

asking someone to respond to this toast. There were present one or two happy-looking men who would be very glad to tell them that, though they were not Irish, they had done the best they could under the circumstances, and had had the good taste and good fortune to secure their better halves out of Ireland. He could not give the honour either to the English or the Scotch; he must, of course, do justice to Ireland. It must be a gentleman who represented the University, and there was one whom they all knew, and how many things he did well; and, whenever he had been in his presence, he had always forgotten his many "ologies", because they were outshone by his wit and his eloquence. They knew to whom he referred. He would associate with the toast of Ireland the name of the Rev. Dr. Haughton.

The Rev. Dr. HAUGHTON, in responding, said that he had often been called upon in mixed company to defend Ireland, not often to praise her. It struck him as a peculiar feature with the speakers who had gone before him, perhaps, in consequence of the excellence of their 7s. 6d. dinner, that they were very anxious to make themselves out Irish because their grandmothers were Irishwomen; but he might mention, in the presence of the Rev. Vice-Chancellor, that at a recent meeting of the Orientalists they determined, to the satisfaction of all reasonable persons that the language which was spoken by Adam and Eve in Paradise was Irish. He appealed to the Rev. Vice-Chancellor of the University if he was not correct, and they need not have gone such a roundabout way to prove they were Irishmen, for they were all Irish. Ireland was called, in the beautiful language of her own country, Shan van Voght, "the poor old woman"; they were very old and respectable, because they had come down from the race who spoke their language in Paradise, but they were "the poor old woman" because they had been badly used; and if they were to touch upon politics, he could give them many reasons why Ireland considered herself the Cinderella of the family. He believed the time would come when England would acknowledge the influence of Ireland, and of Irish eloquence, not directly from Ireland, but through the larger Ireland being established in the United States. Some of those present had the luck to be born in the South of Ireland, he meant no disrespect to Belfast, but certainly the best part of Ireland was the south, the north of Ireland next; he had the good luck to be born in the south of Ireland. Now he came to the most difficult part of his task, and that was to propose the health of the ladies, the ladies were present partly for their own pleasure and gratification, but much more for theirs; there were the lay ladies and the professional ladies, and he wished most heartily to welcome both, and he thought it would be a great improvement if they always had ladies present at their meetings.

Dr. THOMPSON, Honorary Secretary (Leamington), would say, from his knowledge of mankind and womankind, that ladies never showed better skill than in the selection of their ambassadors; and the ladies had held a meeting that day, at which it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that they would do themselves the honour of asking Sir James Paget kindly to respond to this toast for them.

Sir JAMES PAGET said he wished he could speak with half the skill that any one of the ladies could have spoken; but they had acted with that cleverness which belonged to them; for, when they intended to put a difficulty before a man, they did not tell him of it beforehand. But, as members of the profession, they should learn that one of their first duties to the members of the profession was not to lead them into a difficulty. He had to return thanks, as he understood it, for the honour they had done them in drinking their health; but, to assume his own sex, he thought the honour was far greater towards them than it could be to the ladies. If he might be allowed the supposition, he should think the ladies were glad to see how entirely harmless men were when they were met together, and when left to their own diversions. He thought he might say on their behalf that they had felt some measure of gratification at the reception which had been accorded to them, and a pleasure which they would like to see repeated on any future occasion. He trusted the day was not far distant when they would not give this honour of responding to their toast to anyone, but would, with all honour and female grace, assume it themselves.

Dr. ACLAND, in proposing the health of the President, said they had acted most wisely in their choice of a President; he was a person of sterling qualities, scientific and practical; a real true Englishman, which meant a man with not only a head, but a heart; and such a man was Dr. George Paget.

The health of the President was drunk with three times three.

The PRESIDENT responded.

Dr. ROBERT MACDONNELL proposed the toast of "Our Next Meeting", with which he coupled the names of the energetic Secretaries, Dr. Daniell and Dr. Thompson.

