

for the treatment of the insane, filtering all patients through this hospital, and placing only the incurables in the larger establishments; they also favour the appointment of a lay inspector. The Council offered no objection to this latter appointment, providing that he shall be under the medical superintendent; and they also draw the Minister's attention to the difficulty of these two officers acting harmoniously, if otherwise. Our community is under great obligations to Dr. Graham for the active and energetic interest he has devoted to this subject.

Dr. Browning, who is devoting his time principally to electrotherapeutics, has been most successful in treating a case of albugo with leucomatous patches in both eyes by galvanism. The patient, a little girl of about fourteen years, had been suffering about twelve months. The *modus operandi* consisted in using a small current of four cells, the negative theophone, attached to a sponge, being applied over the closed eyelid; the positive placed behind the ear, the continuous current lasting from two to five minutes. This treatment was continued twice a week for about three months.

The cup to be presented to Dr. Neild by some of his medical friends is now finished. The workmanship does credit to the colony. The cup rests on two stalks of the plant named in honour of Dr. Neild, by Sir Ferdinand Baron von Müller, *Darwinia Nieldiana* (Sect. *Genetyllis*). On the cup the plant appears to be in full blossom. Both cup and stem are ornamented with suitable verses. The whole is in mosaic gold representing the value of 100 guineas.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Cambridge, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1880.

President: DENIS C. O'CONNOR, A.B., M.D., Professor of Medicine in Queen's College, Cork.

President-elect: G. M. HUMPHRY, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Cambridge; Senior Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by J. B. BRADBURY, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital; Linacre Lecturer in Physic.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by TIMOTHY HOLMES, M.A., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. George's Hospital.

An Address in Physiology will be delivered by MICHAEL FOSTER, M.D., Hon. M.A., F.R.S., Praelector in Physiology in Trinity College, Cambridge.

The business of the Association will be transacted in Eight Sections.

SECTION A.: MEDICINE.—**President:** George Edward Paget, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S., Cambridge. **Vice-Presidents:** George Johnson, M.D., F.R.S., London; P. W. Latham, M.A., M.D., Cambridge. **Secretaries:** W. B. Cheadle, M.A., M.D., 2, Hyde Park Place, London, W.; D. B. Lees, M.A., M.D., 2, Thurloe Houses, Thurloe Square, London, S.W.

SECTION B.: SURGERY.—**President:** William S. Savory, M.B., F.R.S., London. **Vice-Presidents:** William Cadge, F.R.C.S., Norwich; John Wood, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., London. **Secretaries:** John Chiene, F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.S.Edin., 21, Ainslie Place, Edinburgh; George E. Wherry, M.B., M.C., F.R.C.S., 63, Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

SECTION C.: OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.—**President:** W. S. Playfair, M.D., London. **Vice-Presidents:** H. Macnaughton Jones, M.D., Cork; Henry Gervis, M.D., London. **Secretaries:** R. N. Ingle, M.D., F.R.C.S., 21, Regent Street, Cambridge; C. E. Underhill, M.D., 8, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

SECTION D.: PUBLIC MEDICINE.—**President:** Henry W. Acland, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Oxford. **Vice-Presidents:** Arthur Ransome, M.A., M.D., Manchester; Thomas Pridgin Teale, M.A., F.R.C.S., Leeds. **Secretaries:** William Armistead, M.B., St. Mary's Villa, Station Road, Cambridge; Thos. J. Walker, M.D., 18, Westgate, Peterborough.

SECTION E.: PSYCHOLOGY.—**President:** J. Crichton Browne, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., London. **Vice-Presidents:** G. F. Blandford, M.D., London; P. M. Deas, M.B., Macclesfield. **Secretaries:** G. M. Bacon,

Hon. M.A., M.D., Lunatic Asylum, Fulbourn, Cambridge; Henry Sutherland, M.A., M.D., 6, Richmond Terrace, Whitehall, S.W.

SECTION F.: PHYSIOLOGY.—**President:** William Rutherford, M.D., F.R.S., Edinburgh. **Vice-Presidents:** Arthur Gamgee, M.D., F.R.S., Manchester; Robert McDonnell, M.D., F.R.S., Dublin. **Secretaries:** W. H. Gaskell, M.A., M.D., Grantchester, Cambridge; William Stirling, D.Sc., M.B., Marischal College, Aberdeen.

SECTION G.: PATHOLOGY.—**President:** Sir James Paget, Bart., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S. **Vice-Presidents:** Samuel Wilks, M.D., F.R.S.; W. Howship Dickinson, M.D. **Secretaries:** W. S. Greenfield, M.D., 15, Palace Road, Albert Embankment; Charles Creighton, M.A., M.D., Anatomical Museum, Cambridge.

SECTION H.: OPHTHALMOLOGY.—**President:** William Bowman, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., London. **Vice-Presidents:** Henry Power, F.R.C.S., London; Henry R. Swanzy, M.B., Dublin. **Secretaries:** W. A. Brailley, M.A., M.D., 38, King's Road, Brownswood Park, London, N.; David Little, M.D., 21, St. John Street, Manchester.

A Subsection of Otology will be formed, of which Mr. W. B. Dalby, F.R.C.S., of London, will be Chairman, and Dr. James Patterson Cassells of Newton Terrace, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, and W. D. Hemming, F.R.C.S., honorary secretaries.

Treasurer: R. M. Fawcett, M.D., 3, Scrope Terrace, Cambridge.

Honorary Local Secretaries: Bushell Anningson, M.A., M.D. (Hon. Medical Secretary), Walt-ham-sal, Barton Road, Cambridge; A. P. Humphry, Esq., M.A. (Hon. Reception Secretary), Corpus Buildings, Cambridge.

