

am directed to express to you his regret that there is no sufficient ground to justify him, consistently with his public duty, in advising Her Majesty to comply with the prayer thereof.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,
“A. F. O. LIDDELL.

“The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the British Medical Association, 161, Strand, W.C.”

Similar communications have been addressed to Sir Rutherford Alcock and to the Secretaries of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

THE next meeting of this Branch will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at 3.15 P.M., at the Angel Hotel, Northwich: Dr. LESLIE JONES in the chair.

Dr. WILLIAM ROBERTS will read a paper on Digestive Ferments, and their Therapeutic Uses.

The following communications have also been promised.

Mr. REGINALD HARRISON: A case of Lithotomy where a large Cystic Oxide Calculus was removed.

Dr. LLOYD ROBERTS will show an Intra-uterine Tumour removed by excision and enucleation.

Dr. HOWIE: The Power of Alcohol to Prolong Life in Wasting Diseases.

Dr. MITCHELL BANKS: On the Removal of Cartilaginous Tumours.
Dr. LEECH: Notes on New Remedies.

Mr. J. E. BURTON will show a new Ether Inhaler.

A collection of Digestive and Nutrient Preparations, including all the Pancreatic and Peptic Substances now used Medicinally, and the various kinds of Malt Extract, will be exhibited.

At Six o'clock the members will dine together at the Angel Hotel. Gentlemen intending to be present are particularly requested to send their names to the Honorary Secretary before the 25th of April. Dinner 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

D. J. LEECH, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

96, Mosley Street, Manchester, April 22nd, 1879.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch will be held at the Aquarium, Tynemouth, on Tuesday, April 29th, at 3 P.M.

The following papers are promised.

1. On Stricture of the Esophagus. By G. H. Philipson, M.D.

2. Case of Tinnitus Aurium from tension of the Membrana Tympani relieved by incising the Membrane. By Robert Torrance, Esq.

3. On the Compulsory Registration of Disease. By A. Legat, M.D.

4. On Acute Articular Rheumatism, its Pathology and its Treatment. By Charles Gibson, M.D.

5. On the Treatment of the Second and Third Stages of Labour. By James Murphy, M.D.

Dinner at the Aquarium at 5 P.M. Charge (including admission to the Aquarium, but exclusive of wine), 6s. 6d. Gentlemen intending to be present are requested to communicate as soon as convenient with the Honorary Secretary.

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

10, Old Elvet, Durham, April 8th, 1879.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.

THE annual meeting of this District will be held in the library of the County Hospital, at Canterbury, on Thursday, May 8th, at 3 o'clock; President, Mr. REID.

WM. KNIGHT TREVES, F.R.C.S., *Honorary Secretary.*

Margate, April 21st, 1879.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE BRANCH.

A MEETING of the above Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Hockerill, Bishop Stortford, on Tuesday, May 13th, at 2.30 P.M.: C. F. HODSON, Esq., President.

Members intending to make communications are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.

Dinner will take place at the Railway Hotel, at 6.15 P.M. Tickets, including wine, 15s. each.

BUSHELL ANNINGSO, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

Cambridge, April 7th, 1879.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Committee of Council, held at the offices of the Association, 161A, Strand, on Wednesday, April 16th, 1879—Present: Dr. ALFRED CARPENTER (President of the Council) in the Chair; Dr. R. W. Falconer, President; Mr. Husband, Treasurer; Dr. Clifford Allbutt, Dr. J. T. Arlidge, Dr. BusHELL ANNINGSO, Dr. L. Borchardt, Mr. G. W. Callender, Dr. C. Chadwick, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. George F. Duffey, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Dr. B. Foster, Mr. R. S. Fowler, Dr. E. L. Fox, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Dr. C. Holman, Dr. D. J. Leech, Mr. F. Manby, Dr. E. Morris, Mr. F. Mason, Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. E. H. Sieveking, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. F. J. Wadd, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. E. Waters, and Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse.

Dr. Macnaughton Jones, Honorary Local Secretary to the Annual Meeting at Cork, also attended.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and found correct.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from Surgeon-General Maclean, Mr. Alfred Baker, Dr. De Bartolomé, and Mr. Lloyd Roberts.

Resolved: That the gentlemen whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting, with the exception of one, be elected members of the Association.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee of to-day's date were read.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee contain recommendations that the Treasurer be empowered to pay the accounts still due for the quarter, amounting to £998 18s. 1d.; and minutes of the Premises Subcommittee, containing a recommendation that the Treasurer be empowered to pay, for plant and type, to the amount of £250 19s. 11d.; and that the Subcommittee be re-appointed, and called the Office and Printing Subcommittee in future.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee of to-day's date be received, approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

Resolved: That the sanction of the Committee of Council be given to the issue of the Oxford Memorial as a separate page of the JOURNAL.