DRS. DANIELL and THOMPSON briefly responded; and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Lowestoft, on Friday, October 8th.

It is requested that notice of intention to read a paper or other communication may be forwarded to Dr. Elliston by September 14th.

J. B. PITT, M.D., Norwich,  
W. A. ELLISTON, M.D., Ipswich, } *Honorary Secretaries.*

### PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

*Meeting of Council, 1879-1880: August 10th, 1880.*

At a meeting of the Council of 1879-80, held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Tuesday, August 10, 1880—Present: Dr. A. Carpenter, President of Council, in the Chair; Mr. W. D. Husband, Treasurer; Dr. J. T. Arlidge, Mr. T. J. Bailey, Mr. A. Baker, Mr. J. W. Baker, Dr. T. W. Barron, Mr. T. W. Benfield; Surgeon-Major Boileau, Dr. Borchardt, Dr. J. B. Bradbury, Dr. H. Briggs, Dr. Chadwick, Dr. A. Davidson, Mr. C. Davidson, Mr. H. N. Davies, Dr. W. Dickson, Dr. C. Drage, Dr. Duffey, Dr. J. W. Eastwood, Dr. W. H. Fitzpatrick, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. E. L. Fox, Dr. J. H. Gibson, Dr. W. G. Grigg, Dr. J. Harker, Rev. Dr. Haughton, F.R.S., Dr. A. Henry, Dr. Hensley, Mr. W. Hoar, Dr. C. Holman, Prof. G. M. Humphry, F.R.S., Dr. Macnaughton Jones, Dr. J. Kirk-Duncanson, Mr. H. Lodge, Mr. F. Mason, Dr. D. H. Monckton, Dr. W. W. Moore, Mr. G. B. Morgan, Mr. H. M. Morgan, Mr. G. W. Mould, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. G. E. Paget, F.R.S., Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. G. B. Philipson, Mr. H. Power, Dr. J. L. Rogers, Dr. T. L. Rogers, Mr. S. W. Sibley, Dr. Sieveking, Mr. H. Stear, Dr. W. Stokes, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Mr. T. Sympton, Dr. J. Thompson, Dr. E. H. Vinen, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. E. Waters, Dr. W. Webb, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse;

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

The Annual Report was then placed before the meeting by the President of the Council, who stated that a copy had been sent to every member of the Council a fortnight past.

Resolved: That the Annual Report of the Council of 1879-80 be taken as read.

Resolved: That the Annual Report for the year 1879-80, together with the Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 1879, be received and adopted as the Annual Report of the Council, and laid before the general meeting of this evening.

Resolved: That the cordial and sincere thanks of the Council of the Association be given to Mr. W. D. Husband, the Treasurer, for his labours in the welfare of the Association.