Letters relating to the strictly medical work (Sections, Museums, etc.) of the meeting should be addressed to Dr. Anningson; other letters to Mr. A. P. Humphry.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 1880.

- 2 P.M.—Meeting of Committee of Council at the Guildhall.
- 2.30 P.M.—Meeting of the Council of 1879-80 at the Guildhall.
- 4 P.M.—Short service, with sermon by the Bishop of Ely in King's College Chapel; after which a collection will be made for the British Medical Benevolent Fund.
- 8 P.M.—General Meeting in the Senate House. President's Address; Annual Report of Council and other business.
- 10 P.M.—Tea and coffee in the Hall of Caius College (close to the Senate House).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council of 1880-81 at the Guildhall.
- 11 A.M.—Second General Meeting in the Senate House. Address in Medicine.
- 12.30 P.M.—Conferring Honorary Degrees in the Senate House.
- 2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings in the New Museums and Lecture Rooms.
- 9 P.M.—Soirée in the Fitzwilliam Museum and grounds of Peterhouse by the Reception Committee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of the Committee of Council at the Guildhall.
- 10 A.M.—Third General Meeting in the Senate House. Reports of Committees.
- 11 A.M.—Address in Surgery in the Senate House.
- 2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings in the New Museums and Lecture Rooms.
- 6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner in the Hall of Trinity College.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH.

- 10 A.M.—Address in Physiology in the Senate House.
- 11 A.M.—Sectional Meetings in the New Museums and Lecture Rooms.
- 1.30 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting in the Senate House. Reports of Committees and other business.
- 4 P.M.—Garden party in the grounds of King's College by the President.
- 9 P.M.—Conversazione in St. John's College and grounds.

Ladies will be admitted to the Soirée, Garden Party, and Conversazione.

SECTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A complete statement of the discussions and papers in the several Sections will be given in next week's JOURNAL. The following communications are promised in addition to those already mentioned.

- GOODRIDGE, H. F. A., M.D. A Case of Softening of the Pons Varolii, with Thermometric Observations.
- HARKER, John, M.D. Milk Pathology.
- JAGIELSKI, V., M.D. The Curative Influence of Koumiss in Pulmonary Consumption and Diseases of Emaciation.
- LITTLE, J. Fletcher, Esq. 1. The Treatment of Chronic Rheumatoid Arthritis by Oil-rubbing, Russian Baths, and Electricity. 2. The Treatment of Sleeplessness by Sitz-baths, etc.
- MANBY, Alan R., Esq. On Remuneration by Clubs.
- ROY, C. S., M.D. On a New Rapidly Freezing Microtome.
- TURNBULL, C. S., M.D. The Comparative Value of Various Mechanical Aids to Hearing.
- TURNBULL, Lawrence, M.D. Syphilitic Affections of the Ear.
- WILSON, J. M., M.B. Suggestions for the Better Controlling of Infectious Cases among School Children.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

The following demonstrations will take place.

SECTION A.—MEDICINE. Dr. GOWERS: Clinical Measurement of

the Corpuscles and Hæmoglobin of the Blood.—Mr. BALMANN SQUIRE: A Demonstration of Typical Case of Skin-Disease by Aid of the Dissolving-views Apparatus.

SECTION F.—PHYSIOLOGY. Demonstrations will be given by M. Ranvier, Dr. Weber, Dr. Preyer, Dr. Arthur Gamgee, Mr. Langley, Dr. Roy, Mr. Gaskell, Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Gaule.

COLOUR-BLINDNESS.

It is hoped that all members attending the meeting will present themselves for an examination of their colour perception, and thus assist in settling the much disputed question of the percentage of colour-blind persons. Holmgren's tests will be in readiness in a room adjoining the place of meeting of the Ophthalmological Section during the times of sitting. Directions for finding the room will be duly posted up.

PATHOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

The following contributions have been already promised.

Microscopic Specimens: by Dr. Stephen Mackenzie, Dr. Charlewood Turner, Dr. D. I. Hamilton, Dr. Byrom Bramwell, Dr. Dreschfeld, Dr. Leech, Dr. Thin, Dr. Lauchlan Aitken, Mr. Malcolm Morris, Dr. Vandyke Carter, Dr. Osler (Montreal), Professor Klebs (Prague), Mr. Greig Smith.

Drawings: by Dr. Reginald Thompson, Mr. James Startin, Dr. Hoggan, Dr. R. J. Lee, Dr. Greenfield, Dr. Creighton, Dr. Mercer (New York), Dr. Osler, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson.

Other Preparations: by Dr. Alexander Ogston, Dr. T. Barlow, Dr. Dreschfeld, Dr. Creighton, Dr. Elliot (Carlisle), Mr. Lawson Tait, Professor Busch (Berlin), Dr. D. J. Leech.

ANNUAL MUSEUMS.

The Pathological Collection will be in the Anatomical Museum.

Honorary Secretary to the Pathological Collection: C. Creighton, M.D., Anatomical Museum, Cambridge.

The Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Microscopes, Pharmaceutical Preparations, Dietetic and Sanitary Appliances, will be in connection with the Reception Room in the Guildhall.

Honorary Secretary: G. Wallis, Esq., Corpus Buildings, Cambridge.

Honorary Secretary to the Sanitary Collection: W. Armistead, M.B., Station Road, Cambridge.

EXCURSIONS.

On Saturday, August 14th, there will be excursions to Ely, Peterborough, and Audley End.