Resolved: That notice of motion be given in the JOURNAL of the proposed regulations for the conduct of the annual meetings, passed by the Committee of Council on November 7th, 1877, and January 9th, 1878.

Resolved: That the financial statement for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1878, be received, approved, and published in the JOURNAL.

The Treasurer reported that transfers had been made out for the transfer of £500 four per cent. North British Railway debenture stock in the name of the British Medical Association on behalf of the Middlemore Fund.

Resolved: That the corporate seal of the Association be affixed to the transfers.

Resolved: That an impression of the corporate seal be sent to the Bank of England for the transfer of £3,000, now standing in the name of the Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Husband, to the name of the British Medical Association. The seal was then affixed to the transfers, and an impression taken for the Bank of England, and the seal re-locked, in the presence of the Committee of Council.

Minutes of the Committee appointed to consider the relations of the Council with the Committee of Council and Branches of the 8th January, 15th March, and of to-day's date, were read.

The minutes of the Committee contain a recommendation that a meeting of the Council be called for Monday, the 4th day of August next, at Cork.

It was moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the Committee appointed to consider the relations of the Council with the Committee of Council and the Branches be received, approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

Whereupon an amendment was moved and seconded,

That the meeting of the Committee of Council be held at ten o'clock, and the meeting of the Council at eleven o'clock on Tuesday, the 5th day of August next, at Cork.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be carried.

Resolved: That the first general meeting be held on Tuesday, August 5th, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The minutes of the Habitual Drunkards Committee of the 15th April were read, and it was

Resolved: That the minutes of the Committee on Habitual Drunkards of the 15th April be received, approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

The minutes of the Habitual Drunkards Committee contain the following resolutions.

Resolved: That, in the face of the opinions expressed by those having charge of the Habitual Drunkards Bill, it would be unwise to press for any alteration in Clause 9.

Resolved: That the limitation to the period of five years of private reprint is objectionable and should be expunged, as likely to render the act inoperative as regards the middle and higher classes; and that it be recommended that the attention of Lord Shaftesbury, who has charge of the Bill in the House of Lords, be called to this.

Resolved: That it be recommended that a petition be prepared and presented to the House of Lords in favour of the Bill, signed by the President of the Council on behalf of the Association.

Read letter from Dr. Kinead of Galway, reporting the formation of a Branch for the West of Ireland.

Resolved: That the West of Ireland Branch be hereby recognised as a Branch of the British Medical Association, subject to the by-laws being in accordance with the by-laws of the Association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1878.

Summary of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending December 31st, 1878.

DR.]—To Receipts:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand on 1st January, 1878:—							
At London and Westminster Bank	..	2,143	8	4			
At Office	..	49	19	11			
					2,193	8	3
Subscriptions..	..	7,932	4	2			
Advertisements	..	3,967	3	1			
Sundry Sales..	..	441	9	4			
Interest	..	92	8	0			
					12,433	4	7
Sale of Waste and Sundries	..				18	10	8
Balance of Scientific Grants Committee	..				89	13	5
Middlemore Fund	..				500	0	0
Due to Branches	..				7	19	1
Unpresented Cheques for 1877	..				6	1	7
					£15,248	17	7
CR.]—By Payments:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Editor	..				625	0	0
Sub-Editor	..				187	10	0
Contributors..	..				1,166	11	9
Reporting	..				123	7	1
Engraving	..				127	5	4
Sundry Journal Expenses	..	100	4	5			
Rent of Editors' Room	..	23	8	0			
					123	12	5
Journal Printing	..	3,115	8	8			
Paper	..	2,163	11	1			
Address Labels	..	164	11	4			
Postage	..	926	1	8			
					6,369	12	9
Scientific Grants, 1878-79	..				351	7	10
Payments to Committees:—							
Parliamentary Bills	..	2	5	0			
Ditto do..	..	6	17	6			
Nottingham Defence	..	25	0	0			
Harvey Memorial	..	25	0	0			
Provident Dispensaries Committee Report	..	25	0	0			
Medical Reform	..	101	19	9			
Ditto	..	42	12	6			
Hire of Rooms for Committee of Council	..	5	5	0			
					233	19	9
Association Medal	..				103	1	6
Corporate Seal of the Association	..				30	12	6
Auditors' Fee	..				42	0	0
General Secretary	..				562	10	0
Rent of 36, Great Queen Street, and 161, Strand	..				291	5	3
Salaries and Wages	..				540	17	2
Postage	..				164	15	7
Sundry Office Expenses	..				267	0	0
Stationery	..				133	9	7
Miscellaneous Printing	..				216	11	0
Furniture and Fittings, and expenses of removal	..				121	12	11
Ditto Printing Office	..				16	9	2
					133	2	1
List of Members	..				120	0	11
Printing at Annual Meeting	..				30	8	0
Coals and Gas	..				7	6	3
Alteration of Premises	..				500	0	0
Legal charges in connection with Lease	..				14	4	0
Rates and Taxes	..				21	17	6
Bank Charges	..				9	0	10
Sundries	..				29	17	2
Branch Charges	..				8	3	6
					12,939	9	9
Middlemore Fund transferred to separate account	..				500	0	0
London and Westminster Bank	..	1,774	0	0			
At Office	..	35	7	10			
					£15,248	17	7

