, at all events, of examining candidates for the medical and other learned and scientific professions shall have been properly relegated to Universities, and where an uniform standard of examination shall confer upon the successful candidate the proper professional distinction of M.D. Then, in the doctor's subsequent career under such a system, an additional degree (e.g., F.R.C.P.) might still be won; not by the absurdly inadequate test of examination, but as a fitting reward for original achievement, like the F.R.S. even now. Thus the essential difference between excellence and mediocrity would be duly recognised.

But the point that calls for present settlement is this. Shall the existing usages (in the matter of titles), invidious and awkward as they are, be allowed to remain till the reform of which I have hinted, or something similar, shall have become an accomplished fact? The powers forbid! It would be far from desirable, however, that the title of doctor should be conferred upon all the members of the profession indiscriminately. Where, then, should we draw the line? Between the medical *iracundior* (provided he is doubly qualified) and the medical *shopkeeper*? The distinction there would indicate a real difference.

January 1876.

I am, sir, yours faithfully, W. F. P.

SIR.—Can you oblige by informing your readers whether any bye-law of the London College of Physicians existed relative to the title of doctor prior to the Medical Act 1860? Previously to that time, every non-graduated Fellow, Licentiate (now members), and extra licentiates, not only used the prefix "Dr.", but were addressed as such by the authorities of the College. This was the "birthright" of the College from its foundation. All graduates in medicine, other than Oxford and Cambridge, had no legal right to practise medicine in England without the license of the College or Hall.

The new Medical Act gave no power to graduates in medicine to dub themselves "Physicians"; but no Fellow, Member, or Licentiate, would deny their right to use the term or title "Physician", more especially if they were not in general practice. On referring to the List of Fellows of the College 1858, I find three of them having no degree attached to their names; and in the List of Licentiates (now members), there are seventeen without the degree of M.D. In the Catalogue 1874, we find one Fellow having no degree, though, from the time he passed the College, he has been addressed Dr.

If we look to Pechey's translation of Sydenham, 1705, we find on the title page: "By John Pechey of the Royal College of Physicians of London." On referring to the catalogues of the College of his time, I find the name of "John Pechey" in the list of extra licentiates—no degree.

In conclusion, I would state that the new Medical Act cannot prevent the College from giving a license to "teach and to practise", and to use all titles, etc., as formerly.—I am, your obedient servant, M.B., M.A.

ERGOT IN OBSTETRIC HÆMORRHAGE.

SIR.—In your last week's JOURNAL, I observe reports of two cases of hæmorrhage after delivery, in one of which it is stated that "ergot, etc., did not stop it"; in the other case, "we gave a dose of the ergot, which was quite useless". I have given ergot largely for ten years, often attending three or four cases in one day, and it has never failed to have the desired effect. I should like to ask the gentlemen who attended the above-mentioned cases, to state their mode of administering ergot, also the dose, and what vehicle, if any, they give with it. I have occasionally read of cases similar to the above, and have always found that the ergot has not had a fair trial.

I do not doubt that perchloride of iron injections have saved the lives of many patients, but they have also caused several deaths, although they have been in use for a comparatively short time. Ergot is perfectly safe if properly administered, and in suitable cases. Nature's remedy for *post partum hæmorrhage* is contraction of the uterus. Ergot will not fail to assist her if fairly tried.—I am, sir, yours faithfully, W. F. S.

January 23rd, 1876.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

The following questions in Anatomy and Surgery were proposed to the candidates at the examination for the diploma of member on January 21st. *Surgical Anatomy and Pathology*.—1. Describe the several relations of the brachial artery, and of the veins and nerves in front of the elbow-joint; and state where and how you would perform venesection at this part. 2. Give the relations, having surgical importance, of the urinary bladder in the male, under various modifying conditions. 3. What are the usual causes, the local indications and symptoms, of acute phlebitis? State how you would treat such a case, and what are the pathological changes in and near the vein which are likely to occur during its progress. 4. What are the varieties of cataract? how are they distinguished from each other? and to what pathological changes are they due? 5. Describe the two most frequent dislocations of the shoulder-joint; and state how they may be distinguished from each other, and from other injuries about the joint. 6. Under what circumstances, and with what attendant symptoms, is the use of the trephine justifiable in injuries of the head? Describe the operation of trephining; and mention its risks, both immediate and remote. Candidates were required to answer at least four (including one of the first two) out of the six questions.

The following were the questions on the *Principles and Practice of Medicine* submitted to the candidates on Saturday, January 22nd. 1. Describe a case of rheumatic fever, mentioning the complications which are most apt to arise; and state how you would distinguish them and treat them. 2. What is meant by tactile vibrations or vocal thrill? and what are the modifications which the sign undergoes in disease? What is understood by crepitation, bronchial respiration, pectoriloquy, egophony, and metallic tinkling? and what are the conditions upon which those several signs depend? 3. Mention the preparations of iron, zinc, and arsenic contained in the *Pharmacopœia*; and state for what purposes and in what doses they are severally used. Write a prescription for a mixture to assist expectoration and relieve cough. The body of the prescription to be written in Latin in full, the directions in English.

