

THE DEATH OF THE SULTAN ABDUL AZIZ.

WE must express our opinion that the official medical report of the death of the ex-Sultan, transmitted by telegraph, is most unsatisfactory. In a case of such importance, and in which suspicion was likely to arise, a careful *post mortem* examination of the body should have been made. In place of this, we have a loose description of the appearances presented by the outside of the body only. 1. A wound, two inches long below the bend of the left arm, with slashed and irregular edges, proceeded from above downwards, and from within outwards. It had cut through the superficial veins, and partially divided the ulnar artery. 2. At the bend of the right arm there was a slight oblique wound, less than an inch in length. This had divided the small vein only, leaving the main artery untouched. 3. There were streaks of blood upon the arms and legs.

A pair of scissors, four inches long, was produced, and we are told that these were very sharp, that they were stained with blood, and one of the blades had a small lateral knob at the extremity.

We have no account of the amount of blood found near the body—one of the most important elements in forming an opinion of death from hæmorrhage.

We have no description of the state of the interior of the body—whether it presented the marks of having been drained of blood, whether death had been caused by asphyxia from the thrusting of a plug into the throat, or by any other mechanical cause to obstruct breathing.

Upon this imperfect and unsatisfactory examination of a dead body, *nineteen* physicians are said to have come to the unanimous conclusion—1. That the death of the Sultan Abdul Aziz was occasioned by hæmorrhage from the ulnar artery; 2. That the scissors shown to them might have produced the wounds found on the arms; and 3. That the direction and nature of the wounds, as well as the instrument said to have produced them, led them to the conclusion that the case was one of suicide.

In our view, the only conclusion justified by the facts revealed, is the second; namely, that the wounds on the arms might have been produced by the scissors!

A wound of the ulnar artery may prove fatal, but it would not produce rapid death; and if hæmorrhage had really been the cause of death (as the bleeding would go on so long as the person lived), a large quantity of blood should have been found near the dead body. The wounds in the arm do not furnish, either by direction or position, any proof whatever of suicide. Any other person might have produced them with the scissors found near the body.

The evidence of two competent men, with an examination of the interior of the body, would have done more to satisfy the public mind respecting suicide or homicide than the unanimity of nineteen physicians, who could certify that this was an act of suicide from such imperfect data. As it is, their report will only excite serious doubts of the real cause of death.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Infirmary, Bradford, on Wednesday, June 14th, at 2.30 P.M.

The members will dine together at the Victoria Hotel, at 5 P.M. Tickets, 6s. 6d. each.

Gentlemen intending to bring forward any communication, or to join the dinner, are requested at once to communicate with the Secretary.

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

York, May 16th, 1876.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

THE third annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Royal Hotel, Weymouth, on Wednesday, June 28th, 1876, at a quarter before Two o'clock; when Dr. J. P. ALDRIDGE (the President-elect) will deliver an address.

During the afternoon, an excursion will be made to Portland.

The dinner will take place punctually at 6 P.M. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

The Committee particularly request that those gentlemen who intend be present at the dinner, will send in their names to Dr. Vawdrey Lush, Weymouth, on or before Saturday, June 24th.

J. WARD COUSINS, *Honorary Secretary*.

Southsea, June 5th, 1876.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Sheffield, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1876.

President.—Sir ROBERT CHRISTISON, Bart., M.D., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S. Edin.

President-elect.—M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ, M.D., Senior Physician to the Sheffield General Infirmary.

An Address in Medicine will be given by E. H. SIEVEKING, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician-Extraordinary to the Queen.

An Address in Surgery will be given by W. F. FAVELL, Esq., Senior Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Sheffield.

An Address in Public Medicine will be given by ALFRED CARPENTER, M.D., Croydon.

Local Secretaries.

J. H. Keeling, M.D., 267, Glossop Row, Sheffield.

Arthur Jackson, Esq., St. James's Row, Sheffield.

THE ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The Ninth Annual Museum of the above Association will be held in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1876.

The Museum Committee will be glad to receive applications as early as possible from persons desirous of becoming exhibitors, and with such applications a statement of the amount of space required.

The fittings necessary for exhibiting the objects sent will be provided; but all expenses connected with packing and carriage, and all risk from injury or loss, must be borne by the exhibitors.

A printed or written description of all articles intended for exhibition must be forwarded for insertion in the Catalogue. All such descriptions must be sent to either of the Secretaries, on or before July 15th; and all articles intended for exhibition must be delivered (addressed "Museum Committee", Cutlers' Hall) on or before July 24th, 1876.