Honorary Secretary to the Excursion Committee: G. Wallis, Esq., Corpus Buildings, Cambridge.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The number of persons that can be accommodated in the Hall of Trinity College is limited to 350. Tickets for the annual dinner will be reserved for members who make application, accompanied by payment of one guinea, to A. P. Humphry, Esq., Corpus Buildings, Cambridge.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Dr. Norman Kerr hereby gives notice that he will move that the following words be added to Regulation 3 of the proposed Regulations for the conduct of annual meetings—viz., that the price of the dinner-ticket shall not include a charge for intoxicating liquors.

A complete programme, containing the latest available information, will be issued in next week's JOURNAL.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*,
British Medical Association.

161A, Strand, London, July 15th, 1886.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Beaumaris on Tuesday, the 31st day of August.

Special arrangements are being made for the latter part of the journey (across the Menai Straits), and for visits to the various objects and places of interest in the neighbourhood.

Further particulars will be announced by notices in the JOURNAL, and by circular to the members on an early day.

J. LLOYD ROBERTS, *Honorary Secretary*.

Denbigh, July 20th, 1886.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual general meeting of this Branch was held at 5, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, June 29th; Dr. D. WILSON in the chair.

Medical Education.—After the transaction of the formal business, a letter was read from the General Secretary enclosing resolutions of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and inviting, in the name of the Committee of Council, the opinion of the Branch thereon. After some discussion, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the General Secretary and the resolutions, and to enter them upon the minutes.

Medico-Ethical Committee.—Dr. P. A. YOUNG proposed that a small committee be appointed to consider the advisability of forming a medico-ethical section. This was seconded by Professor ANNANDALE, and carried; and a committee of five members was appointed.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting separated.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in Manchester, on Wednesday, June 30th, under the presidency of EDWARD LUND, Esq. There were present 115 members and 9 visitors.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT delivered an address, in which he referred to the loss which the Association had incurred by the death of one of its most promising and conspicuous members—Mr. Samuel M. Bradley, a man personally known to many of those present, and certainly known by renown to others in far distant parts of this kingdom, either by his voice or by his pen: for there was scarcely a subject in the category of medicine or surgery which he had not touched upon, so universal was his genius. The President proceeded to read a paper upon *Palliative Medicine and Palliative Treatment in Surgical Cases*, in the course of which he endeavoured to show that where medical men cannot cure, it is their duty to seek to mitigate suffering and to prolong life by measures purely palliative in their nature.

Report of Council.—The Honorary Secretary (Dr. A. DAVIDSON) read the annual report, which congratulated the members upon the continued prosperity of the Branch. The past year had been a comparatively uneventful one; and, from various causes, no intermediate meetings had been held, although two had been arranged for. This the Council regretted, as they believed it was to the advantage of the Branch that intermediate meetings should be held. In 1867, there were 233 members; in 1875, 460; in 1877, 615; in 1878, 711; and in 1879, 740. During the year, a considerable number of names had been removed from the list of members. Sixteen had resigned or left the district; eight had been struck off the roll for non-payment of subscriptions; and five had died; making a total of twenty-nine. There had also been twenty-nine new members; so the number of members this year was still 740. The only matter of public interest in which the Council had taken any part since the last annual meeting was the discussion of the subject of medical education, which was initiated by the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the Association. The Metropolitan Counties Branch drew up a series of resolutions upon the subject, which the members of this Branch considered, and in the main agreed with.

The financial statement, as read by the Honorary Secretary, showed that the Branch had a balance in hand of £33 1s. 10½d.

Office-Bearers for 1886-87.—The following were elected: *President:*

E. Lund, Esq. *President-elect:* J. B. Gilbertson, M.D., Preston. *Vice-Presidents:* D. J. Leech, M.D., and J. Atkinson, Esq. *Vice-Presidents-elect:* C. Johnson, Esq., and W. H. Fitzpatrick, M.D. *Honorary Secretary:* A. Davidson, M.D., Liverpool. *Local Secretaries:* C. J. Cullingworth, Esq., Manchester; R. Brown, M.B., Preston; W. Garstang, M.D., Blackburn; W. Hall, Esq., Lancaster; and J. Taylor, Esq., Chester. *Representatives in the General Council:* J. Atkinson, Esq.; F. J. Bailey, Esq.; G. Barron, M.D.; L. Borchardt, M.D.; H. Briggs, M.D.; C. J. Cullingworth, Esq.; W. Macfie Campbell, M.D.; W. Carter, M.D.; J. Dreschfeld, M.D.; J. H. Ewart, Esq.; J. Farrar, Esq.; W. H. Fitzpatrick, M.D.; A. Godson, M.B.; J. Hardie, M.D.; J. Harker, M.D.; R. Harrison, Esq.; F. A. Heath, Esq.; W. R. Heath, Esq.; R. Hopwood, Esq.; J. Howie, M.B.; L. Jones, M.D.; D. J. Leech, M.D.; C. E. Lyster, M.D.; F. B. Mallett, M.D.; H. Colley March, M.D.; G. W. Mould, Esq.; J. Parks, Esq.; Chauncey Pussey, Esq.; E. Rayner, M.D.; D. Lloyd Roberts, M.D.; T. L. Rogers, M.D.; J. Ross, M.D.; H. Simpson, M.D.; A. T. H. Waters, M.D.; F. P. Weaver, M.D.; C. White, Esq.; W. Whitehead, Esq. *Ordinary Members of Council:* J. T. W. Baird, M.B.; Essex Bowen, M.D.; C. E. Glascott, M.D.; T. R. Glynn, M.D.; J. Haddon, M.D.; James Hall, Esq.; J. B. Hughes, Esq.; J. Lambert, M.D.; D. Little, M.D.;

J. Dixon Mann, M.D.; W. Mathews, Esq.; M. G. B. Oxley, Esq.; Rushton Parker, Esq.; A. Ransome, M.D.; C. D. Shepherd, Esq.; A. W. Stocks, Esq.; G. Thomson, M.D.; C. Thorp, Esq.; E. Waters, M.D.; J. W. Watkins, M.D.