DEAF-MUTISM.—The *Journal des Sages-femmes* reports the case of a deaf and dumb woman, married to a deaf and dumb husband, who was admitted to the lying-in hospital for her confinement. She had had five children born deaf, and a sixth which survived, and speaks and hears perfectly well.

HEREDITARY HONOURS TO MEDICAL MEN.

SIR,—It is with pleasure I see a letter signed "M.D. Edin." in a recent number, calling attention to the anomalous position our profession holds in respect of hereditary honours. He rightly bids high, and justly considers nothing less than a peerage is due to one or more of those noble minds who, by their high attainments and the advancement of medical and surgical science have helped so much of late years to mitigate the sufferings of humanity and improve the health of cities; in fact, "have deserved well of their country". For the medical profession alone to be debarred from the peerage, and practically from almost all state honours, is not only a gross injustice, but a slur upon it; a profession which lay speakers are profuse in styling, when returning thanks for the honorary and agreeable services of the staff of some medical charity, as "the most noble, the most generous, the most self-sacrificing", etc., of all professions; which really means the speaker is taking "flattering unctious to his soul" for good works done with no trouble and little expense to himself, but at considerable cost to that most patient of all creatures of burden, the "medical man".

Why is it that our profession fares so badly in the yearly distribution of orders and titles? It cannot be from the class from which its members are recruited, as it is very doubtful whether there is any great difference in this respect between the three professions. Nor can it be from defective culture, as in the liberal sciences they are far in advance of the other two. Nor can it be from an inability of some of its members to support the dignity or transmit a suitable provision to their descendants; nor from too active engagement in professional duties to be of service to the State.

To pass from the negative to an affirmative consideration. Our profession can give place to no calling in life for its usefulness, the benefits derived from its pursuits, or its earnestness in the promotion of the public weal. Why is it, then, that it has been so ignored? I am inclined to think, chiefly from two causes. One from within, and the other from without. From within, from want of unanimity amongst its members, and a proper appreciation of the dignity of their calling; and also from the peculiar personality of the profession, whereby personal interest and pleased vanity are for ever contending against higher and nobler feelings, causing them to be guilty of acts which degrade them in the eyes of the public. From without, from a disregard for life and suffering, and from the ignorance and bigotry of the general public. In this latter respect, each year sees an improvement; for, with the increase of large cities, and the tendency to the greater aggregation of human beings, the value of medical science becomes increased. But all this is too modern, and has not yet had sufficient time to impress the people with the merits of our science. The time cannot be far distant when political parties will begin to realise the necessity of having skilled and trained scientific minds in the hereditary chamber.

Setting on one side the question of promotion to the hereditary chamber, let me speak of the bestowal of those honours our gracious Queen and her ministers at present consider a sufficient dote to our profession. Firstly, as regards the *sixth* order of nobility, the present *Ultima Thule* of medical ambition. There are only about a half dozen; of knights not very many more; of C.B.s and K.C.B.s, I might easily count them on my fingers. Is such a fitting position for our profession—a profession upon which not only the fate of lives, but even military expeditions depends? On looking down the list of our profession, how many plain misters and doctors I see without any magic letters behind indicating the reward of a grateful country. Plain Mr. Bowman, Mr. Spencer Wells, Mr. Simon, C.B., etc.; or the doctorates, Dr. F. Farre, Dr. Risdon Bennett, Reynolds, Murchison, etc. Nor do those gentlemen fare better who are privileged to undertake the pleasurable duties, with its grave responsibilities (two lives) of royal confinements. Dr. Arthur Farre is still Dr. Farre, and Dr. George Gream still Dr. Gream. It rests entirely with the profession whether this condition of affairs will continue or not. But I may safely add, that it will not cease until there is a considerable change in those miserable petty feelings of jealousy and the dog-in-the-manger policy is discontinued.—I am, etc.,

EXCELSIOR.

DR. JELLY (Madrid).—The letters shall be attended to.

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T. G.—Conduct in such a case must be guided by the ordinary rules of honour and of law; and of these, a respectable solicitor would be the best judge if the contract were submitted to him.

ERRATUM.

In the article on Compulsory Sickness Returns in the *JOURNAL* of January 29th, page 148, column 1, lines 27 *et seq.*, the sentences should read as follows:—"We write also in the interest of the families in which such epidemic outbreaks occur. Among the humbler classes, whose opportunities for isolating their sick are practically nil, it is absolutely necessary," etc.

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