Revenue Account, or Profit and Loss for the Year ending December 31st, 1878.

DR.]		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Editor	..				500	0	0
Sub-Editor	..				150	0	0
Contributors	..				1,177	7	2
JOURNAL:—							
Printing	..	3,244	19	0			
Paper	..	2,198	17	5			
Postage	..	926	1	8			
Address Bands (Paper, £54 6s. 5d : Printing, £127 6s. 6d.).	..	181	12	11			
					6,551	11	0
Wood Engraving	..				127	5	4
Reporting	..				122	6	1
Sundry Journal Expenses:—							
Editor's Postage	..	18	9	5			
Newspapers..	..	7	17	11			
Telegrams	..	6	9	2			
Boy's Wages	..	32	6	0			
Cleaning Rooms	..	11	16	9			
Cabs	..	1	5	0			
Sub-Editor's Expenses	..	12	1	0			
Sundries	..	9	19	2			
					100	4	5
Rent of Editors' Rooms	..				22	4	0
Scientific Grants, 1878-9..	..				300	0	0
Corporate Seal of the Association	..				30	12	6
Committees	..				242	4	9
Legal Expenses (Two Years)	..				161	1	8
Auditors' Fee..	..				42	0	0
General Secretary	..				450	0	0
Rent	..				350	0	2
Taxes	..				21	17	6
Furniture Depreciation	..				30	0	0
Expenses of Removal	..				16	9	2
Miscellaneous Printing:—							
Printing in connection with Committees	..	80	11	0			
Association Printing	..	91	16	0			
Journal and Editor's Printing	..	20	1	6			
Printing in connection with Advertisements	..	10	15	0			
Reprints	..	10	7	0			
Sundries	..	7	16	9			
Out-Door Patients' Reform	..	2	12	0			
Printing at Annual Meeting	..	30	8	0			
					254	7	3
List of Members	..				123	2	6
Salaries and Wages	..				540	17	2
Postage	..				164	15	7
Sundry Office Expenses:—							
Commission on Advertisements	..	0	15	11			
Receipt Stamps	..	1	2	0			
Telegrams	..	3	14	0			
Post Office Orders	..	0	10	10			
Sundries	..	93	11	10			
Cleaning Rooms	..	31	12	11			
Journals bought	..	4	11	6			
Travelling Expenses	..	27	1	5			
Ditto, Clerk	..	6	6	5			
Insurance on Plate Glass	..	0	11	3			
Copying and Assistance	..	97	1	11			
					267	0	0
Stationery	..				116	6	2
Architect's Fee	..				67	3	8
Coals and Gas	..				16	7	0
Bank Charges	..				9	0	10
Branch Charges	..				8	3	6
Reserve for Depreciation of Plant	..				125	0	0
Premises Redemption Fund	..				50	0	0
					12,137	7	6
Subscription losses from death, etc.	..				434	5	4
Advertisements, Discounts, and Allowances	..				441	4	0
Sales, Journals returned	..				18	11	5
Profit for the year carried to Balance-Sheet	..				769	16	9
					£13,801	5	0
CR.]		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	..	8,085	12	0			
Ditto on former years	..	198	3	7			
Advertisements	..	4,623	4	6			
Sales	..	503	13	4			
Interest—one year, £3,132 os. 6d. Consols	..	92	0	2			
Balance on Scientific Grants returned	..	75	18	5			
Discounts and allowances on Printing and Paper Accounts, and Stamps	..	204	2	4			
Sale of Waste and sundries	..	18	10	8			
					£13,801	5	0

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1878.