Papers were read by Mr. Farrar, on Poisoning by Gelsemium; by Dr. L. I. Roberts, on Extra-Uterine Pregnancy; by Dr. W. Carter, on Syphilitic Tumours of the Brain; by Dr. Dreschfeld, on the Morbid Anatomy of Bright's Disease; by Dr. Haddon, on Rôtheln; by Dr. Glynn, on Changes in the Lung from Bronchial Compression; and by Mr. W. Whitehead, on Cystic Tumours of the Neck.

Luncheon.—Through the hospitality of the President, the members were provided with lunch at the commencement of the meeting.

The Dinner took place at the Queen's Hotel, when eighty-two sat down, including Principal Greenwood, the Rev. J. Henn, and several other guests.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held on July 6th, at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, under the presidency of Mr. R. Prosser, upwards of seventy members being present.

Report of Council.—The report showed that twenty-two new members had been elected during the year; eight had resigned, and the loss of three by death was lamented—namely, Mr. Adkins, Mr. Arthur Bracey, and Mr. Shaw—the numbers now standing at three hundred and sixty-three. Six ordinary meetings and one adjourned meeting had been held during the session, and the work of the Branch had been actively maintained.

New Members.—The following new members were elected: John A. Aitkens; H. Gilbert Barling, M.B.; Henry R. Leech; Robert Rees, M.B.

The Report of the Pathological and Clinical Section was read, and various votes of thanks to officers passed.

Officers and Council.—The following were elected. *President-Elect*: T. H. Bartleet, M.B. *Honorary Secretaries*: E. Malins, M.D.; E. Rickards, M.D. *Treasurer*: Arthur Oakes, Esq. *Council (Country Members)*: E. Dewes, M.D.; W. C. Garman, Esq.; F. E. Manby, Esq.; J. Manley, Esq.; C. A. Newnham, Esq.; J. Thompson, M.D.; J. Tibbits, M.D.; T. Underhill, M.D. *(Town Members)*: J. S. Gamgee, Esq.; J. Greene, Esq.; J. Hunt, Esq.; L. Owen, Esq.; T. Savage, M.D.; J. Sawyer, M.D.; W. Thomas, Esq.; W. F. Wade, M.B.

Representatives in the General Council of the Association.—The following were elected: T. H. Bartleet, Esq.; B. Foster, M.D.; J. S. Gamgee, Esq.; John Greene, Esq.; J. Johnston, M.B.; H. R. Ker, Esq.; F. E. Manby, Esq.; J. Manley, Esq.; Hugh Morgan, Esq.; C. A. Newnham, Esq.; Lloyd Owen, Esq.; O. Pemberton, Esq.; N. Solomon, Esq.; James Thompson, M.D.; T. Underhill, M.D.; W. F. Wade, M.B.; T. W. Williams, Esq.; J. F. West, Esq.

Dinner.—The members and their friends afterwards dined together.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting was held at Forres, on the 14th July; Dr. AITKEN, President, in the Chair. There was a large attendance of members.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were admitted as members of the Association and Branch, viz.: Dr. Adam, Dingwall; Dr. Finlayson, Munloch; Dr. Murray, Inverness; Dr. Hay, Forres.

The late Dr. J. Wilson.—The following minute (drawn up by Dr. Ross of Inverness, at the Secretary's request) was ordered to be engrossed: "The members of the Northern Counties' Branch of the British Medical Association desire to record their sense of the loss which they have sustained since their last meeting by the death of their fellow-member and former President, Dr. John Wilson of Inverness. While he possessed the love and confidence of his patients, and the esteem of society, his advice and assistance were largely sought by his brethren, whom his straightforwardness and honour inspired with the fullest conviction that, in all their consultations and communications with him, their professional character and interests were safe in his hands. He had formed for himself a high ideal of the dignity of his profession, and, by acting uniformly up to this, he contributed to raise its status throughout the large community with which he was connected, and so aided one of the great objects which this Association was formed to promote.

"The members further wish to express—in common with all the friends of the late Dr. Wilson—their deep and sincere sympathy with

his widow and relatives in the heavy blow inflicted upon them by his sudden death; and they request the Secretary to forward a copy of this minute to Mrs. Wilson, that she may at least have the satisfaction of knowing the high regard entertained for her husband by them, not only as an association, but by each one of them singly and individually."

Papers.—The following papers were read:

1. Case of Rupture of Aorta. By Dr. Vass, Dingwall.
2. On the Best Means of Treating Wounds of the Palmar Arch. By Dr. Bruce, Dingwall.
3. The Causes of Puerperal Fevers and Inflammation. By Dr. Alexander Ogston, Aberdeen.

The latter was illustrated by diagrams of bacteria, bacilli, and micrococci in different stages of development, and was much appreciated by the members as an able, lucid, and masterly exposition.

The Vaccination Bill.—It was resolved to petition Parliament against the Vaccination Bill of 1880.

Officers and Council.—Dr. Bruce of Dingwall was appointed President for next year; Dr. Aitken, of Inverness, and Dr. Cameron, of Bawtry, Yorkshire, representatives to the General Council; and Dr. Mackay, of Elgin, Secretary and Treasurer.

Luncheon.—The members then adjourned to luncheon in Charleson's Hotel, and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HISTORY OF OVARIOTOMY.

