

I sincerely hope that all other members of the profession who agree with Dr. Gairdner, and who have not yet returned the circular, will be content with Dr. Gairdner's exposition of their case, and reply in the simple, short, and, to me, more satisfactory manner, which I have ventured to indicate.—I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

EDWARD WATERS, Chairman of the Medical Reform Committee.
Chester, April 23rd, 1878.

FATAL CASE OF CARIES OF EXTERNAL MEATUS.

SIR,—With reference to the case with the above title, published in the JOURNAL of last week, Dr. Gumpert, the physician in attendance on the patient, has kindly pointed out one or two inaccuracies in my report, which I had not seen since forwarding it for insertion last November.

I need hardly say that my opening remarks applied to this class of affections in a general sense, and by no means to Dr. Gumpert's diagnosis, which was perfectly accurate, and the full nature and gravity of the case pointed out to the relatives at once. The statement that this patient had syphilis is incorrect, and, together with the remark, that the illness began on Saturday (it was a day later), are errors for which my notes—written from memory on the day of the patient's death from Dr. Gumpert's account—are responsible. I regret that Dr. Gumpert had not an opportunity of revising the history of this case before publication.—I am, etc.,

F. M. PIERCE.

Manchester, April 24th, 1878.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such on April 18th.

Chevers, Norman, H.M. Indian Army, of Tavistock Road: diploma of membership dated January 8th, 1841.

Donald, Deputy Inspector-General John, of Wilmslow, Cheshire: September 4th, 1835.

Freer, Walter Carless, of Birmingham: October 5th, 1841.

At the same meeting of the Council, the following gentlemen were elected Fellows under Section V of the Charter of 18th Victoria, relating to members of the College of twenty years standing.

Fayrer, Sir Joseph, K.C.S.I., F.R.S., Granville Place, W.: diploma of membership dated July 9th, 1847.

Pemberton, Oliver, of Birmingham: April 12th, 1847.

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 April 17th.

Andrew, John E., Victoria, Australia

Anand, George, Melbourne, Australia

Atkinson, John M., Winchester (London Hospital)

Berry, Frederic H., Anwell Street, E.C. (Guy's Hospital)

Colenso, Robert J., Phillimore Gardens (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)

Evans, Edward T., Llanfalon, Glamorganshire (Middlesex Hospital)

Fardon, Edward A., Droitwich, Worcestershire (Middlesex Hospital)

Giles, Bernard F., Canonbury (Guy's Hospital)

Higgs, Alfred, Leicester (London Hospital)

Lavis, Henry J. J., Stalbridge, Dorset (University College)

Lockwood, Charles B., Stockton-on-Tees (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)

Nicholson, James E., Tours, France (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)

Sylvester, George H., Tonbridge (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)

Four gentlemen were approved in Surgery; and, when qualified in Medicine, will be admitted members of the College. Five candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners, were referred to their professional studies for six months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, April 18th, 1878.

Burnie, William Gilchrist, Bradford, Yorkshire

Rickitt, John Dennis Thorpe, Wainfleet, Lincolnshire

Smith, Kenneth Rawlings, Oak Villa, Stamford Hill

Wells, Charles, Hillside, Stowmarket

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN—House-Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before May 15th.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, and washing. Applications to be made on or before May 1st.

BROMYARD UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Parish of Cradley. Salary, £50 per annum, and fees. Applications to be made on or before May 4th.

GERMAN HOSPITAL, Dalston—Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before May 1st.

GLOUCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY—Surgeon and Assistant-Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before May 30th.

GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL—Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before May 6th.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before May 16th.

LEITH HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon and Assistant-Surgeon. Salaries, £70 and £60 respectively, with board. Applications to be made on or before May 15th.

LIMERICK UNION—Visiting Medical Officer for the Workhouse. Salary, £75 a year. Candidates must be over 23 years of age, and must attend personally at the day of election; viz., May 8th.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Three Assistant House-Surgeons. Salary to commence at £108 per annum, with fire, gas, and attendance. Applications to be made on or before the 30th instant.

METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL, Commercial Street, E.—Two House-Surgeons.

SHEFFIELD PUBLIC HOSPITAL and DISPENSARY—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to be made on or before May 6th.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, furnished rooms, and washing, and £30 per annum in lieu of stimulants. Applications to be made on or before May 15th.

TAUNTON UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Churchstanton District. Salary, £52 per annum, and fees. Applications to be made on or before the 28th instant.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, London—Professor of Materia Medica. Applications to be made on or before May 15th.—Surgical Registrar. Applications to be made on or before May 6th.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Chelsea—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before May 18th.

WILT'S COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £110 per annum, with board, lodging, attendance, and washing. Applications to be made on or before May 15th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*BODDY, H. W., M.B., appointed Assistant-Physician to the Clinical Hospital and Dispensary for Children, Manchester.

GHEDDARD, R. Henry, L.D.S.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Dental Surgeon to the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.

*MASSIAH, B. J., M.B., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Convalescent Hospital, Cheadle, Manchester.