The name of the exhibitor should be written on the outside of each parcel; and, to facilitate the return of the articles, a card bearing his name and address should be enclosed.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretaries, from whom any further information can be readily obtained.

W. R. THOMAS, Norfolk Street, } *Honorary Secretaries*,
SIMEON SNELL, 17, Eyre Street, } *Museum Committee*.

The articles to be exhibited must be included in one of the following classes.

1. New Instruments and Appliances in Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics.

2. New Drugs, new Preparations, and new Articles of Diet for Invalids.

3. Pathological Specimens, with Photographs, Models, Casts, etc., illustrating Disease.

4. New Physiological Apparatus; Microscopes and Microscopic Specimens, Pathological and General. New Chemicals and other Appliances used in Histological Research.

5. New Inventions relating to Public Health.

Mr. LAWSON TAIT (Birmingham) hereby gives notice that he will move at the annual meeting in August next the following alterations in and additions to the By-laws.

I. That By-law 8 read thus: "That the President shall be elected every year at the last general meeting from among the members resident in the district in which the next annual meeting is to be held, and he shall enter, etc."; and further to read as it now stands.

II. That By-law 12 shall read: "That the Editor of the JOURNAL shall be subject to annual election at a general meeting of the members of the Association; that he shall be remunerated as the Committee of Council see fit; and that he shall be responsible for all that appears in the JOURNAL."

III. That By-law 13 shall read: "The Secretary of the Association shall be subject to annual election at a general meeting of the members of the Association"; and further as it now stands.

IV. That a By-law shall be inserted to the effect, that "The JOURNAL shall be considered the organ of communication between the members of the Association; and that no reasonable communication from any member or members shall be refused admission, without the reason for such refusal being communicated to such member or members."

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

36, Great Queen Street, London, June 8th, 1876.

SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH.

THE thirty-second annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Charles Museum, Maidstone, on Wednesday, June 14th, at a quarter past Twelve precisely.

Mr. John Marshall (of Dover) gives notice that he will "Ask the opinion of the meeting, for the information and guidance of members, as to the proper course to be pursued towards a member of the Association who affords support and encouragement to an unqualified practitioner".

The President-elect (Dr. S. Monckton) kindly provides luncheon after the meeting, at 2.15 P.M.

A London maker will exhibit a table of new and useful instruments.

By the liberality of the owner, a visit to Leeds Castle (the seat of Philip Wykeham Martin, Esq., M.P.) will be permitted. Carriages will be placed at the disposal of intending visitors at 2.20.

Mr. Adams will receive visitors at the Ophthalmic Hospital from 3 to 4, and give Clinical Demonstrations.—The West Kent General Hospital may be visited from 3.30 to 4.30.—The grand old Church of All Saints will be open to members at 3.30.—Two new Skating Rinks will be open to the inspection of members on presentation of their cards.

Dinner will be provided at the Star Hotel, at Five o'clock precisely. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d. each.

Members have the privilege of introducing friends to the day's proceedings.

Gentlemen desirous of making any communication to the meeting, or intending to be present at the dinner, should inform the Secretary on or before June 10th.

CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

Dover, May 25th, 1876.

SOUTH DEVON AND CORNWALL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Athenæum, Plymouth, on Tuesday, June 27th, at 3.30 P.M. Members desiring to bring papers on professional subjects or communications of interest before the Branch, notice of it should be sent to the Honorary Secretary.

A dinner will be provided at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, at 5 P.M. Those who wish to dine, must give at least ten days' notice. Seven shillings per head.

WM. SQUARE, *Hon. Sec.*

Plymouth, June 1st, 1876.

SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, on Wednesday, June 28th, at One o'clock precisely. C. H. ROPER, Esq. (President-elect), will read an address.

Gentlemen intending to read papers (not to exceed fifteen minutes), or exhibit cases, etc., are requested to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary.

After the meeting, arrangements will be made for the members to visit the Cathedral (the choir of which has just been restored), the Chapter House, Guildhall, Albert Museum, etc.

The dinner will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, at 5.15 P.M. Dinner and dessert, 7s. 6d. (exclusive of wine).

In the evening, a *conversazione* will be given at the Hospital by the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Exeter; to which, all members and their friends attending the meeting, are invited.

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

2, Chichester Place, Exeter, June 5th, 1876.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Mineral Water Hospital, Bath, on Thursday, June 29th, at 4.30 P.M., when W. M. CLARKE, Esq., will resign the Chair to H. F. A. GOODRIDGE, M.D., President-elect.