DR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Contributors	367	16	2
JOURNAL:—						
On Printing Account	818	0	5			
On Paper Account	157	5	3			
Reporting				975	5	8
Committees				8	8	0
Rent				10	10	0
„ Editor's Room				30	0	0
Furniture				5	5	0
Miscellaneous Printing				145	15	9
Subscriptions paid in advance ..				66	16	6
Due on Advertisements, prepaid ..				294	3	6
Plant and Type				5	6	9
Coals and Gas				650	5	6
Stationery				9	9	9
New Premises				9	17	3
Law Charges				128	5	10
Wood Fund				146	17	8
Architect's Fee				25	0	0
Due to Branches				67	3	8
Reserve Fund for Depreciation of Plant	125	0	0	7	19	1
Ditto for Redemption of Lease ..	50	0	0			
Cheques unrepresented				175	0	0
				14	3	7
Balance on January 1st, 1878	5,449	11	9	3,193	0	8
Profit for the year from Revenue Account	769	16	9			
Total of excess of Assets over Liabilities				6,219	8	6
				£9,412	9	2

CR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions: amount due				773	15	7
Advertisements				1,628	19	2
Sundry Sales				65	10	0
Interest				46	0	1
Balance due on Scientific Grants—overdrawn				51	7	10
Alteration of Premises, at cost ..				1,028	5	10
Furniture				329	0	2
Wages for 1879, Journal prepaid ..				29	17	2
Plant and Type, at cost				650	5	6
Consols, £3,132 os. 6d.				3,000	0	0
				7,603	1	4
Cash in hand:—				£9,412	9	2
At London and Westminster Bank ..	1,774	0	0			
At Office	35	7	10	1,809	7	10

STEWART FUND.

£400 invested in 4 per Cent. Caledonian Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.

DR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Dividend				15	14	4
				£15	14	4
CR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By balance due to Bank on purchase of £400 Caledonian Stock				3	9	8
By balance carried forward				12	4	8
				£15	14	4

MIDDLEMORE FUND.

DR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To transfer from cash account	500	0	0			
To interest on deposit account	10	6	4			
				£510	6	4
CR.]	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By balance carried forward	510	6	4			
				£510	6	4

We have examined the foregoing accounts with the books and vouchers of the Association, and find the same to be correct.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, & CO., 44, Gresham St., E.C.

April 23rd, 1879.

BISLEY.—The general health of this district was satisfactory during 1878, although several long-standing nuisances still exist, and the water-supply is exposed to pollution by soakage from closets and middens. Only one of the ninety-two deaths occurred from zymotic disease. The infantile mortality was very high, thirty infants dying under one year of age. The principal causes of this mortality were premature birth, bronchitis, and debility, aggravated by the neglect and ignorance of parents.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MANOMETER IN THORACENTESIS.

SIR,—Nine years ago, in the course of some observations on paracentesis thoracis, I brought before the Clinical Society of London the use of the manometer, “to test the fluid-pressure within the pleura at any stage of the operation, or to register the degree of syphon-power used, supposing this latter agency to be desirable in any particular case” (Clinical Society's *Transactions*, vol. iii). I have more recently endeavoured, by means of a writer floating on the mercury at the open end of the manometer, to obtain tracings depicting the changes in the intrapleural pressure during paracentesis and the corresponding variations in the respiratory waves. An interesting tracing of the kind—the only good one I have as yet obtained—is figured at page 264 of my work on *Consumption*, etc.

I trust that M. Homolle's essay and description of M. Potain's instrument, noticed in your JOURNAL of to-day's date, will attract further attention to the subject. The simple manometer, attached by means of a side branch to the syphon or aspirator tube, is certainly useful as a practical indicator in the course of the operation. It is more, however, as the best means of making a further study of the varying conditions present in pleuritic effusions before, during, and after thoracentesis, that the use of the instrument is to be commended.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

R. DOUGLAS POWELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.

15, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.C., April 19th, 1879.

MEDICAL REFORM.

SIR,—I am one of those—and I venture to assert they form the bulk of the profession—who endorse Dr. Stanley Haynes's condemnations of the “mischievous policy” pursued by the Reform Committee of the British Medical Association. Moreover, I deny, until it is proved to the contrary, that this Committee, acting as it does not only in direct opposition to some of the best interests of the profession, but in many ways to the special advantage of illegal practitioners, represents, as it alleges it does, the opinions and wishes of either the members of the Association or the profession at large. Three weeks or so since, I called upon this Committee to state publicly why it volunteered to surrender the few exclusive rights the profession now have; but it appears to have been so blinded by its own pet thought of its own objectionable scheme for “direct representation”, that other points of far weightier importance to the welfare of the profession have not been deemed by it worthy of its consideration; hence the cause of my request remaining unheeded. Since this request was made, the Bill of the Committee—“Bill No. 2”, as it is termed—has been “corrected”, reprinted, and redistributed amongst the members of the House of Commons; and I now wish once more to draw the attention of the members of the Association to some of the bad things it proposes to do, and to ask them whether they are prepared to support such a suicidal Bill as this Bill is, or to permit it to be put forth by the Reform Committee as the Bill of the British Medical Association. Some—only “some”—of these bad points are:

1. Even in its amended form, it proposes, virtually, that there shall be two Medical Councils—the existing Council, and another created under its own provisions; and, possibly because the present Council, comprising twenty-four members, is well known to be too large and far too talkative for the proper discharge of its legitimate functions, it proposes that its own Council shall consist of *thirty* members, six of whom shall be representatives of and elected by the medical profession. Such is the outcome of its blundering provisions for obtaining our much needed representation in the Medical Council.