*Meeting of Council, 1880-1881: August 11th, 1880.*

At a meeting of the Council of 1880-1, held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Wednesday, August 11, 1880—Present: Dr. Alfred Carpenter, President of Council, in the Chair; Mr. W. D. Husband, Treasurer; Dr. Acland, F.R.S., Mr. T. J. Bailey, Mr. J. W. Baker, Dr. Barron, Mr. T. W. Benfield, Mr. E. C. Board, Surgeon-Major Boileau, Dr. Borchardt, Dr. Bowles, Dr. H. Briggs, Mr. S. W. Broadbent, Dr. Crichton Browne, F.R.S.E., Mr. J. Burt, Mr. W. Cadge, Dr. W. Carter, Dr. J. P. Cassells, Dr. Chadwick, Dr. W. B. Cheadle, Mr. H. N. Davies, Mr. C. Davidson, Dr. Dickson, Dr. C. Drage, Dr. G. F. Duffey, Dr. J. W. Eastwood, Dr. J. Eddison, Mr. G. C. Edwards, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Mr. Everett, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. W. H. Fitzpatrick, Dr. W. S. Gervis, Dr. J. H. Gibson, Mr. A. Godson, Mr. R. V. Gorham, Mr. J. Gould, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Dr. Harker, Mr. C. Harrison, Rev. Dr. Haughton, F.R.S., Dr. A. Henry, Mr. W. Hoar, Dr. S. Holdsworth, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. J. R. Humphreys, Mr. A. Jackson, Dr. Talfourd Jones, Dr. J. R. Kealy, Mr. J. Kilner, Dr. Lanchester, Dr. Lunn, Dr. R. Macdonnell, F.R.S., Dr. Matterson, Dr. J. Meredith, Dr. J. Moore, Dr. H. W. Moore, Mr. G. B. Morgan, Mr. H. M. Morgan, Mr. G. W. Mould, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. G. H. Philipson, Dr. Rees Philipps, Mr. H. Power, Mr. A. Prichard, Mr. C. Puzey, Dr. A. Ransome, Mr. W. Rivington, Dr. Lloyd Roberts, Dr. W. Roberts, F.R.S., Dr. Roden, Dr. J. Rogers, Dr. T. L. Rogers, Dr. E. Seaton, Mr. S. W. Sibley, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. Strange, Dr. H. Sutherland, Mr. T. Sympton, Dr. Taylor, Mr. T. P. Teale, Mr. R. Tiffen, Dr. Jabez Thomas, Dr. A. Thomson, Dr. Totherick, Dr. T. Trollope, Dr. E. Vinen, Dr. W. F. Wade, Mr. J. R. Wathen, Dr. W. Webb, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, Mr. J. Wood, F.R.S., Mr. W. B. Young;

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

The twenty gentlemen nominated by the Committee of Council for

election as members of the Committee of Council having been placed before the meeting, Dr. Joseph Rogers was appointed, Scrutineer. A ballot was taken, and the same were declared to be elected for the year 1880-81, as follows, viz.: Dr. T. C. Allbutt, F.R.S., Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. R. Farquharson, M.P., Dr. B. Foster, Dr. E. Long Fox, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. J. R. Humphreys, Dr. D. J. Leech, Mr. C. Macnamara, Mr. F. E. Manby, Mr. Frederick Mason, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. G. H. Philipson, Mr. Henry Power, Dr. E. H. Sieveking, Mr. Henry Stear, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. A. T. H. Waters, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse.

The subject of the Annual Meeting for the year 1881 was then considered.

Resolved: That it be remitted to the Committee of Council to consider the place of meeting of 1881, and that it be authorised to pay the expenses of such meeting, if required.

Dr. Strange announced the intention of the Worcester Branch to invite the Association to that city for the year 1882, being the fiftieth anniversary of the Association.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

*Meeting of August 10th, 1880.*

At a meeting of the Committee of Council held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Tuesday, August 10th, 1880. Present—Dr. A. Carpenter, President of Council, in the Chair; Professor Humphry, President Elect, Mr. W. D. Husband, Treasurer, Dr. T. C. Allbutt, F.R.S., Dr. Bushell Anningson, Dr. J. T. Arlidge, Mr. A. Baker, Mr. T. W. Barron, Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. J. B. Bradbury, Dr. J. K. Burt, Dr. C. Chadwick, Dr. A. Davidson, Dr. G. F. Duffey, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. E. Long Fox, Dr. J. H. Gibson, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Mr. A. Jackson, Mr. F. Mason, Dr. E. Morris, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. G. H. Philipson, Dr. T. L. Rogers, Dr. Sieveking, Mr. H. Stear, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. W. F. Wade, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse.

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

Resolved: That Mr. Cutts, whose name appears upon the circular convening the meeting, be elected a member of the Association.

Resolved: That the 102 gentlemen whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting, and the twenty-four whose names appear upon the supplementary list subsequently issued, be and they are hereby elected members of the Association.