Members having any communications for the meeting, are requested to give notice to the Secretaries.

The members will afterwards dine together at the York House. Dinner tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine. Members intending to dine are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

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

Bath, June 6th, 1876.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Guildhall, Swansea, on Thursday, July 4th, 1876, at 12.30 P.M.: President, S. H. STEEL, M.B.; President-elect, ANDREW DAVIES, M.D.

Further particulars will appear in circulars.

ANDREW DAVIES, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*
ALFRED SHEEN, M.D. }

June 6th, 1876.

SOUTH MIDLAND AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCHES.

A COMBINED annual meeting of these Branches will be held in the Board Room of the "Harpur Charity Trustees", Bedford, on Tuesday, June 20th next, at 3 P.M.: H. W. SHARPIN, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The members will dine together at the Swan Hotel, Bedford, at 6.30 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, or to be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate with Dr. Bryan of Northampton, Honorary Secretary, on or before June 10th.

J. M. BRYAN, M.D.

WM. MOXON.

J. B. BRADBURY, M.D. }

Honorary Secretaries.

Northampton, May 20th, 1876.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the General Hospital, Nottingham, on Thursday, June 29th, at Two o'clock—President, A. H. DOLMAN, Esq., F.R.C.S.; President-elect, JOSEPH WHITE, Esq., F.R.C.S. Edin. The ordinary business of the Branch will be transacted, and the following papers will be read.—1. Novel Mode of Curing Stone in the Bladder: The President.—2. Ligature of External Iliac by High Operation: C. H. Marriott, F.R.C.S.—3. Notes and Remarks on a Complicated Case of Empyema: G. C. Franklin, F.R.C.S.—4. Puerperal Fever in its Relation to Infective Diseases: H. R. Hatherley, L.R.C.P. Edin.—5. Lymphadenoma; with a presumed Case: J. O. Brookhouse, M.D.—6. Brief Observations on the Author's Method of Extracting in Cases of Cataract, and introduction of Patients illustrating the results to be obtained by his mode of procedure: C. Bell Taylor, M.D.—7. Uterine Supports: F. W. Wright, M.R.C.S.

The President-elect will be happy to see any members to luncheon at his house, Oxford Street, at one o'clock on the day of the meeting.

The members and friends will dine together, at the George Hotel, at five o'clock. Dinner, exclusive of wine, 10s. 6d.

L. W. MARSHALL, M.D., *Hon. Local Secretary.*

Nottingham, May 31st, 1876.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.

THE first annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at 5, St. Andrew's Square, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 4 P.M.

CHARLES E. UNDERHILL, *Honorary Secretary.*

Edinburgh, May 30th, 1876.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

THE first annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Friday, June 23rd. Dr. ALLEN THOMSON will preside, and deliver an address.

JOSEPH COATS, M.D.

JAMES G. LYON, M.D. }

Honorary Secretaries.

Glasgow, May 30th, 1876.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Midland Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, on Friday, June 30th, at 3 P.M.

An address will be delivered by the President, G. FOWLER BODINGTON, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P. Lond.

The annual dinner will also be held at the Midland Hotel, at 5 P.M. precisely, for the convenience of country members. Dinner tickets (exclusive of wine), 7s. 6d. each. Members intending to be present are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretaries on or before June 24th, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.

BALTHAZAR FOSTER, M.D. }

JAMES SAWYER, M.D. }

Honorary Secretaries.

Birmingham, May 20th, 1876.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Friday, June 30th, at 2 P.M.: W. H. CLUBBE, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Dinner at 5.30 P.M.

Members intending to read papers and cases, or to exhibit pathological specimens, or to be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate with Dr. Chevallier at their earliest convenience.

J. B. PITT, M.D.

B. CHEVALLIER, M.D. }

Honorary Secretaries.

Ipswich, May 24th, 1876.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Southport, on Wednesday, June 28th, at 1 P.M.: Dr. DAVIES-COLLEY, President; GEORGE WOODS, Esq., F.R.C.S., President-elect.

The dinner at the Victoria Hotel, at five o'clock precisely. Tickets, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

Notice of papers (which must not exceed fifteen minutes) should be forwarded at once to the undersigned. None received after June 12th can appear in the circular.

