

the Conjoint Board system would be the institution of a State examination in practical subjects, to which all persons who have obtained from the Universities and Medical Corporations complete qualifications in medicine, surgery, and midwifery should be submitted previously to their being permitted to enter their qualifications on the *Medical Register*. But whether this plan, or any other plan that might be suggested, be desirable or not, at all events, seeing that there is ground for doubt, and that there is great diversity of opinion on the questions at issue, and that the whole subject is one no less difficult than important, your petitioners would humbly suggest that it is a matter deserving of mature consideration and further inquiry; and that, before the Bill be passed into a law, the whole subject of medical reform, in all its parts, including the important question as to the constitution of the Medical Council, should be referred to a select Parliamentary Committee, who should take evidence from competent witnesses representative of the various opinions, and should prepare a report thereon, which might form the basis of a measure which would satisfactorily settle for a long time questions which have been for years, and still are, in debate.

"May it, therefore, please your Lordships to take such steps as will prevent the Bill in its present shape from being passed into law; and before further medical legislation, to submit the whole question of medical reform, as above referred to by your petitioners, to a select Parliamentary Committee, for investigation and report.

"And your petitioners will ever pray.

"Signed in name and by authority of the Royal College, PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D., *Preses*.—Edinburgh, March 13th, 1879."

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held, at the offices of the Association, on Wednesday, the 16th day of April next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

March 6th, 1879.

FRANCIS FOWKE,
General Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST AND WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A CONJOINT meeting of the above districts will be held at the York Hotel, Old Steine, Brighton, on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 3.30 P.M.; GEORGE BROWNE, Esq., in the chair.

The following communications are promised:

1. Dr. Hollis: Brief Notes: *a*. On the Treatment of Lupus; *b*. On the Treatment of Ague by Quinatum Sulphate; *c*. On the Action of Euonymin as a Cholagogue.
 2. Mr. G. F. Hodgson: Obstetric Forceps, their form and their use.
 3. Dr. J. H. Ross: Short Note on a case of Delirium Tremens.
 4. Mr. N. P. Blaker: Case of General Exostosis (patient to be shown).
 5. Dr. E. Mackey: Cases of Rötheln (German Measles), with remarks.
 6. Dr. E. F. Fussell: Case of affection of Muscles of the Neck. (Patient to be shown.)
- Dinner will be provided at 5.30 P.M. Charge, 6s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

Members proposing to read short papers, or furnish notes of cases, which are particularly invited, are requested kindly to communicate with either of the Honorary Secretaries, not later than Saturday, the 22nd instant.

W. J. HARRIS, 13, Marine Parade, Worthing.

THOMAS TROLLOPE, M.D., 9, Maze Hill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.
March 11th, 1879.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, April 3rd, at 5.15 P.M. The following question has been settled by the Council as the one on which members should be invited to express their opinion at the said meeting after dinner: "Are true Croup and Diphtheria different forms of the same disease; and what treatment, general and local, would you recommend?"

Dinner, 5s. a head, exclusive of wine.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*
Taunton, March 1st, 1879.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Llanelly, on

Tuesday, April 15th. Members desiring to read papers, etc., are requested to signify the same to either of the Honorary Secretaries without delay.

ANDREW DAVIES, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*
March 3, 1879. ALFRED SHEEN, M.D. }

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch will be held at Tynemouth, on Tuesday, April 29th. Gentlemen who are desirous of reading papers, introducing patients, exhibiting pathological specimens, or making other communications, are requested to signify their intention to the secretary at their earliest convenience.

T. W. BARRON, M.B., *Honorary Secretary.*

10, Old Elvet, Durham, March, 1879.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE next meeting will be held at Louth, during the month of May: President, A. MERCER ADAM, M.D. Members desiring to read papers are requested to communicate with

C. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*
Lincoln, March 1879.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TEACHING OF MIDWIFERY IN LONDON.

SIR,—While I sympathise with much of what Dr. Playfair says on this subject in your issue of March 22nd, I desire to make some statements which are not in accordance with some of his, and are of interest in the present crisis of medical reform.

Speaking of a course of not less than three months being required, he writes: "In making this regulation, the Committee could not have been ignorant of the fact that teachers of midwifery in London were unanimously of opinion that it was impossible to teach these subjects in so short a space of time, and that they were most desirous of having the curriculum on this point assimilated to that which exists in Scotland, and I believe in Ireland also, where a six months' course is imperative. In plain words, this amounts to a resolution that midwifery and gynaecology shall not be taught at all, since the attempt to do so, in a summer course of under forty lectures, is nothing short of a solemn farce."

In Scotland a three months' course with a certificate of attendance on six cases is all that is required by the corporations. For the College of Surgeons the course must include not fewer than fifty lectures. The universities require a five months' course.

