

**Importation of Diseased Cattle From America.**—Mr. BOURKE asked the Vice President of the Council whether he could give the House any more information with respect to the importation of beasts from America that were infected with splenic fever.—Mr. MUNDELLA said that he had received from Professor Brown the following communication :—"As to splenic apoplexy among American cattle at Liverpool, there have been six more cases in the same cargo, and I have sent an inspector down this afternoon to make inquiries. Meanwhile, I do not apprehend any danger. We shall deal with maimed and diseased parts, and the sanitary authorities at Liverpool, with whom I communicated early on Saturday, destroy all the carcasses as unfit for food, so that all is being done to limit the mischief. The inspectors at ports where American cattle are landed, have been warned."

**The Vaccination Bill.**—In answer to a question from Sir S. NORTHCOTE, Lord HARTINGTON said the Vaccination Bill would be dropped.—Mr. P. TAYLOR : gave notice that in consequence of the withdrawal of the Vaccination Bill, he would move, early next Session, to the effect that it is inexpedient and unjust to impose penalties upon those who regard vaccination as unadvisable or dangerous.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

### POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

#### LUNACY FEES IN THE PARISH OF ST. MARY ABBOTTS, KENSINGTON.

SOME months ago, we drew attention to a very unwholesome condition of things existing in this union, whereby it would appear that the relieving officers are in the habit of deducting a portion of the fee paid to the district medical officer for the certification of cases of lunacy. Two of the medical officers, Mr. Lilly and Mr. Liddard, resisted this practice, with the result that all cases of lunacy were diverted from them to those who assented to the demand. We expressed our belief at that time that, if the matter were brought to the attention of the guardians, steps would be taken to prevent this improper practice; but it was not to be so. A few days ago, Sir Trevor Lawrence put a question to Mr. Hibbert, in reference to the statement which had appeared on the subject in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, when he obtained for answer that there was no foundation for the statement. Since then, we have noted that the *West London Observer*, in reporting the proceedings at the last meeting of the board, publishes the outline of a letter addressed by the clerk, Mr. Rushington, to the Local Government Board, in which that officer asserts that an investigation had been made as to the allegation, with the result that there was no truth in it. On that statement, Mr. Hibbert, no doubt, relied. Messrs. Lilly and Liddard have forwarded us a copy of a letter addressed by them to the President of the Local Government Board, in which they traverse the assertion of the clerk, repeat their allegation, and request an official inquiry. It is improbable, under the circumstances, that the department will refuse this request.

## MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

A Royal Warrant has been promulgated in reference to the promotion of army veterinary surgeons for distinguished service. It provides that "in a case of distinguished service a veterinary surgeon, if qualified, may be promoted to the rank of first-class veterinary surgeon, without reference to seniority."

TWENTY medical officers have, it is announced, been specially detailed for service in Afghanistan with the five thousand men recently placed under orders. This number is, of course, exclusive of the usual reliefs which at about this season of the year proceed to India, and is composed of one deputy surgeon-general, seven surgeons-major, and fourteen surgeons. The deputy surgeon-general will not go out from this country, but will be provided from amongst the supernumeraries now in India. As the Indian establishment is always kept up to its full strength, no matter what may be the deficiencies at home, any temporary strain upon its resources can be readily met.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of February 22nd, 1870, and February 4th, 1875, Fleet-Surgeon William Hoggan has been placed on the Retired List from the 30th ultimo, with permission to assume the rank and title of a Retired Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets in her Majesty's Fleet from that date.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, August 5th, 1880.

Bousignac, Joseph Ludovic, Trinidad, West Indies.  
Eminson, Thomas Benjamin Franklin, Scotter, Lincolnshire.  
Faithfull, Robert Lionel, Twenty-Third Street, New York.  
Farebrother, William Arthur, Winchester Street, Pimlico.  
Legge, William Heneage, Queen Anne Street, W.  
Mahomed, Arthur George Suliman, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.  
Richards, William Blagdon, Picton Castle, Carmarthen.  
Weston, George Edward, Bognor, Sussex.