The following papers are promised:—1. A Case of Lithotripsy where Litholysis was also employed: Mr. Reginald Harrison.—2. On the probability of the Muscular Tone of the Uterus having nothing whatever to do in either preventing, causing, or arresting *Post Partum* Hæmorrhage: Dr. John Haddon.—3. Treatment of Bright's Disease by Inhalation of Oil of Juniper: Dr. Davidson (Liverpool).—4. Pathological Specimen; Femur after Supracondyloid Amputation: Dr. Lyster.—5. On the Treatment of Dyspepsia in Children: Dr. Caton.

A. B. STEELE, *Honorary Secretary*.

54, Rodney Street, Liverpool, May 24th, 1876.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Morpeth, on Thursday, July 6th: President, 1875-76, S. E. PIPER, Esq., F.R.C.S.; President-elect, 1876-77, MATTHEW BRUMELL, Esq.

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

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, June 7th, 1876.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE VIVISECTION BILL.

SIR,—Having seen an intimation in your JOURNAL that there was some likelihood of petitions being sent in from all parts of the country against the Vivisection Bill, I was disappointed in not having read in your last impression that the agitation had begun. I think it possible that medical men may feel reluctant in placing themselves in opposition to those who are raising the cry of humanity; but if one can judge from what one personally hears, the greatest indignation exists in our profession that a few physiologists, mostly belonging to our ranks, should be selected as a class for restrictive legislative measures. All feel with me that it is an insult to science and to our profession; for it is a striking fact that the names of astronomers, geologists, botanists, chemists, etc., are not to be found amongst the promoters of the Bill, but ladies, clergymen, and those literary men whose feelings towards science are well known.

I myself feel most indignant that men belonging to my profession, my own personal friends and colleagues, are to be legislated for; but I feel much more sad at the degeneracy of the times. The movement is not a step in advance, but one backwards; for we see such an utter want of appreciation of the value of science, that nearly every advocate for restriction of experiment has volunteered his opinion as to the inutility of physiological facts when discovered. This, I say, is very sad, seeing that some of the best thinkers of the day, and those who are discussing large social questions, maintain the necessity of investigating more closely the nature and attributes of man by the physiological method, and that this can only be done by a comparison with the animals below him. Physiology, indeed, at the present time, is solving some old and difficult questions, and is being studied in the best interests of humanity. This is entirely overlooked or unknown by those who can approve of a stag suffering all the fears of death several times in its life, but whose sensitive nature is only capable of being roused by thoughts of blood and the knife.

The clauses of the Bill, too, evince an utter ignorance of the scientific method, when they refer to investigations being permitted for the elucidation of some beneficial object. Such an object, in the experimenter's mind, is at once subversive of the scientific spirit. Is this the land of Bacon in which we are living? Was he ever known to say "homo naturæ minister et interpres"; and that, to discover truth, the

investigator was to be as simple as a child, and to be guided only by the "siccum lumen"?

In a word, the principle of the Bill is odious, and its clauses ridiculous.—Your obedient servant,

Grosvenor Street, London, June 3rd, 1876. SAMUEL WILKS.

USELESS DISINFECTANTS.