In St. Bartholomew's Hospital the teaching in this department is as follows:—

1. A three months' course of above seventy lectures;
2. A six months' course of twelve clinical lectures in gynaecology;
3. Clinical instruction in the wards three days every week;
4. Instruction in the out-patient room twice weekly;
5. Tutorial classes for instruments, etc.;
6. Out-door practical midwifery.

Still further extension of the teaching of midwifery is under consideration.—Your obedient servant,

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

71, Brook Street, W., March 22nd, 1879.

THE TEACHING OF MIDWIFERY.

SIR,—I desire to add a few words to the very important letter of Dr. Playfair on this subject. For several years, I, as a teacher of midwifery, have become painfully conscious that my students have known less of midwifery year by year; and this is how it seems to come about. The second or third summer session is the one recognised as the time for attending midwifery lectures; it comes immediately after the anatomical and physiological examination at the college, which examination is held in the month of April. One or two batches of our students are admitted; and these, being the best men of their year, usually pass. They are then free to come to midwifery lectures; but one of the college examinations comes the last week in April, and it is not unusual or unnatural for those then examined to take a fortnight's recreation, and see the sights of London. The other half of the midwifery class is still busy in preparation for the first college; consequently, when they come to lecture, they do it in a half-hearted way, knowing two things for certain: first, that they must pass their anatomy and physiology; and, second, that they are never likely to be asked any midwifery questions in an examination. Further, last year, four of my class went in for the first Fellowship, and this lost them the whole of the month of May. If then, sir, under the scheme which seems hatching, a three months' midwifery course is all that is to be

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND would rather wait until the Bill was reported; but at the moment he could not urge anything against it.

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND said that he would agree to Clause 25 being struck out, reserving to himself the right to reintroduce it in report.

The remaining clauses and schedules of the Bill were then agreed to with some verbal alterations, and the Bill passed through Committee.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Notices of Motion.—The following notices of motion relate to Bills of medical interest.

Lord George Hamilton: Select Committee to inquire into the constitution of the General Medical Council of Education and Registration for the United Kingdom under "The Medical Act, 1858"; and to report whether any, and, if so, what changes are desirable in the constitution of that body to render it more efficient for the purposes for which it was formed.—Mr. Errington: As an amendment to Lord George Hamilton's motion, to move that the appointment of the said committee be postponed until this House has had time to consider the measure of medical reform which the Government have announced their intention of introducing, and the scope of the reference to be made.—Dr. O'Leary: As an amendment, after "1858", to insert the words "and the conjoint scheme of examination as defined by the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill of the present session".—Dr. Cameron: As an amendment, to move to add, at the end of the question, the words "and also to consider the various Bills relating to medical reform at present before Parliament".—Dr. Lyon Playfair: As an amendment, to move to add, at the end of the question, the words "and to consider how far the Medical Bills now before Parliament are calculated to affect the teaching of medicine in the universities and other schools of medicine".

On Tuesday, April 8th, Dr. Cameron will call attention to the question of animal vaccination, and move a resolution on the subject.

MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL OFFICERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE *London Gazette* of the 21st instant announced that Surgeon James Henry Reynolds, M.B., was promoted to the rank of Surgeon-Major (supernumerary), "in recognition of his gallant services in the defence of Rorke's Drift Post, against the attack of the Zulus, on the night of the 22nd January 1879". The conduct of Dr. Reynolds during the whole period of the attack on Rorke's Drift, when the life of every man in the post was trembling in the balance, seems to have been of the most manly and courageous character, alike honourable to the profession to which he belongs and to the Army Medical Department, of which he is a member. He is reported to have acted with conspicuous bravery in the defence of the hospital, and in helping to remove the sick and wounded from it during the onslaught of the Zulus—only retiring to the inner inclosure when driven away, with all others, by the fire in which the building had become enveloped, and by the close approach from all sides of large numbers of the enemy. When within the interior defence of the place, Dr. Reynolds retained his presence of mind, and continued to give active assistance wherever it was most required. The officer commanding the post, in his report of the occurrences which took place during the gallant resistance of the small garrison against the overwhelming numbers of the assailants, especially calls to notice the conduct of Surgeon Reynolds, in regard to his constant attention to the wounded under fire. He did not wait for the wounded to be carried to him, but he attended to their necessities at the spots where they fell.