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

Callaway, James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Clark, Matthew G., St. George's Hospital.  
Dyson, Herbert J., St. Mary's Hospital.  
Dadachanji, Edalji R., Grant Medical College, Bombay.  
Hepburn, William Alexander, Aberdeen University.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

THE following vacancies are announced :—

**BALROTHERY UNION**—Medical Officer for Balbriggan Dispensary District. Salary, £125 per annum, with £20 rds. 8d. as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on 24th instant.

\***BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, not later than August 21st.

\***BRAINTREE UNION**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to No. 5 District. Salary, £85 per annum. Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to No. 6 District; salary, £30 per annum. Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to No. 7 District; salary, £50 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, on or before August 20th.

\***BRIGHTON AND HOVE LYING-IN INSTITUTION**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, coals, gas, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary on or before August 31st.

**CAVAN UNION**—Medical Officer for Killashandra Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £20 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on 18th instant.

\***CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM**.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer.—Salary, £40 per annum, with board, washing, etc. Applications not later than September 1st.

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Medical Superintendent.

**MARTLEY UNION**—Medical Officer of the Knightwich District.

**MOHILL UNION**—Medical Officer for Rynn Dispensary District. Salary, £120 per annum, with £15 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on 17th instant.

**NEWRY UNION**—Medical Officer for Donaghmore Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on August 20th.

\***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.

\***ROYAL INFIRMARY, MANCHESTER**.—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 1st.

\***UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, London**.—Surgical Registrar. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before August 30th.

\***WINDERMERE HYDROPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT**—Resident Surgeon.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

**BULLOCK, Joseph Ernest, M.D.**, appointed Resident Physician to the Bishop's Down Grove Spa and Hydropathic Sanatorium, Tunbridge Wells.

**KIDD, Philip Horace, M.B., C.M. Edin.**, appointed Junior House Surgeon to the Carlisle Dispensary, *vice* Dr. Paterson, resigned.

**JOHNSTONE, J. Carlyle, M.B., C.M.**, appointed Assistant-Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside.

\***JONES, T. M.B.**, appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester.

\***MANBY, F. E., F.R.C.S.**, elected Honorary Surgeon to the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, *vice* C. A. Newnham, M.R.C.S., resigned.

\***NEWNHAM, C.A., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Consulting-Surgeon to the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital.

**OSBORN, S., F.R.C.S.**, appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Walton-on-Thames.

**STREET, Alfred Francis, M.A., M.B.**, appointed House-Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

**WRIGHT, G. A., M.B.**, appointed Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester, *vice* T. Jones, M.B.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.*

## BIRTH.

THOMSON.—At 9, Burnbank Gardens, Glasgow, on the 4th inst., the wife of A. T. Thomson, M.D.—a son.

## MARRIAGE.

LEECH—TOMMAS.—On the 10th inst., at St. Cuthbert's, Birmingham Heath, by the Rev. W. H. Tarleton, M.A., Vicar, Henry Richard Leech, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., only son of Henry Leech, Nantwich, to Catharine Elizabeth (Katie), eldest daughter of Robert Tommas, Winson Green.

## DEATH.

WILLIAMS.—On the 6th instant, at his residence, Hayes Lodge, Cheltenham, William White Williams, M.D., F.R.C.P., late Medical Superintendent of the County Lunatic Asylum for Gloucestershire. Friends will please accept this intimation.