SIR,—Allow me to make some remarks on Dr. Clay's letters, and on the history of ovariectomy. Dr. Clay is mistaken in saying that I witnessed his operations long before I operated myself. I have not had the pleasure of ever meeting Dr. Clay. I performed ovariectomy eleven times before seeing it done by another; that was in 1864, when I was present at Mr. Spencer Wells's eighty-first operation at the Samaritan Hospital.

The question is again raised, "Who was the first in this country to give the profession confidence in ovariectomy?" If any one have a doubt, let him compare Mr. Wells's published work in 1864 with what was written up to that time by Dr. Clay, Mr. Baker Brown, or by anyone else, or by all of them put together. Confidence was destroyed. Mr. Wells restored it. He reported every case of operation, whether completed or not, and he gave the name of the medical attendant. In this I was only too glad to follow him, and the after-history of every one of our cases operated on during the last eighteen or twenty years could now be easily traced, or the patient got hold of within twenty-four hours.

Yet Dr. Clay must not imagine that his early work, performed under such difficulties, is not appreciated, or that the example he gave us of earnestness and perseverance has not borne its fruit. Dr. Clay was unfortunate in his method of operating by the long ligature to the pedicle. The best results to be got out of this method gave a mortality of one in every two, or at most three, operated on. The principle was wrong, and he might have gone on for ever with but little improvement. The principle of the extraperitoneal treatment practised by Mr. Wells commended itself to the profession, and the death-rate became one in four, or perhaps one in five. This was a great advance; but here, too, as in Dr. Clay's method, there was a limit. Simple experience with the clamp alone did little to diminish this mortality; for, of Mr. Wells's published eight hundred cases, the death-rate in the last three hundred was greater than in the preceding three hundred. His results by the dropped ligature were even worse—33 per cent. All over, the frightful mortality of one in four still continued.

For some time past it has seemed to me that, had Baker Brown lived, the history of this operation since 1864 would have been different. His own method of dealing with the pedicle by the cautery at once lowered the mortality to one-half of that with the clamp, and it was becoming practised in London when illness came to him, and death. The man and his method were quickly forgotten; no one would have the lesson his work gave. All were strangely blind in those days to its value. Should I not rather say, we were all strongly prejudiced? In truth, there is no more startling page in surgical history than that in which his latest results are given. On one page we have almost nothing but failures; on the other, by a simple change in the method of operating, an almost uninterrupted line of successes. During the whole of his professional life he seems to have tried hard to cure ovarian disease. From 1851 to 1864 he made many efforts, and tried many ways, all in vain, till he adopted the cautery. His published results show a mortality of less than one in ten in completed cases. I have read somewhere that he lost but four of his last fifty operations. Some years afterwards—unable to get my mortality much under the one in five, for I was then ignorant of

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 15th instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass-examination.

Messrs. Herbert H. Williamson and Frederick E. Pearse, students of University College; John F. Molineux and William J. Murray, of the Charing Cross Hospital; Ernest W. Benson and Sidney E. Craddock, of King's College; Hospital; John J. D. Vernon and James J. Prendergast, of Guy's Hospital; Arthur N. Clarke, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and Henry J. Pringley, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Nine candidates out of the 192 examined were rejected.

The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations, were admitted Members of the College on the 19th instant.

Messrs. Thomas Colbourne, Dudley, Thomas L. Hall, Ludlow, Edward C. Johnston, Birmingham, and Charles Brown, Dudley, of the Birmingham School; Arthur Thomson, Edinburgh, Howard Bendall, Perth, and George W. W. Ashdown, Isle of Man, of the Edinburgh School; Henry S. Bott, Bury, and Armand J. McC. Routh, Montagu Square, of University College; William F. Chadwick, Royston, of the Manchester School; Algernon A. Cohen, Clarence River, New South Wales, of the Aberdeen School; Griffith J. Jones, Liverpool, of the Liverpool School; Edwin P. Pickersgill, Leeds, of the Leeds School; Newton Benthall, Hackney, of St. Thomas's Hospital; and Bertram Spencer, Toronto, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Eight candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 20th instant.

Messrs. David J. Thomas, Rhyll, Richard Bredin, Liverpool, and Nicoll F. Searance, Rhyll, of the Liverpool School; William P. Dexter, Clifton, Bristol, George E. Twynan, Blandford Square, and Robert W. Winstanley, Crowborough, Sussex, of University College; William M. Roscroft, Wigan, and Robert Maguire, Salford, of the Manchester School; David Harris, Leeds, and Godfrey Carter, Leeds, of the Leeds School; Edwin A. Neatby, Barnsley, of the London Hospital; Charles J. Morgan, Barnsbury Park, and John Wilson, Wrexham, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Harry W. Shettle, Wimbome, and William W. Pope, Exeter, of St. George's Hospital; Stephen H. Moore, Peckham, of Guy's Hospital; Edwin Godson, Chipping Camden, of the Birmingham School; James W. Fraser, Hull, of the Edinburgh School; Thomas A. P. Marsh, Bristol, of the Bristol School; and Joseph P. B. Wills, St. Mary's Terrace, W., of St. Mary's Hospital.

Seven candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 21st instant.