SIR,—The second part of the First Report of the Life-History of Contagium, by Dr. Braidwood and Mr. Vacher, in your issue of 27th May 1876, contains some remarks on which I would speak. At page 22, the following occurs: "Dr. A. E. Sansom, a physician, etc., made some original experiments on the relative toxic powers of various substances on spermatozoa, infusoria, and entomostraca, etc." If your readers examine pp. 26, 27 of Dr. Sansom's very excellently written work "The Antiseptic System", 1871, they will find that Dr. Dougall, and not Dr. Sansom, made these experiments, which were first published in the *Lancet* of 6th Aug. 1870. At page 24, the reporters refer to my experiments on the action of certain vapours on vaccine, by which I found that its infecting property is permanently destroyed, but is not impaired; is, in fact, antiseptised both by the vapour and by manual admixture with quantities of carbolic acid, very greatly in excess of what can be used in practical disinfection. The reporters say, in regard to these experiments: "We cannot, of course, doubt Dr. Dougall's honesty or manipulative accuracy, yet the results obtained by him are so remarkable that it would be precipitate to accept them till the observer's experiments have been again and again repeated, under varying test conditions. In particular, the power of carbolic acid to destroy the contagium of vaccine has been so often put to the proof that Dr. Dougall's negative results with this agent seem scarcely credible", etc. In reply to these remarks, I would call the attention of your readers to a Report on an Experimental Study of certain Disinfectants, by Dr. Baxter, and planned by him and Dr. Burdon Sanderson, in Mr. Simon's last Public Health Report, No. vi. In this report, my "remarkable" results with chlorine and sulphur dioxide, and my "scarcely credible" results with carbolic acid *versus* vaccine lymph, have, on the whole, received confirmation, and have been "again and again repeated under varying test conditions"; while, of course, "no one doubts the honesty and manipulative skill" of those to whom Mr. Simon entrusts such researches. In this report, it is stated that, of nine vaccinations by liquid vaccine exposed to the action of chlorine, only one was unsuccessful, the lymph of which was found to be distinctly *acid*, while the lymph of the remaining eight was *alkaline*. Of thirteen vaccinations by liquid vaccine exposed to carbolic vapour, seven were successful. Of four vaccinations by dry vaccine exposed to sulphur dioxide, none were successful. Of eight vaccinations by dry vaccine exposed to carbolic vapour, five were successful. As regards the successful vaccinations by carbolised lymph, the time which elapsed between exposure of the lymph to the carbolic vapour and vaccination is not stated. Assuming that vaccination was performed soon after exposure, the fact of the carbolised lymph failing to vaccinate is what I would expect, and what I myself have often found. But it by no means follows that its infecting power is destroyed. The longer the lymph is exposed to the carbolic vapour, within of course certain limits, and the sooner it is used to vaccinate after exposure, the more likely is it to fail in vaccinating—not, however, because its infecting particles have been disorganised, but because they have become enveloped in a coagulated albuminous covering of the lymph-plasma, and because the free carbolic acid of the vaccine also coagulates the effused blood and serum of the scratches and punctures on the child's arm; hence the absorption of the infecting particles is prevented, vaccination is unsuccessful, and it is assumed that the infecting power of the lymph is annulled. Let such carbolised lymph, however, be exposed to common air for about two weeks, then liquefied by water or glycerine, and it will be found to vaccinate successfully. By this means the acid has time to volatilise, leaving the infecting particles intact, while the coagulated lymph-plasma easily dissolves in water, setting the particles free. In a foot-note of Dr. Baxter's report, it is stated that "it was incidentally noticed in the course of the inquiry, that putrefactive change occurring in the virus of vaccine, in that of experimental septicæmia, and in that of glanders, appeared invariably to destroy their specific infective power". Now, here is proof that putrefaction destroys infection, a fact also noticed by Beale. Hence it follows, that what prevents putrefaction of infection preserves infection. In Braidwood and Vacher's Report, p. 24, carbolic acid is classed among "chemical disinfectants—that is, destructive agents". Now, carbolic acid is not a destructive agent, but a preservative, *i. e.*, it preserves organic substances from putrefaction, and infective matters are organic substances not in a state of putrefaction, which, when they do putrefy, cease to be infective.

In conclusion, I would call attention to the following passages regarding carbolic acid, extracted from Dr. Baxter's very interesting report, which should be read by all interested in the prevention or treatment of infectious disease. "It is sufficiently obvious that the quantity of chlorine given off into a room from a basin filled with chloride of lime or the vapour of carbolic acid, generated in a vapouriser, would be utterly inadequate to destroy vaccine virus; and, by inference, the contagium of small-pox, when embedded in a matrix of dried albuminous matter; and it is not unlikely that the virulent matters, for whose destruction aerial disinfection is employed, are commonly protected in some such way." "To make the air of a room smell strongly of carbolic acid by scattering carbolic powder about the floor, is, so far as the destruction of specific contagion is concerned, an utterly futile proceeding." "The use of carbolic vapour should be abandoned, owing to the relative feebleness and uncertainty of its action."—I am, etc.,

JOHN DOUGALL, M.D.,

Lecturer on Materia Medica at the Glasgow
Royal Infirmary Medical School.

Cecil Place, Glasgow, June, 1876.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having undergone the necessary examinations for the Fellowship, were reported to have acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners; and, at a meeting of the Council on the 8th instant, were admitted Fellows of the College.

Clutton, H. H., L.S.A., Witham, Essex: diploma of membership dated January 26th, 1875