2. It proposes to repeal the prosecuting powers of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of London, and of the Society of Apothecaries; so that in England and Wales the practice of the profession would be absolutely free.

3. But it proposes to retain in Ireland the present power of prosecuting illegal practitioners.

4. And it proposes also to retain the same power now existing in Scotland.

5. It would permit registered medical men to give death-certificates (as, to their shame, some of them do now) in cases attended exclusively by quacks.

6. It would deprive individuals of the power they now have to prosecute quacks for assuming recognised medical titles, without rendering it obligatory on the part of the Medical Council or some other public body to do so.

7. It would permit quacks to assume medical titles pretended to be

the questions of experimental pathology and of pathological principles and pathological science which have for the last few years entered into medical studies. The result was to regain for the Pathological Society a popularity which was waning, and an active usefulness which there is every reason to believe it will continue to maintain.

The very last entry in his book of appointment runs as follows: "89. Member of the Metropolitan Counties Branch British Medical Association. January 7th, 1879." Since then, Dr. Murchison had been appointed Physician in Ordinary to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught; but this honourable distinction had not yet been entered in his notebook, which bears no entry since January 7th. Dr. Murchison had been for a long series of years a member of the British Medical Association. It was only this year that, at the request of Dr. Andrew Clark, he joined the Branch. His last contribution to literature was his paper on "Alcohol: its Utility in Health and Disease", in the *Contemporary Review* of last December.

Dr. Murchison leaves a wife and children to lament his loss. Through his wife, he was connected with the late Bishop of Ripon and with Mr. Bickersteth, the well-known surgeon of Liverpool. His manner of death was most sudden. For upwards of nine years, Dr. Murchison had known himself to be the subject of serious disease of the valves of the aorta. At first, under the advice of his medical friends, he was disposed, after this painful discovery was made, to retire from practice, and to seek in absolute rest the repose which some of his medical friends thought necessary for life. From this recommendation he was, however, dissuaded by the more cheerful and hopeful counsels of his attached friend Dr. Quain. Cheered and encouraged by the hope that, with care and avoidance of excitement, he might look for many years of useful life and honourable work, Dr. Murchison chose that part, and, steadily and manfully facing the clinical facts of his case, of which none knew better than he the serious import, he continued to do his duty as a physician to the last, and died in the consulting-room.

During the whole of last week, he had shown no diminution of mental or physical activity. On Wednesday last week, at a small dinner following the meeting of the Committee of Council, he met and discussed with some officers of sections at the following Cork meeting, at the house of the writer of this notice, the question of selecting for consideration various subjects in medicine and surgery for the programme of discussion in the forthcoming meeting. He was then in more than usually good spirits, and seemed more than usually instinct with intellectual power. The subjects of discussion proposed came naturally to be at the time briefly debated; and the masterly vigour and lucidity with which he enunciated and defended his views on disputed points in medicine was the subject of much remark at the time, and will be engrained in the memory of all who were present the more deeply from the rapidity with which his sudden death has followed this event. He was last seen in public at a medical *soirée* on Monday night, and on Wednesday morning had seen the last of his patients; when, while in the act of stooping to pull out a drawer from his writing-table, he appears to have fallen back, and immediately to have died. His death was peaceful, and without a struggle; and although its awful suddenness has in it something both painful and impressive, yet he, knowing himself to be affected by an inevitably fatal heart-disease, and having prepared himself for the end, and steadfastly faced it for many years, those who knew him best and loved him most could hardly have wished for a slower or more lingering termination to his brilliant career.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in anatomy and physiology, at a meeting of the Board of Examiners on the 17th instant; and when eligible will be admitted to the pass examination.

Messrs. J. A. P. Price, E. L. Adeney, E. S. Dashwood, L. E. Shaw, and J. H. Champ, students of Guy's Hospital; T. H. Pounds, John Smith, W. F. Walker, and G. H. Butler, of the Charing Cross Hospital; J. S. McDonagh, Charles Downing, P. F. Moline, and E. A. Fall, of University College; C. H. Daniell, C. L. H. Tripp, F. J. Short, and W. E. Hoyle, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. H. Unsworth, F. H. V. Voss, and W. B. Baker, of the London Hospital; A. P. Rimell, and H. S. R. Sparrow, of King's College; Elliot Daunt, of St. George's Hospital; J. D. E. Mortimer, of the Westminster Hospital; and Asher Gross of the Leeds School.