Surgeon Reynolds entered the Army Medical Department in March 1868, so that he has now completed eleven years' service in it. His promotion to the Surgeon-Major's step will carry him over the heads of seventy medical officers of his own rank. It is not likely that his brother officers, over whom he thus passes, will grudge the distinction won by him at such personal risk, and under circumstances which reflect so much credit and confer so much honour on the service to which they all belong; but it cannot but appear to others, as a matter to be regretted, that no means should exist of publicly rewarding such conspicuous merit and gallant behaviour, as all must acknowledge Surgeon Reynolds has displayed, without, at the same time, proportionally lessening the prospects of future advancement of other medical officers who have not been guilty of any fault or neglect in their professional conduct. Surgeon-Major Reynolds will continue to precede those whom he now passes over in the chances for promotion to still higher appointments in his department throughout his career in the service.

The death of Surgeon-Major Shepherd of the Army Medical Department, who lost his life in the massacre of Isandula, was attended by circumstances which also reflect honour on the service to which he belonged. According to the evidence of an eye-witness who escaped, Surgeon-Major Shepherd, just before he received his fatal wound from an assegai, had dismounted from his horse to afford assistance to a wounded comrade to whom his attention had been called. He was in the act of mounting again, when the assegai struck him. Had it not been for this act of humanity and professional duty, he might possibly have escaped, as his companion succeeded in doing. Surgeon-Major Shepherd had only recently arrived at Natal. For some time before leaving England to go to the Cape of Good Hope, he had been assisting in teaching some of the classes organised for acquiring instruction in the methods of giving first assistance to injured persons in civil life, under the auspices of the Society of St. John of Jerusalem. He had given lectures, as well as practical instruction on these subjects, to a considerable number of the police force of London. The inspectors and sergeants of the metropolitan police have, as they write, in grateful remembrance of the kindness and consideration which Surgeon-Major Shepherd showed while imparting a knowledge of the proper treatment of accidents to members of the police force, recently addressed a letter to the Society of St. John, in which they express their sorrow at the news of his death. Surgeon-Major Shepherd was not married; but he leaves behind him a mother who, it is understood, depended greatly upon him for support. The Army Medical Department lost, in addition to Surgeon-Major Shepherd, Lieutenant Hall, one non-commissioned officer, and ten privates of the Army Hospital Corps, at Isandula.

The latest *Army List* published shows that there are now fifty-three medical officers serving at the Cape of Good Hope, or on their way to that colony. They consist of one deputy surgeon-general, with the local rank of surgeon-general; one deputy surgeon-general; thirty-two surgeons-major; and nineteen surgeons. There are besides a considerable number of civil surgeons with the troops, in addition to those engaged for service with the colonial forces; but these are not shown in the monthly *Army List* issued by the War Office. Complaints are still made of the paucity of medical officers at the seat of war. According to a private letter from Colonel Pearson's camp, there is only one surgeon with that force, so that, when a column was sent out, there was no surgeon to go with it. It is said, moreover, that there is a good deal of sickness in the camp.

OBITUARY.

JOHN LISTER, F.R.C.S., L.S.A., DONCASTER.

MR. LISTER died somewhat suddenly at his residence, 13, Hall Gate, Doncaster, on Saturday, 1st March, at the age of sixty-three.

He was educated at the Leeds School of Medicine, University College, London, and the Paris Hospitals. He practised in Doncaster upwards of forty years. At the time of his death he was honorary surgeon to the Doncaster Infirmary and Dispensary, and had been Borough Coroner since April 1850. It is worth noting that in this capacity he held a ten days' inquiry into the cause of destruction of the Parish Church by fire, in February 1853. This ancient part of a Coroner's duty is now rarely exercised, if indeed it is not altogether obsolete. Mr. Lister was appointed surgeon to the 3rd West York Militia in 1852, when the regiment was recruited. When it was embodied at the time of the Crimean war, his professional duties obliged him to resign, though he accompanied it to Berwick and Dublin.

The Corporation of Doncaster, the Infirmary Committee, and other public bodies, passed votes of sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Lister and her family in their bereavement.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

CAVENDISH COLLEGE.—The opening of this College, under the presidency of the Duke of Devonshire, the Chancellor of the University, is likely to give still further impulse to the study of medicine in Cambridge, forasmuch as it is founded for the special purpose of affording facilities for obtaining a Cambridge degree at a moderate cost and at the earliest practicable age. The students are taught and boarded in the College, with all tuition necessary for an ordinary degree or for honours, for an annual charge of £84, and they enjoy all the privileges of the University. It is open to persons of all parties, and residence may commence at the age of sixteen. Information may be obtained from the warden, John Conley.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, March 20th, 1879.

Brandreth, Charles Lewis, Avenue Parade, Accrington
Hardy, Henry Louis Preston, Finchley
James, Alfred, Brynteg, Merthyr Tydfil
Turton, James, Florence Road, New Cross

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

Clarke, William Jenner, Charing Cross Hospital
Raine, Arthur Robert, London Hospital
Terry, Henry George, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

Particulars of those marked with an asterisk will be found in the advertisement columns.