Cottle, E. W., L.R.C.P. Lond., Army: May 16th, 1871
Crélin, Eugene, L.R.C.P. Lond., Mauritius: April 21st, 1875
Godlee, R. J., M.B. Lond., Henrietta Street: July 24th, 1872
Kestley, C. R. B., L.R.C.P. Lond., Great Grimsby: July 24th, 1873
Lediard, Henry A., M.D. Ed., Cleveland Street: July 27th, 1870
May, Bennett, M.B. Lond. & L.S.A., Birmingham: January 23rd, 1868
Morgau, J. H., M.A. Oxon., Chapel Street, W.: July 23rd, 1872
Osborn, Samuel, S.S.A., Brixton: January 26th, 1871
Pepper, A. J., Barrowden, Rutlandshire: May 19th, 1875
Pope, Harry C., M.B. Lond., & L.S.A., Shepherd's Bush: May 2nd, 1871
Ransford, T. D., L.R.C.P. Lond., Salisbury: January 22nd, 1873
Roechel, J. W., L.R.C.P. Lond., Bath: January 22nd, 1873
Sanuers, Thomas, L.S.A., South Moulton, North Devon: May 24th, 1864
Shuter, James, M.A. & M.B. Cantab., Tufnell Park, Holloway: July 21st, 1874
Tweedy, John, L.R.C.P. Lond., Harley Street: April 16th, 1872
Webber, W. L., L.R.C.P. Lond., Modbury, Devon: January 22nd, 1873

Thirteen candidates, out of the thirty examined, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners, were referred to their professional studies for twelve months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 1st, 1876.

Birt, Louis Francis Hugh, Harcourt Terrace, Brompton
Blaker, Thomas Frederick Isacson, Portslade, Brighton
Inman, Robert Edward, Amhurst Road, Hackney
Owen, Charles James Rayley, Cleveland Square, W.
Scallon, Ernest Oliver, St. Martin's Lane, Charing Cross
Whitley, Francis George Herbert, Truro, Cornwall

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

Knaggs, Robert Henry Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital
London, Andrew Austin, University College
Phillips, Alfred, University College
Osborn, William Henry, Queen's University, Birmingham
Whitcombe, William Philip, Queen's University, Birmingham

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the ordinary monthly examination meetings of the College, held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1876, the following candidates were successful.—For the Licence to Practise Medicine.

Anderson, Charles
Canton, Thomas
Ford, Arthur Vernon
Fox, Matthew
Gunning, Robert Cardwell
Kirkpatrick, Henry Ivers

McCarthy, George Francis
Ryan, John
Searancke, George
Twigg, George Despard
Warwick, Hugh
Winn, John

For the Licence to Practise Midwifery.

Anderson, Charles
Blake, Richard Marlay
Canton, Thomas
Corcoran, Laurence
Fox, Matthew
Gunning, Robert Cardwell
Kirkpatrick, Henry Ivers

McCarthy, George Francis
Ryan, John
Searancke, George
Twigg, George Despard
Warnock, Hugh
Winn, John

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN—House-Surgeon, Applications on or before June 17th.
BIRMINGHAM MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Lady Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, etc. Applications not later than June 15th.
BOLTON UNION—Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications on or before June 24th.
BOURNEMOUTH GENERAL DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, etc. Applications on or before June 15th.
BRAINTREE UNION—Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications on or before June 17th.
CHICHESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications on or before July 15th.
EVANGELICAL TRAINING HOSPITAL, Tottenham—Resident House-Surgeon. Applications on or before July 17th.
FULHAM UNION—Medical Officer for Workhouse. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications on or before June 12th.—Medical Officer for No. 1 District. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications on or before June 12th.
HOXTON HOUSE ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Superintendent.
ISLE OF WIGHT ROYAL INFIRMARY, Ryde—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, etc. Applications not later than June 14th.
KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, etc. Applications on or before June 30th.
LANCASTER COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £450 per annum, with furnished house, etc. Applications on or before June 26th.
LANCASTER INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications on or before June 27th.
NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICTS—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £700 per annum. Applications on or before June 17th.
PORTSMOUTH ROYAL HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer of Lock Wards. Salary, £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applications on or before June 12th.
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL—Resident Assistant Physician. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished rooms, etc.—Resident Assistant Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished rooms, etc. Applications to the Treasurer.
SETTLE UNION—Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications on or before June 13th.
WEOBLEY UNION—Medical Officer. Salary, £95 per annum. Applications on or before June 12th.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications to the Board on June 19th.—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications on or before June 24th.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications on or before June 17th.
WOLVERHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL—Dispenser. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, washing, and lodging. Applications on or before June 27th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

ALSOPI, Thomas O. F., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
BAKER, James, L.R.C.S. Ed., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
BALDWIN, Edmund St. G., M.B., appointed House-Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
BROWN, John J. G., M.B., appointed House-Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
COTTERELL, Joseph, M.B., appointed House-Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
DUTT, B. L., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Somerset County Lunatic Asylum, *vice* W. W. Dove, L.R.C.P. Ed., resigned.
GARSON, John G., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
GODLEE, R. John, B.A., M.B., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital, *vice* W. Fairlie Clarke, M.D., resigned.
LOTHIAN, John A., M.D., appointed a Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.
SANGSTER, Alfred, M.B., appointed Physician for Diseases of the Skin to Charing Cross Hospital, *vice* E. I. Sparks, M.B., resigned.
STONE, Hubert S., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

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.