Out of the 213 candidates examined, 52 were referred to their anatomical and physiological studies for three months, including 7 candidates who had an additional three months.

The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 22nd instant.

Bell, Thomas A., L.R.C.P.Lond., Guernsey
Boissier, Arthur H., L.R.C.P.Lond., Clifton

Cowburn, George H., Milner Street, W.
Coles, Donald A., L.S.A., Plymouth
Crooke, George F., L.S.A., Gainsborough
Duncan, William A., L.S.A., Manchester
Gibbs, Alfred N. G., Bristol
Hallam, William H., Newcastle, Staffordshire
Harvey, Alfred, L.S.A., Birmingham
Hebb, Frederick T., Brighton
Hill, Charles B., Gosport
Houlgrave, Augustine, Liverpool
James, Thomas J., L.S.A., Llandoverly
Jones, Edward A., L.R.C.P.Ed., Kingsland Road
Mennell, Zebulon, L.S.A., Shepherd's Bush
Money, Angel, Pemberton Road
Oppenheim, Michael, Woburn Place
Sainsbury, Harrington, Clapham
Scawcroft, Walter, Bolton
Sheard, Charles, M.B.Trin.Coll.Toronto, Toronto
Smith, George M., Clifton
Suckling, Cornelius H., L.S.A., Birmingham
Tabb, John F., L.S.A., Redruth
Tonks, Joseph, Willenhall
Ware, John W. L., Barnstaple
Williamson, Robert I., L.R.C.P., Wimbledon
Winter, Walter H. T., L.K.Q.C.P.I., Torquay, Devon
Wolrige, Herbert E. R., Southsea

The following gentlemen passed on the 23rd instant.

Benthal, Winfred, B.A.Cantab., Sherborne
Branson, Cecil L. S., Craven Hill Gardens
Damant, Arthur J., Cowes
Gravelly, John G., Horsham
Harvey, George H., L.S.A., Wivenhoe
McDonald, Greville M., Bournemouth
Morgan, Augustus K., L.S.A., Newport, Monmouthshire
Mudge, James, Hayle
Pattison, Edward S., Walham Grove
Pearles, Edward M., L.S.A., East Grinstead
Redmayne, Hugh, L.S.A., Ambleside
Rich, Arthur C., Liverpool
Robinson, George S., Claverton Terrace
Roper, George A., L.S.A., Harton
Savill, Thomas D., Brixton Road
Stathers, George N., Tredegar
Sutton, Francis W., L.S.A., Reading
Vaudrey, Edmund, Manchester
Vieland, Charles J., L.S.A., Highgate
Weakley, Arthur, Queen's Town, Cape of Good Hope

In the list of candidates who passed the primary examination on the 15th (JOURNAL, April 19th, page 611), G. N. Roberts of St. George's Hospital should be G. N. Robins of St. George's Hospital.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, April 17th, 1879.

Colborne, William Wriothesley, Hildrop Crescent, N.
Dalton, Norman, George Town, Demarara
Evans, Theodore Charles, Castle Hill, Ealing
Moorhead, Robert Lowrey, Nottingham
Pearless, Edward Montague, East Grinstead
Pettinger, John Henry, Manchester
Richardson, John Humphry Howard, Sparbrook, Worcester

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his primary professional examination.

Hooley, Arthur, Charing Cross Hospital

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.—At the annual graduation ceremony on April 22nd, the degree of M.D. was conferred on the following gentlemen.

Beaney, James George, Melbourne
Blackwood, Thomas, Wednesbury
Dearden, John, Church, near Accrington
Hague, Samuel, Camberwell
Jeffreys, James Waddell, London
Kempe, Charles Patrick, London
Moffat, Robert Maxwell, Seedmount, Moffat
Pearce, Charles Worth, London
Philp, William, Fife
Roberts, Owen, Notting Hill
Steele, William Stott, Torquay
White, Samuel Shapland

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1879, the following were the successful candidates.—For the Licence to Practise Medicine.

Burke, Julio Page
Conry, John Templer Crosbie
Pentland, Henry

Roberts, James Dixon
Sinclair, John

For the Licence to Practise Midwifery.