The following vacancies are announced:—

***ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE DISTRICT INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary to commence at £80 per annum, with residence and maintenance. Applications before May 3rd.

***BETHLEM HOSPITAL**—Two Resident Medical Students. Applications on or before April 4th.

COLERAINE UNION—Medical Officer for Articlave Dispensary District. Salary, £90 per annum, £22 yearly as Sanitary Officer, with registration and vaccination fees, and £12 annually towards rent of residence. Election on the 3rd proximo.

GATESHEAD DISPENSARY—Assistant-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with board and lodging.

***GLOUCESTERSHIRE**.—**STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Early in April.

***INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY**—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 first year, £90 second year, £100 third and following years. Applications to James Kirkby, South Shields.

LEAMINGTON HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES—Assistant-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with lodging and washing.

ONGAR UNION, Essex.—Medical Officer for District No. 1. Salary, £105 per annum. Applications before April 1st.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND—Examiner in Medicine. Salary, £100 a year. Applications to be sent to the Secretary of the University, Dublin Castle, not later than April 8th.

***ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**, Gray's Inn Road—Physician for the Diseases of Women and an Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Hospital. Applications on or before April 30th.

STANHOPE STREET PUBLIC DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £105 per annum, with furnished apartments, coal, and gas. Applications on or before April 1st.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY—Medical Officer. Salary, £70 for the first year, £80 for the second, with board and lodging.

***SUNDERLAND AND BISHOPSEARMOOUTH INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80, increasing annually to £100, with board and residence. Election on April 23rd.

WANDSWORTH PROVIDENT DISPENSARY—Medical Officer. Salary, 200 guineas, with midwifery fees, extras, and residence.

WREXHAM INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished rooms, coal, gas, and attendance (without). Applications on or before April 3rd next.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

OGLE, Charles J., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Westminster General Dispensary, *vice* J. McDougall Judge, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

SHAW, William, M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the General Hospital, Cheltenham.

VINES, H. J. Kendrick, F.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Port of Littlehampton.

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 announcements.

BIRTH.

SHEARMAN.—On the 26th instant, at the Hollies, Swinton, near Manchester, the wife of W. M. Shearman, M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SNELL—**WOODLEY**.—On March 20th, at the Parish Church of Athuon, co. Cork, Ireland, by the Rev. Canon Freke, assisted by the Rev. J. St. Leger Aldworth, Rector of the Parish, Simeon Snell, M.R.C.S., of Sheffield, to Anne Christiana, second daughter of the late Francis Woodley, Esq., J.P., of Leades House, co. Cork.

DEATHS.

CORBIN.—On Wednesday, the 19th instant, of bronchitis, Rosalie Bradley Collings, the loving and loved wife of M. A. B. Corbin, F.R.C.S., Inspector-General of the Militia Medical Department, Guernsey. R.I.P.—Friends are requested to accept this intimation.

***HALL**.—On March 21st, at Derwent House, Torquay, Charles Radclyffe Hall, F.R.C.P.L. & E., M.R.C.S. Eng., etc., in his 60th year.

***LISTER, John**, F.R.C.S., L.S.A., at 13, Hallgate, Doncaster, aged 63, on March 1st.

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 P.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 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.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 2 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.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th.; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.

GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 12.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th. S., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th.; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

LONDON.—Medical, daily exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, W., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Dental, daily, 9.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, F., 9.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.

ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.15; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ear, W. S., 2; Skin, Th., 1.30; Throat, W. S., 12.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30.

ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily except Sat., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 12.30; Skin, Th., 12.30; Throat, Tu., 12.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. W. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, Tu., 1.30; S., 9; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.3.

WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. C. Theodore Williams, "Cases of Phthisis treated at high altitudes"; Dr. Gowers, "On some of the Causes of Epilepsy".

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 9 P.M. Resumed Discussion on the Anatomical Distribution and Pathological Relations of Lardaceous Disease.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens, by Dr. Godson. Paper: Dr. Routh, "On a Case of Extra-Uterine Pregnancy".

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. G. C. P. Murray, "Cases of Uterine Disease"; Dr. H. C. Stewart, "Simulated Scarlet Fever"; Dr. J. W. Langmore, "On Contracted Kidney in Young Subjects".

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.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 161, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the General Manager, at the Office, 161, Strand, W.C., London.

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.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.—We are requested by Dr. Thursfield of Bridgnorth to state that in his letter published in last week's JOURNAL (page 453, column 2), the word "unprofessional" has been put by mistake for "professional".