MARRIAGE.

CLARK—HARGREAVES.—On June 1st, at the Parish Church, West Derby, near Liverpool, by the Rev. Drummond Anderson, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Holland Lomas, M.A., Andrew Clark, Esq., F.R.C.S., of Cavendish Place, London, to Mary Helen, eldest daughter of Joseph Hargreaves, Esq., of West Derby. No cards.

DEATHS.

MORRIS, Henry Charles, M.D., at Blackpool, aged 56, on May 26th.
ORWIN, James, M.D., at Brixton, S.W., aged 56, on May 31st.

THE *soirée* at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, on Tuesday evening last, was very well attended, and proved to be a very pleasant gathering.

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.
WEDNESDAYSt. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.—King's College, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
THURSDAYSt. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 3 P.M.
FRIDAYRoyal 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.
SATURDAYSt. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—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.

WEDNESDAY.—Epidemiological Society. 8 P.M.: Council Meeting. 8.30 P.M.: Annual General Meeting.

EXPECTED OPERATIONS AT THE HOSPITALS.

LONDON HOSPITAL, Saturday, June 10th, 2 P.M. Osteotomy of Femur: Excision of Hip-joint; Excision of Elbow-joint: by Mr. Maunder. Amputation at Ankle-joint: by Mr. James Adams.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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.

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.

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.

URGENT CALLS.

DR. ROGERS has forwarded to us a copy of the further correspondence between himself and the Commissioners of Police in respect to the conduct of the Police-constable 327 E, who summoned the divisional surgeon to see a dead child whom Dr. Rogers's qualified assistant had already seen, and had the police-surgeon summoned in place of Dr. Rogers to the inquest. We concur with Dr. Rogers in thinking the man's conduct open to severe blame, and we would advise the Commissioners to issue strict orders to their constables to take care that general practitioners summoned to such cases are not superseded and deprived of their fees otherwise practitioners will have the strongest inducement not to attend to urgent calls of the kind among the poor. A constable may have reasons for desiring to put fees in the way of a divisional surgeon, which are not in accordance with the public interests.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

At the half-yearly examination for the diploma of Fellowship, which was brought to a close on May 30th, seventeen candidates passed, and thirteen were rejected. The dates of their diplomas of membership of the College ranged from April 1860 to May 1875. As all were in possession of medical diplomas, they were only required to go through the surgical examination. The following is a copy of the questions on Pathology, Therapeutics, and Surgery, submitted to them at the written examination, when they were required to answer all four questions. 1. Describe the chief features peculiar to all the varieties of the healing process in wounds of cartilage, nerve, muscle, and skin. 2. To what causes may enlargement of the cervical lymphatic glands be due? Describe, in detail, the anatomical characters of the disease in each case. 3. Give the pathology, diagnosis, and treatment of the various forms of pulsating tumour of the orbit. 4. Describe the congenital malformations of the bladder and penis; and the modes of treatment adopted in each.

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, 36, Great Queen Street, W.C., and not to the Editor.

"FRACTURE OF THE THIGH IN A GENERAL PARALYTIC."

SIR,—With reference to the letter from Dr. A. M. Weir in your JOURNAL last week, defending his conduct in publishing the above case, I write to say that I hold it to be contrary to professional etiquette in Great Britain for an assistant, either in public or private practice, to publish as his own the details of the cases of patients to whom he may be called, during the temporary absence of his principal, without the knowledge, consent, or mention of the latter. I do not consider that the copyright of any case-book in an asylum, prison, workhouse, or institution, conducted under the provisions of an Act of Parliament, is vested in a subordinate official to deal with as he likes. I apprehend that great inconvenience might arise in public establishments, and annoyance to private practitioners and their patients, if the principle of *ex parte* and unauthorised publicity were acceded to. I have always been an advocate of clinical reports under the usual conditions of utility, accuracy, and courtesy, and hope that I have sent my share of contributions to various journals. I entirely disavow such nonsense attributed to me by Dr. Weir, "that public officers had no right to use their patients for scientific purposes".