Burke, Julio Page
Conry, John Templer Crosbie
Dundee, Isaac Chichester
Fulton, James

Gillies, Niel
Pentland, Henry
Sinclair, John

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.
- ***DENBIGHSHIRE INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary to commence at £85 per annum, with board, washing, and residence in the House.
- DROGHEDA UNION**—Medical Officer for Monasterborie Dispensary District. Salary, £110 per annum, £20 as Sanitary Officer, with registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 29th instant.
- ***DROITWICH UNION**—Medical Officer. Salary, £93 15s. per annum. Applications at once.
- LIVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with residence and maintenance. Applications not later than April 28th.
- NOTTINGHAM DISPENSARY**—Assistant Resident Surgeon. Salary, £160 per annum. Election on May 19th.
- ***ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL**—Honorary Physician. Applications before May 13th.
- ***ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND**—Curator of the Museum. Salary, £250 per annum. Applications on or before May 31st.
- ***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.
- ***ST. MARVLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY**—Honorary Physician. Applications on or before May 7th.
- ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL**, Dublin—Master of Hospital, at a salary of £200 a year, with apartments, fuel, and light. Applications from candidates, whose age must not exceed 45 years, will be received by the Chairman of the Board of Governors up to May 3rd.
- ***SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**—Physician to the Out-patient Department. Applications, with testimonials, not later than the 29th instant.
- ***SHOREDITCH UNION**—Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications not later than May 5th.
- ***STOCKTON HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications not later than May 14th.
- ***SUNDERLAND AND BISHOPWEARMOUTH INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80, increasing annually to £100, with board and residence. Election on May 1st.
- ***WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon. Applications not later than May 3rd.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

- HOBSON**, L. J., M.B., B.S., appointed Acting Medical Officer to the Royal Northern Sea-Bathing Infirmary, Scarborough, *vice* J. Lycett, L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.
- MCCRACKEN**, John, M.B. & M.C., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Glamorgan County Asylum, *vice* George Snell, M.R.C.S., resigned.
- MERRIMAN**, John W. C., L.R.C.P., elected Surgeon to the Kensington Dispensary, *vice* J. J. H. Bartlett, L.R.C.P., resigned.
- SNELL**, George, M.R.C.S., appointed, by the Colonial Office, Assistant Medical Officer to the Asylum, British Guiana.

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.

MARRIAGES.

- BLACKETT-KIRTON**.—At St. Oswald's Parish Church, Durham, on the 22nd inst., William C. Blakett, M.R.C.S.Eng. and L.S.A.Lond., Medical Officer of Health of Durham, to Susannah Kirton, of Hill House, Brancepeth, near Durham.
- CUNNINGHAM-BOYD**.—At the residence of the bride, on the 22nd instant, by the Right Rev. Dr. McLachlan, Bishop of Galloway, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Turner, Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Dumfries, and the Rev. Wm. Downey, New Abbey, John Cunningham, M.D., L.R.C.P.Ed., and L.R.C.S.Ed., Dumfries, to Ada, youngest daughter of James C. Boyd, Esq., Kinder House, New Abbey.
- DABBS-PEET**.—On April 19th, at Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, by the Rev. G. W. Southouse, M.D., assisted by the Rev. C. I. Burland, M.D., George Henry Roque Dabbs, M.D., to Nina Laura, widow of John Peet, M.D., Surgeon-Major H. M. Bombay Army.
- ORTON-McRAE**.—At Edinburgh, on the 15th instant, by the Rev. J. Allison, M.A., of Newington, Thomas Jerram Orton, Surgeon-Major A.M.D., to Margaret Anne McRae, eldest daughter of the Rev. John McRae, Edinburgh.

DEATHS.

- HARRIS**, William, F.R.C.S., formerly Assistant Surgeon 88th Regiment (Crimean Medal and Order of Medjidie), and Surgeon House of Correction, Wandsworth, at Maryborough, Queensland, aged 47, in February last.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

DR. BRADBURY'S LECTURES.—The Linacre Lecturer of Physic will lecture on Pathological Anatomy on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 3 P.M., in the Professor of Anatomy's private room at the New Museum, commencing on Tuesday, April 29th.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

- MONDAY**.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 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.—St. Mark's, 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

- MONDAY**.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Cockle, "Clinical Cases"; Dr. Sutherland, "Remarks on Cases of Slight Deviation from Healthy Mental Standard"; Dr. Percy Boulton, "Cases of Uterine Hæmorrhage"; Mr. Knowsley Thornton, "Aids to Diagnosis of Rotation of Ovarian Tumours"; Dr. John Brunton, "A Case of Nævus treated by Sodium Ethylate".
- TUESDAY**.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. A. Barker: Caries of Spine affecting Hip-Joint and Aorta. Mr. John H. Morgan: Subperiosteal Tumour. Mr. Walsham: Suppurative Phlebitis following Cystitis. Dr. W. M. Ord, for Dr. Kraus of Carlsbad: Spontaneous Disintegration of Calculi. Dr. J. Ross of Manchester: Section of the Cord, Medulla, Pons, etc., of Four Cases of Tetanus and of Hydrophobia. Drs. Tilbury and T. C. Fox: Histology of Xanthelasma. Dr. Thin: 1. Specimens of Discrete Sebaceous Tumours; 2. Erythema Circumscriptum; 3. Eczema from the Horse. Mr. Bullin: Growth in the Left Ventricle, with Embolism of Brachial and other Arteries.
- THURSDAY**.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Cleveland, "A case of an Excessive Dose of Chloral-Hydrate"; Mr. A. J. Pepper, "Tubercular Testis"; Dr. Day, "Diseases of Children"; Mr. Walter Pye, "A case of Nerve-Stretching".