Messrs. Roger W. Barron, Liverpool, Richard Honeyburne, Liverpool, and Alexander Barron, Southport, of the Liverpool School; George C. R. Bull, Stafford, Thomas E. Noding, Trinidad, and Arthur H. Proffitt, Rugeley, of St. Mary's Hospital; Charles B. Parker, Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas G. Stonham, Rye, Sussex, and Jonathan Hutchinson, Cavendish Square, of the London Hospital; Richard H. Wolstenholme, Manchester, and Israel J. E. Renshaw, Sale, Cheshire, of the Manchester School; John Garey, Glasgow, of the Glasgow School; James A. Potts, Broseley, Shropshire, of the Edinburgh School; Ernest H. Wagstaff, Leighton Buzzard, of King's College; Thomas L. Laxton, Bedford, of St. Thomas's Hospital; Denis W. Donovan, Caledonian Road, of University College; Alexander B. Payne, Deal, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Charles R. Crane, Guildford, of the Charing Cross Hospital; and Charles J. Parke, Hougham, Lincolnshire, of Guy's Hospital.

Six candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 22nd instant.

Messrs. Charles J. Stansby, Hoxton Street, Horace Wakefield, Alwyne Place, N., Rickard W. Lloyd, Wood Green, John L. Hindley, Dover, George T. Hockin, Beckenham, Charles A. James, Plymouth, and Edmund A. Savage Elliot, Kingsbridge, Devon, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; George H. Taylor, Lewisham, Arthur C. B. Jones, Lavender Hill, and Lewis F. Ford, Highgate, of St. George's Hospital; William H. C. Newnham, Wolverhampton, John F. Briscoe, West Hackney, and Augustus P. Hills, Battersea, of Guy's Hospital; William Clark, Hampstead, and Edgar Freeman G. Morris, Hereford, of University College; George W. Steeves, Liverpool, of St. Thomas's Hospital; Henry F. Corbould, Thornton Heath, of the Charing Cross Hospital; and Alton R. Hoets, Adelaide Road, of the London Hospital.

Six candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 23rd instant.

Messrs. Alfred F. Street, Whittlebury, Towcester, Daniel E. Coronado, Bogoto, Colombo, Sinclair Westcott, Plymouth, Edgar E. A. Phipps, Husbands, Bosworth, and Edmund J. E. Risk, Plymouth, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; George J. Wilson, Brixton, George F. P. Pizey, Clevedon, Somerset, and Alexander Lane, Bishop's Castle, Salop, of Guy's Hospital; John W. Batterham, Haverstock Hill, of the Westminster Hospital; George H. Milnes, Turn-ditch, Derbyshire, of St. George's Hospital; Joseph Tucker, Chulmleigh, N. Devon, of St. Mary's Hospital; and Theodore D. Acland, Oxford, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Thirteen candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 26th instant.

Messrs. Duncan Duncan, Buckingham Palace Road, Alfred G. Chitty, Colchester, of University College; George F. Barnes, Weymouth, and Henry G. Terry, Frome, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Frederick W. Lerew, Maida Vale, and Herbert A. H. Fenton, Cumberland Street, S.W., of St. Thomas's Hospital; George E. Weston, Bognor, and Arthur Grayling, Forest Hill, of St. George's Hospital; Richard T. Richardson, Hackney, of the London Hospital; William H. Quicke, Brixton Road, of the Westminster Hospital; Edward A. Wood, Marlborough, of St. Mary's Hospital; and John F. W. Silk, Gravesend, of King's College.

Nine candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen passed on the 27th instant.

Messrs. Frederick P. Nichols, Norwich, Thomas P. Taylor, Bocking, Essex, Wal-

ter H. H. Jessop, Vernon Street, W.C., James W. Field, Chesham, and Ernest Clarke, Hampstead, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Heaton C. Howard, Devonshire Road, S.W., and Robert W. Doynne, Seymour Street, W., of St. George's Hospital; Ronald Volckman, Upper Norwood, and Gabriel S. Do-brashian, Constantinople, of the London Hospital; T. Percy Woodhouse, Pontefract, and Melville R. H. Jay, Adelaide, S. Australia, of St. Thomas's Hospital; William J. Clarke, St. Augustine's Road, of the Charing Cross Hospital; and Mark Jackson, Great Torrington, Devon, of the Middlesex Hospital.

Eleven candidates were rejected.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, July 22nd, 1880.

Barnes, Henry John, Thornhill Terrace, N.
Brown, James Grierson, Liverpool.
Dresser, Arthur Kinnaird, St. Oswald Road, West Brompton.
Hughes, Thomas William, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

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

Annesley, William Oliver Tyndall, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Blampied, John William, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Fletcher, Howard Bennett, Sheffield School of Medicine.
Pocock, Alfred George Clarke, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Quadros, Michael Anthony de, Grant Medical College, Bombay.
Seon, Greville Ewing, St. Thomas's Hospital.
Shaw, John Alexander, University College.
Thomas, George Trevor Harley, St. George's Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

The following vacancies are announced:—

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY—Resident Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary, £80 per annum, with annual increase of £10 up to £100, with board. Applications, etc., with testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before August 3rd.

DUNFANAGHY UNION—Medical Officer for Gweedore portion of the Cross-roads Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £10 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on August 4th.

GLENTIES UNION—Medical Officer for Carrick Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on August 4th.

GLENTIES UNION—Medical Officer for Danglee Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on August 4th.

MARTLEY UNION—Medical Officer of the Knightwich District.

***NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE DEFORMED**, Great Portland Street—Registrar. Applications to the Honorary Secretary before August 2nd.

***NORTH KENSINGTON AND KENSAL TOWN PROVIDENT DISPENSARY**—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Honorary Secretary not later than the 14th of August.

***NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with apartments, attendance, coals, gas, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary on or before September 1st.

***NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**—Registrar. Applications, with testimonials, not later than September 1st.

PRESTON RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY—Medical Officer of Health.

SHEFFIELD FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL INSTITUTION—Junior Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to the Secretary.

SOUTH STONEHAM UNION—Medical Officer of Health to the Sanitary District of the Union. Salary, £250 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, on or before August 2nd.