REQUESTS, ETC., TO MEDICAL CHARITIES.—The Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital has received £500 under the will of Mr. John Cooper.—The National Hospital for Consumption, etc., at Ventnor, has received £242 under the will of Mr. Henry Christopher Schneidt. The Royal Exchange Assurance Company have given £25 to the Charing Cross Hospital.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—During last week, being the thirty-first week of this year, 3,959 deaths were registered in London and twenty-two other large towns of the United Kingdom. The mortality from all causes was at the average rate of 24 deaths annually in every 1,000 persons living. The annual death-rate was 17 in Edinburgh, 21 in Glasgow, and 35 in Dublin. The annual rates of mortality in the twenty English towns were as follow: Bradford 17, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 18, Bristol 19, Sunderland 19, Wolverhampton 21, Oldham 21, Nottingham 22, Hull 23, Sheffield 23, Leicester 23, Portsmouth 23, Leeds 23, Plymouth 24, London 24, Norwich 24, Birmingham 24, Brighton 25, Liverpool 26, Manchester 28, and the highest rate 31 in Salford. The annual death-rate from the seven principal zymotic diseases averaged 6.9 per 1,000 in the twenty towns, and ranged from 3.5 and 3.7 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Bristol, to 10.0 and 12.1 in Leicester and Salford. Scarlet fever showed the largest proportional fatality in Norwich, Salford, and Sunderland; and whooping-cough in Liverpool. Small-pox caused 2 deaths in London, but not one in any of the nineteen large provincial towns. In London, 1,698 deaths were registered, which exceeded the average by 47, and gave an annual death-rate of 24.2 per 1,000. The 1,698 deaths included 2 from small-pox, 26 from measles, 50 from scarlet fever, 12 from diphtheria, 33 from whooping-cough, 20 from different forms of fever, and 367 from diarrhoea—being altogether 510 zymotic deaths, which were 18 above the average, and were equal to an annual rate of 7.3 per 1,000. The 50 fatal cases of scarlet fever were 27 fewer than those in the previous week, but exceeded the average by 6. The 26 deaths from measles also showed a decline, and were 9 below the average; they included 4 in Woolwich. The deaths referred to lung-diseases, which had been 161 and 200 in the two previous weeks, declined again to 175 last week, but exceeded the average by 27; 100 were attributed to bronchitis and 47 to pneumonia. The deaths of a child, aged four years, in Kensington, and of a male adult in Streatham, were referred to sunstroke and heat-apoplexy. Different forms of violence caused 57 deaths; 46 were the result of negligence or accident, including 15 from fractures and contusions, 2 from burns and scalds, 17 from drowning, 2 from poison, and 7 of infants under one year of age from suffocation. At Greenwich, the mean temperature of the air was 60.2°, and 2.5° below the average. The general direction of the wind was south-westerly, and the horizontal movement of the air averaged 3.3 miles per hour, which was 2.3 below the average. Rain fell on three days of the week, to the aggregate amount of 0.72 of an inch. The duration of registered bright sunshine in the week was equal to 15 per cent. of its possible duration. The recorded amount of ozone was considerably below the average during the week.

PRESENTATION.—On August 6th, a testimonial was presented to the senior medical officer of the City of London Infirmary, consisting of an elegant silver salver, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Charles Hope Buncombe, F.R.C.S., by the officers and assistants of the Infirmary of the City of London Union, August 1880." The address bore the signatures of the whole staff. The following is the inscription: "To Charles Hope Buncombe, Esq., F.R.C.S.—We, the undersigned officers and assistants of the Infirmary of the City of London Union, beg to offer you our sincere congratulations on the dismissal of the unfounded charge of manslaughter brought against you; and, as a slight memento of our sympathy for the anxiety and annoyance you have passed through, we ask your acceptance of a silver salver, with our best wishes for your future health and happiness."

## 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. 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.

WE are compelled by pressure on our space to defer until next week many important communications.

ERRATUM.—In the JOURNAL of last week, p. 238, col. i, for "citrate of potass, gr. v" read "3v"; for "terre" read "terve"; and "argente" for "urgente".

## THE DEGREE OF M.D.

SIR,—Can you inform me whether either of the new universities—Victoria or Irish—intends granting their degree of M.D. to practitioners after examination, without insisting upon a term of residence?—I am, etc. INQUIRER.