SOUTHAM, F. A., F.R.C.S., appointed Resident Surgical Officer to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

STEELE, G., Esq., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

TOMKINS, Henry, M.D., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester.

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 announcement.

BIRTH.

BIRT.—On April 15th, at Stourbridge, the wife of *George Birt, M.B., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BINDLEY—JACQUES.—On April 12th, at Remenham, Henley-on-Thames, Philip Bindley, M.B.Lond., to Sarah Bessie, only daughter of the late William Jacques, of Clifton.

LAVIN—WIGAN.—On April 24th, at St. George's, Hanover Square, by the Rev. William Falconer, M.A., Rector of Bushey, Herts, assisted by the Rev. Charles Phillips, M.A., Vicar of St. Matthew's, Oakley Square, *Dr. Drury Lavin, late of Park House, Bushey, to Sophia Matilda, widow of Alfred Wigan, Esq., of Heatherden, Iver Heath.

DEATHS.

*JACKSON, Thomas Carr, F.R.C.S., on April 23rd, at 91, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, aged 55 years.

*MACPHERSON, Robert Samuel, M.R.C.S.L., L.K.Q.C.P.I., of Birmingham, on April 7th, aged 39 years.

MOORE.—On Easter Day, April 21st, at 40, Fitzwilliam Square West, Dublin, Ellie (Elsie), aged 23 years, the beloved wife of *John William Moore, M.D., and only daughter of the late John Ridley, M.D., of Moore Hall, Tullamore, King's County.

DONATIONS, ETC.—The Misses Brooke have given £500 to the Hospital for Incurables, near Dublin, which, with a previous donation, makes a total of £700 contributed to this institution.—The late Mr. William Coates has bequeathed £200 to the Belfast Royal Hospital, and £100 to the Belfast Hospital for Sick Children.

AN illuminated address was recently presented to Dr. Richard Lord by the Church Coppenthal Horticultural Society on the occasion of his leaving Crewe, where, besides being a very active member of the Society, he has occupied the position of Medical Officer of Health.

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.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 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.—King's College, 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.

THURSDAY.... St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 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), 4 P.M.—London, 2 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 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, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Mason, "Case of Congenital Deformity of Rectum" (living specimen); Mr. Thomas Bryant, "On the Surgical Treatment of Intestinal Obstruction"; with Two Cases of Enterotomy.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens: Sections of an Uterus on the first day of Menstruation, shewing Desquamation of the Decidua; Section of Dysmenorrhoeal Membrane (Dr. Cory); Fractured Facial Skull (Dr. Poole); Case of Hand-behind-Head Presentation (Dr. Bryden). Papers: Dr. Braxton Hicks, "Case of Caesarean Section"; Dr. Potter, "Case of Pregnancy complicated with Malignant Growth in Vagina and Rectum"; Dr. R. Cory, "Membranous Dysmenorrhoea";—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. A. D. Michael, "On new British Cheyleti".

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Buzzard, "A Case of Bepharospasm"; Mr. Edmund Owen, "A Case of Epithelioma of Rectum"; Dr. John Williams, "Cases of Fibroid Tumour treated by Hypodermic Injection of Sclerotic Acid".

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, are requested to communicate beforehand with the printer, Mr. Thomas Richards, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with *Duplicate Copies*.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters, should be addressed to the Editor, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.; 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., London.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

UNCOMMON FORMS OF DISLOCATION.

SIR.—Under this heading, in the *JOURNAL* of April 6th, Mr. Robson mentions dislocation of the jaw occurring during an attack of hysteria. Though such cases may not be recorded by the authorities Mr. Robson quotes, I do not think they are unknown to the majority of practical surgeons. As a case in point, I may mention the following. Some time ago, I was hurriedly called to see a lady who was reported to be *in articulo mortis*. The friends stated that two days previously she had had a fit, which was immediately followed by facial distortion (the mouth remaining widely open), and inability either to speak or swallow. A medical man had been called in, and pronounced the case a "severe attack of apoplexy", and administered a turpentine enema. The history of the attack was clear, and left no doubt whatever that hysteria had to answer for the evils the lady suffered. Dislocation of the jaw was plain, and, under the persuasive influence of a little manipulation, the (so-called) apoplexy vanished, the drawn features returned to their normal position, the power of swallowing, so necessary to life, and the power of speaking, almost equally necessary to womankind, were happily recovered. It was the end of a little fairy tale.

I may add, that the enema did not prove of any absolute value in this case, nor that its administrator has since been remembered in the prayers of an ungrateful patient.—I am, etc.

Manchester, April 1878.

E. ARNOLD BIRCH, F.R.C.S. Eng.

J. N.—Mr. Howard Marsh, Mr. Berkeley Hill, and Mr. Barwell, have lately published reports of cases successfully treated by Sayre's suspension method and plaster jacket.