STOW UNION—Medical Officer to the First District and Workhouse, and Public Vaccinator.

***SWANSEA HOSPITAL**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, not later than August 4th.

THETFORD UNION—Medical Officer to the Northwold District.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Bristol—Registrar and Secretary. Salary, £400 per annum.

***WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary on or before the 9th of August.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

BENHAM, F. L., M.B., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield.

LOYD, David, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer to the Newcastle-Emlyn Union, *vice* James Thomas, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

MOORE, Herbert Cecil, M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Lancaster Infirmary and Dispensary, *vice* R. W. Collis, L.K.Q.C.P.I., resigned.

POWELL, H. A., M.A., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Resident House-Surgeon to the Western General Dispensary, *vice* J. E. Bullock, M.D., resigned.

***SPOFFORTH, John, M.R.C.S.**, elected Surgeon to the Kidderminster Infirmary.

SUTHERLAND, J. Francis, M.B., appointed Surgeon to Her Majesty's Prison, Duke Street, Glasgow, *vice* Dr. Leishman, resigned.

***WILKINS, G. H., M.R.C.S.Eng.**, appointed Visiting Medical Officer to the St. Michael's District of the South Lambeth, Stockwell, and North Brixton Dispensary.

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.

COUPLAND—POTTER.—On July 27th, at St. Andrew's, Bath, by the Rev. Prebendary Anderson, A.M., Sidney Coupland, M.D., F.R.C.P., of Weymouth Street, Portland Place, third son of the late W. N. Coupland of Streatham, to Bessie, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Potter, of Great Bedwin.

HOBSON—ARMITAGE.—On the 27th instant, at St. Martin's, Scarborough, by the Rev. James Hope, M.A., of Holy Trinity, Halifax, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Foster, M.A., Lewis John Hobson, M.B.Lond., B.S., F.R.C.S., of Scarborough, to Frances Vernon, youngest daughter of the late George Armitage, Esq., J.P. and D.L., of Milnsbridge House, Huddersfield and Nunthorpe, Yorks.

DEATH.

GREIG.—At Sunnyside, Fyvie, on July 18th, Alexander Fiddes Greig, M.R.C.S.E.

CHARING-CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—On July 14th, under the presidency of Lord Watson, the prizes awarded to students in the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School were presented in the Board-room of the Hospital. The winner of the Llewellyn Scholarship of £25 was Mr. Charles Rout; Mr. W. B. C. Treasure was the winner of the Golding Scholarship; Mr. C. W. G. Burrows of the Governors' Clinical Gold Medal; and Mr. Lyster, of the Pereira Prize. Mr. Hird read a report as Dean, and spoke of the increasing prosperity of the school. The number of entries was almost equalled by the number of passes at the Examining Boards—21 having passed out of 22 entered; and the school stood second of all the schools in London as regarded the averages. The report also referred to the new school which the hospital would shortly possess. The chairman, in the course of an address which he made at the conclusion of the presentation, referred to the ancient treatment of disease by blood-letting, and remarked that the legal profession was charged with bleeding the purse; but at the same time he thought that both professions—those of law and medicine—had improved of late years. The medical students had a large field before them, and he urged them to obtain as much knowledge as they could in every department—not a mere smattering, but to make solid and substantial progress in every field in which they chose to enter. In medical jurisprudence they would have to encounter questions relative to diseases of the mind, upon which lawyers and medical men had not quite made up their minds. He wished that medical men knew a little law, and that legal gentlemen, especially the Judges, knew a little about medicine. This hospital was the means of remedying distress both of body and of mind; it also afforded means for students to acquire practical benefit from studies which would prove useful and advantageous to them. In conclusion, his Lordship urged the students to persevere in their work, in order that they might achieve distinction in the noble profession to which they belonged. Upon the motion of Sir Joseph Fayrer, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

GROWTH OF LONDON.—An interesting paper has been handed to the Select Committee on the London water supply, giving details of the increase in the number of houses from January, 1873, to December, 1879. It appears that the total number of houses in the districts of the eight London water companies at the end of last year was 573,792, being an increase of 81,787 from the commencement of 1873. The years showing the largest increases are 1879, 1873, 1878, when the numbers increased respectively 21,720, 14,980, 14,954; in 1876 the increase in the number of houses was 8,763; while in 1874, 1875, and 1877 the increases were only about 7,000. The districts in which the increase is largest are Lambeth, where, during the last seven years, the number has increased by 17,829; East London, where the increase has been 17,267; and the district supplied by the Southwark and Vauxhall Company, where the increase has been 11,002. The remaining portions of London have increased by about 8,000 during the last seven years, with the exception of Chelsea, where the increase is only 1,791, of which number 1,390 were added to the district in October of 1879.

TREATMENT OF ACUTE ECZEMA.—M. Guibout, in the *Gazette des Hôpitaux*, thus describes his plan of treatment. He applies a poultice of potato-flour three times a day, makes his patients wear Colson and Hardy's India-rubber garments, and uses baths either of plain water, or water with some starch in it. All ointments should be avoided. The general treatment should be in relation to the diathetic origin of the disease. Generally arsenical medication is required.

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.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 10 A.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.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.

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

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on 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.

R. W. T. asks: What are the apparatus necessary for the examination of water and milk (for sewage-matter and other deleterious ingredients), the probable cost of them, and also the latest books on the subject?

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

THE CONJOINT SCHEME.