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 **BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL**, are requested to communicate beforehand with the General Secretary and Manager, 161, Strand, W.C.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

ERRATUM.—In the **JOURNAL** of April 5th, page 514, column 1, line 33 from bottom for "we do lean heavily", read "we do not lean heavily".

"THE GOVERNMENT BILL."

SIR,—The letter signed "Scotland Yet", in the last week's **JOURNAL**, shows how ignorant the writer is with regard to the medical status of the profession in England, and also as to the education and qualification of the English student. The L.S.A. of London, or, as he terms him, the "Apothecary", appears to be a terrible thorn in the side of the Scotch graduates and universities, and rather a difficult nut to crack. There are two members of the Medical Council who have not thought it beneath them to obtain the apothecaries' licence, or as the writer of the letter puts it, are apothecaries. Again, the *Medical Directory* will show that several doctors of medicine of the London and Scotch universities are also apothecaries, and there are a still greater number—English, Irish, and Scotch—who are illegally practising as apothecaries without obtaining the licence. May I ask if the writer of the letter signed "Scotland Yet" be a member of the British Medical Association and also a Scotch M.D.? Other members, no doubt, will be equally anxious with myself to know.—I am, yours obediently, AN OLD MEMBER and L.S.A., etc.

April 16th, 1879.

SUBSCRIBER.—The latest edition of Garrod's *Materia Medica* is the sixth, revised and edited by Dr. E. B. Baxter, and published by Longmans and Co.

A CO-OPERATIVE CIRCULAR.

WE have many complaints of a circular which has been issued by the Clergy Co-operative Association, intimating that a directory of medical practitioners, printed on tinted paper, will form part of their appendix; that a stated charge will be made for insertion in this list, in which three lines will be allotted for name and description, and every subsequent line will be charged extra. The members of one profession no not always understand, it appears, the etiquette of another. It is needless to say that no respectable practitioners who have any regard for professional proprieties will be found in this list, and it will, therefore, necessarily defeat its own end. The sooner the directors of the Clergy Co-operative Association drop their intended project the better for the success of their enterprise in its own sphere as a co-operative association, in which no doubt it will find a large and valuable sphere of usefulness.

MEDICAL FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

MEMORIAL TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

*To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland
in Parliament assembled,*

WE, the undersigned Members of the Medical Profession, observe with regret that medical study has been totally discontinued in the University of Oxford, and that the Medical Faculty, nominally as well as practically, has been merged in the Faculty of Mathematics and Physical Science. We earnestly desire that a large contingent of the members of our profession should be educated at the University of Oxford, side by side with those students who are about to enter the Church and the Bar. In every University of Europe, excepting Oxford and Cambridge, the medical graduates are more numerous than those of any other Faculty, whilst at Oxford there is neither teaching nor study of medicine, and only sixty graduates of that Faculty (who studied medicine elsewhere, and were admitted to Degrees in Oxford) are in existence. Large special endowments for medical teaching exist at Oxford which are not utilised; we consequently have to point out as a second grievance that medical knowledge does not gain that increase in this country which its cultivation by aid of rich endowments would yield, and the appointment of salaried professors not dependent upon the receipts of medical practice would ensure.

To remedy this state of things, we urge the immediate constitution at Oxford of a

thorough medical curriculum (on the same basis as the medical schools of other English centres), in the following subjects at least :

1. Human Anatomy.
2. Physiology (of Man).
3. General Pathology.
4. Materia Medica.
5. Clinical Medicine and Surgery for beginners.
7. State Medicine, including Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health.

We therefore pray that your honourable House will instruct the University Commission now sitting under your authority to make the necessary provision for restoring to the University an efficient Faculty of Medicine.

I hereby request you to append to the Memorial to the House of Commons on the Medical Faculty of the University of Oxford, of which a printed copy is published in the JOURNAL, my signature hereto subscribed.

NAME.	DESIGNATION.	ADDRESS.

Please sign the above, stamp, and post as soon as possible.

Penny
Stamp.

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