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.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR.—Under the above heading, you have published a paragraph in your issue of the 20th April (p. 583) relating to my advertisement of scale of charges. You state that you will be very happy to publish the opinion of any medical authority on the subject; but before making any remark on that head, permit me to repeat that your libellous paragraph of the 6th instant, which was of a most malicious character, and which you have now followed up by another, to the effect that I have done something very wrong, as not being "consistent with the generally accepted notions of professional propriety among the medical profession in this country", has been used directly to damage my professional character; and that, as you have been informed through my solicitor, W. M. Skinner, Esq., of Sunderland, the paragraph of the 6th instant has been copied from your *JOURNAL* into the *Sunderland Daily Echo*, with a manifest intention to damage me. I beg also to inform you that copies of that paper, with the paragraph marked, have been sent to some of my country patients, and to one gentleman in particular, upon whom I had performed lithotomy. As my solicitor has informed you, medical men have asserted that, through your paragraph, I would lose my licence and be struck off the *Register*. Therefore, for the sake of justice, and to prevent having the question settled in a court of law, I demand from you an apology, published in your *JOURNAL*, to the effect that I have not acted against the rules and discipline of the Apothecaries' Society, or any other society to which I am amenable. I claim to know what true professional propriety in this country is, as well as the editor of any medical journal. Have I not finished a full curriculum of four years at the College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, University of Durham? You say your Association claims to uphold a high standard of professional propriety amongst medical men. I claim to do the same. But are you now doing it in the way it should be done? Has not your Association admitted, and does it not admit as members, medical men who style themselves "Doctors", and have "Dr." on their doorplates and elsewhere, without ever having passed an examination as such at any university, and, therefore, of course holding no doctor's diploma? Not only so, but other members of the so-called medical profession, who never passed an examination in chemistry, do or did hold office in your Association. I was once, as you know, a member of it, and the reason why I left it was, that its order of professional propriety was not high enough for me. You would refer me to an opinion on the subject of my advertisement (published in self-defence) to the Council of your Association. I know that many highly educated men of the most unexceptionable professional mark and standing are members of it; but that does not alter the fact, that the Association includes an abundance of self-styled doctors who have no good title to be called such. I therefore decline to be judged by such an anomalous body, or to square my conduct according to its *dictum*. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. I thank Heaven that neither you nor your Association are any legal authority, nor have you any power to give a legal opinion. As to your second proposed reference—to the Council of the Apothecaries' Society—I have nothing to do with that body. When I presented myself to its Courts of Examiners in 1868, I satisfied these gentlemen, and passed my examination, receiving, therefore, my diploma. In accordance with the Society's Royal Charter, I have a right to publish my scale of charges, whether spontaneously or in self-defence, and I need no further reference. I have the letter of the law and the spirit of good law, which is justice and common sense, to protect me; and as I claim to have as legitimate a professional standing as any medical man in England, I shall defend my professional character wherever, whenever, and by whomsoever impugned, before the highest court of appeal that exists.—I am, yours truly,

GUSTAV ABRATH, M.D., etc.; late Voluntary Surgeon at the War Hospitals, Courcelles, Investing Army, Metz; Medical Conductor of a Sanitary Train Railway between Pont-à-Mousson and Saarburg; Eisenbahn Etappen-Arzt Third Army at Epervan; Medical Member of the Royal Evacuation Commission of the German Army at Epervan; Physician and Surgeon to the Military Hospital at Strassburg.

Sunderland, April 23rd, 1878.

AN OLD ASSOCIATE (Pontypool).—We are inclined to think that the master is liable for the servant; and if the message summoning an Old Associate were delivered by one of his agents in his name, there can be little doubt on the subject.

"COMMISSIONS."

SEVERAL correspondents forward us copies of the subjoined enclosure, with expressions of such indignation as may naturally be aroused by an insult of the kind. We cannot understand how the author of this circular can permit himself to make offers so grossly insulting to the respectable members of the medical profession. The statement with which the circular opens is one which cannot be read without disgust; but it must be taken for what it is worth, and in connection with the circumstances in which it is made a part of an advertising circular. There are black sheep in all callings, and the author of this circular may have had dealings with them, but this does not justify his insulting the respectable members of the profession in his district by addressing such offers to them.

"Dear Sir,—For a considerable period it has been my practice to remunerate medical men for the honour they do me in recommending me to their patients. Finding that this system begot a feeling of mutual confidence, I have determined, in every case of recommendation by medical men, to present them with a fourth part of the sum received. I estimate my profits at fifty per cent., and in every case I shall allow twenty-five per cent. to the medical man recommending me. I need scarcely add, that my system is one combining nature with utility, and renders mastication an easy and comfortable performance. I may here state that my attention has been very much directed to the regulation of children's teeth by means of invisible gold plates, thus arresting the deformities of the mouth, which would otherwise take place. I may add, that in consequence of the attention bestowed, I invariably give perfect satisfaction. This is a subject well worthy your consideration, as it is astonishing the sums I pay even to men in comparatively small practice. It is desirable that in every case you will instruct your patient to hand me your card or name and address.—I am, yours very truly, Surgeon Dentist.—P.S. On completion of a case or operation, I will immediately forward you a cheque for the percentage due."

ERRATUM.—In the *JOURNAL* of April 6th, page 489, column 1, line 7, for "oligopyrenæmia", read "oligapyrenæmia".