SIR,—In your leading article in the JOURNAL of the 19th June, on the English Conjoint Scheme, I carefully looked to see if I had not, up till the present time, been mistaken as to your opinions on the subject of medical reform. I do not find that I have been so. Still I am unable to understand of what good to the profession, or to the public, the carrying out of your levelling system can be; it may be a levelling up, but it seems to me to be much more like a levelling down; and as such, to be repudiated by every properly educated practitioner, and especially to be objected to by the public. The idea of a conjoint scheme for a minimum qualification to enable a person to become a legally qualified medical and surgical practitioner, entitled as such to be upon the Register as M.S.P. (Medical and Surgical Practitioner), is a good suggestion; but the idea of his being entitled to any of the honorary diplomas of colleges or universities, merely because he is a legally qualified practitioner, with the qualification of a conjoint board, however practical it may be, is a very levelling down proceeding. The minimum qualification should be sufficient to ensure the safety of the public from pretenders; and it should be sufficient to enable its possessor to take public medical and surgical appointments, such as can now be held by the M.R.C.S. and L.S.A. The M.S.P. should be the general practitioner—the old-fashioned apothecary, in fact, if it be desirable to save the Society of Apothecaries from extinction—with the right of dispensing medicines, and with all the rights and privileges of a licentiate of that Society—rights not to be conferred by the diploma, or degree, or licence of any other body. Thus qualified and registered, it seems to me to be absurd to suppose that the M.S.P. should have the right to appropriate by affiliation the degree, or licence, or diploma, according to his choice, of any College or Society, for which he might please to pay, without an additional examination; his power to do so would be so degrading to the Colleges selected, as to bring their diplomas into well deserved contempt. The M.S.P., or legally qualified practitioner, with his minimum qualification only, should not be allowed to call himself Doctor, or Surgeon, or Physician; he should first of all obtain the honorary degree, or diploma, or licence, of an University, College of Surgeons or Physicians, by undergoing such farther examination than that of the conjoint scheme as such corporation should require, before conferring its honorary distinction upon him. The only reform then required would be for a short Medical and Surgical Titles Bill to be passed by Parliament, prohibiting anybody from using or assuming a title to which he has no right, and fixing their titles by law to the different grades of practitioners, all being, before being allowed to practise at all on their own account, M.S.P.'s of the Conjoint Scheme. There must be, and ever will be, different grades in the profession; and the higher qualifications, with their honorary distinctions, should be open to all who have the patience, perseverance, and ability to obtain them legitimately, but not by affiliation. Let us not have a levelling down, but an elevating reform, if any.—I am, sir, yours truly,

Bewdley, June 23rd, 1880.

JOHN GABB.

P.S.—I have no doubt the honorary diploma of the College of Surgeons would be obtained by as many by choice as it is now by compulsion, for it would then be a greater distinction that it is now; and the same result would be seen in the desire to obtain physicians' diplomas and university degrees of real value as honorary distinctions, instead of mere legal qualifications to practise.

* Our correspondent cannot have read the article on Conjoint Examinations with ordinary attention. Had he done so, he would have seen that the proposed arrangements amount to this: that the College of Physicians, the College of Surgeons, and the Apothecaries' Society, find that it will be for their convenience and advantage of themselves and the candidates seeking their several diplomas, that, in place of a person being examined three times, in three different places, and by three different sets of examiners—for example, in Anatomy—the several corporations can arrange that one and the same examination shall be made sufficient for all three. So, likewise, with all the other subjects of medical and surgical examination. The examinations can thus be rendered more thorough and complete, at the same time that the candidate is spared the worry of being examined over and over again in the same subject. The Colleges and Hall being satisfied with the result, will confer on the candidates the diploma and licence as at present. There will be no special separate examinations, such as was contemplated in some of the Bills that have been brought before Parliament. The title of "Medical and Surgical Practitioner", objected to by our correspondent, will be unnecessary, and was never thought of. There will be no levelling down; all persons will be thoroughly examined in every subject, and all will be justly entitled to the medical and surgical diploma which they will receive. The participation of the Universities in this system is an advantage to which it is needless to refer again.

HONOURS AT THE BRUSSELS UNIVERSITY.

SIR,—I have received a large number of letters containing inquiries as to the manner in which honours are obtained at the Brussels University. Not having the time to answer all individually, and as some misconception on the subject appears to exist even among graduates, may I trespass upon your valuable space to make a few brief remarks on a subject attracting a good deal of attention at the present moment.

I am frequently asked to name the subjects which are specially valuable in the eyes of the examiners. On this point, I cannot speak positively; but I am inclined to think that pathology, the physiological and therapeutical actions of drugs, surgical anatomy, operative surgery, and clinical medicine and surgery, are of the highest importance.

There are three tests or doctorates, and, at the conclusion of each, the examiners are always pleased to confer distinction on special merit in any subject or subjects, but no certificate is now given; and I am assured by one of the university professors that, even if one were given under such circumstances, it does not entitle the recipient to attach honours to his name. When the series of examinations are concluded, the entire court of examiners assemble on a given day, and, if, on a review of his marks in all three doctorates, the candidate be deemed worthy, they have inscribed on his degree "avec distinction", honours in all three doctorates being implied thereby. It will thus be evident to my correspondents that, although special knowledge in one or two departments will have great weight, the dead level of uniformity will have better chances of a grateful recompense.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

RICHARD CREAN.

26 Bury New Road, Manchester, July 1880.

RÜTHELN.

SIR,—It is so difficult to get rid of objectionable words when once they have been admitted into a language, that we ought to be very careful to oppose their first introduction. Just now, I see several papers in the JOURNAL treating of what the Germans call "rötheln". What a word for Englishmen unacquainted with the German language to pronounce! I dread to hear it. Surely it has a Latin equivalent. If not, the sooner one is devised the better. Meantime, why not stick to "German measles"?—Your obedient servant,

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

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