The case of "Fracture of the Thigh" (query, bone ?) out of which this controversy has arisen, was one of the most ordinary character. The imaginative description of my poor patient "being able to dance a polka" at any given time after the accident, and that "the recuperative powers of Nature in this general paralytic, afflicted with diarrhoea and bed-sores, were illimitable", are statements to which I cannot subscribe. When soberly tested by fact, I find that no union has yet taken place; and although the patient has improved in bodily health, crepitus may still be perceived at the seat of injury.—I am, yours truly,

WILLIAM P. PHILLIMORE, M.B.

County Lunatic Asylum, Snetton, Nottingham, June 4th, 1876.

DR. NICHOLSON (Antigua).—Professor Maclean has published the author's method of making Wurzburg's tincture in a late number of the *Medical Times*.

A FELLOW (Leeds).—At the annual election of Fellows into the Council of the College of Surgeons last July, 222 Fellows voted—viz., 167 metropolitan and only 55 provincial. The greatest number of plumpers was in favour of Mr. Spencer Smith, who had 32; Mr. Smee, 13; Messrs. Hewett and Forster, 5 each; Mr. Hussey, 3; and Mr. Birkett, 1. When Mr. Alfred Baker was elected, he had 102 votes, including 10 plumpers.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Western Times; The Macclesfield Guardian; The Preston Guardian; The South Wales Daily News; The Clonmel Chronicle; The Lincolnshire Chronicle; The Western Morning News; The Cork Daily Herald; The Colchester Journal; The Northampton Herald; The Globe; The Bolton Weekly Journal; The Cambeltown Courier; The West Lothian Courier; The Goole and Marshland Weekly Times; The Hastings and St. Leonard's Independent; The Sheffield Daily Telegraph; Saunders's News-Letter; The Tenby Advertiser; The Eastern Daily Press; The Craven Pioneer; The Worcester Chronicle; The Nottingham Daily Guardian; The Brighton Examiner; The Edinburgh Evening News; The People's Weekly Journal; The West Sussex Gazette; The Durham Chronicle; The Brighton Herald; The Brighton Daily News; The Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette; The Glasgow Herald; The Metropolitan; The Hastings and St. Leonard's Chronicle; The Mining World; The Birmingham Daily Post; The Sussex Daily News; The Liverpool Daily Courier; The Wrexham Advertiser; The Western Mail; etc.

* * * We shall be greatly obliged if correspondents forwarding newspapers will kindly mark the passages to which it is desired to direct attention.

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

Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, London; Dr. Braidwood, Birkenhead; Dr. Duncan, Edinburgh; Dr. Fairlie Clarke, Southborough; Dr. Purcell, London; Dr. A. S. Taylor, London; Mr. Nicholson, Hull; Mr. T. J. Eames Brown, Llanbister; Dr. Balthazar Foster, Birmingham; Dr. May, Maldon; Dr. James Mace, Greenock; Dr. Sturges, London; Dr. John Douglall, Glasgow; Mr. Zalmanno Squire, London; Dr. Edward Stephens, Ilminster; Mr. R. S. Fowler, Bath; Mr. T. Charters White, London; Dr. A. B. Steele, Liverpool; Dr. J. Milner Fothergill, London; The Registrar-General of England; Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; Dr. Joseph Bell, Edinburgh; Dr. Edis, London; Dr. Alexander Ogston, Aberdeen; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; Dr. T. Clave Shaw, Leavesden; Dr. Shuttleworth, Lancaster; Dr. Mackey, London; Dr. Underhill, Edinburgh; Mr. J. Woodman, Exeter; Mr. Cresswell Hewett, Winchester; Dr. Brown, Sheffield; Inquirer; Mr. Bartleet, Birmingham; Dr. Herbert Snow, London; Mr. John Paterson, Aberdeen; Dr. Mackay, Inverness; Dr. Quinlan, Dublin; M.D. Ed.; Dr. Alexander Robertson, Glasgow; Dr. S. Wilks, London; Dr. W. P. Phillimore, Nottingham; Dr. P. Rankin, Airdrie; Mr. Donald Alexander, Hull; An Associate; Our Dublin Correspondent; Mr. Blenkarne, Buckingham; Our Paris Correspondent; Dr. Saundby, Birmingham; Dr. Gerald Yeo, London; J. C. L.; Dr. F. T. Paul, Liverpool; Dr. J. Sawyer, Birmingham; Mr. H. Fisher, London; Mr. Furneaux Jordan, Birmingham; Dr. Byron Bramwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. R. Jackson, Aden; Dr. Arbuckle, Wakefield; Dr. Alfred Sheen, Cardiff; Dr. Tripe, Hackney; etc.

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