Read letter from Dr. Louis Henry, of Melbourne, asking for the recognition of the Melbourne and Victoria Branch of the Association, and forwarding the forms of applications for election of twenty-three gentlemen, signed by three members of the Association.

Resolved: That the Melbourne and Victoria Branch, having complied with the by-laws of the Association, be, and it is hereby recognised as a Branch of the British Medical Association.

Resolved: That the Committee of Council desire to offer their warm welcome to the Melbourne and Victoria Branch, now formally recognised, and trust that the new Branch may not only be the means of cementing the good feeling which already exists between the members of the medical profession in England and the Colony of Victoria, but may also facilitate the interchange of ideas, and so prove of value in the advancement of medical science, and the interests of the medical profession. Resolved also, that the best thanks of the Association be given to Dr. Louis Henry and others for their successful promotion of the Branch.

The Annual Report and the alterations of the Sub-committee appointed to draft it were then considered.

Resolved: That the same be approved, with the alteration of £1000 to £2000 invested since the first of January last, and that it be placed before the Council of to-day.

*Meeting of August 12th, 1880.*

At a meeting of the Committee of Council held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Thursday, August 12th, 1880. Present—Dr. A. Carpenter, President of Council, in the Chair; Mr. W. D. Husband, Treasurer, Dr. T. C. Allbutt, F.R.S., Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. J. W. Cousins, Dr. G. F. Duffey, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. E. Long Fox, Dr. J. H. Gibson, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. J. R. Humphreys, Mr. A. Jackson, Dr. D. J. Leech, Mr. C. Macnamara, Mr. F. E. Manby, Mr. F. Mason, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. G. H. Philipson, Dr. J. B. Pitt, Mr. H. Power, Dr. Rees-Phillips, Mr. H. Stear, Dr. W. Strange, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. E. Waters, and Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse.

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

Resolved: That the twenty-one gentlemen whose names appear in the Daily Journal of the 11th and 12th inst. be hereby elected Members of the Association.

Resolved: That the gentlemen whose names are as follows, be the Journal and Finance Committee for the ensuing twelve months: Dr. Alfred Carpenter, President of Council; Mr. W. D. Husband, Treasurer; Mr. A. Baker, Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. C. Chadwick, Dr. R. Falconer, Dr. Foster, Dr. C. Holman; Mr. F. E. Manby, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. E. Waters, and Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse.

*Meeting of August 13th, 1880.*

At a meeting of the Committee of Council held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Friday, August 13th, 1880—Present: Dr. Alfred CARPENTER, President of the Council, in the Chair; Mr. W. D. Husband (Treasurer), Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. G. F. Duffey, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Mr. J. R. Humphreys, Dr. D. J. Leech, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. Charles Parsons, Dr. G. H. Philipson, Mr. Henry Power, Dr. W. Strange, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. Edward Waters, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse.

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

Read resolution of the General Meeting of members of the 12th instant, of which the following is a copy:

“That it be remitted to the Committee of Council to consider the place of meeting of 1881; and that it be authorised to pay the expenses of such meeting, if required.”

Read letters from Mr. Barrow and Dr. Alfred Sheen.

Resolved: That the President of the Council, the Treasurer, Mr. Nicholson, and Dr. Borchardt, be a sub-committee to carry out the resolution of the general meeting, and to report to a future meeting of the Committee of Council.

The TREASURER reported that the sum of £539 13s. 4d. had been paid over to Messrs. Robarts, Lubbock and Company in the name of the Association, on account of the Hastings Memorial Fund.

Resolved: That the Treasurer be authorised to invest the sum of £539 13s. 4d. in a first-class Railway Debenture Stock.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### HISTORY OF OVARIOTOMY.

SIR,—Writing to you on June 30th last, Dr. Clay said: “Mr. Wells and Dr. Keith, as well as very many others, witnessed my operations long before any of them operated themselves.” Again, in a letter published at page 110 of your present volume, Dr. Clay asserted that I visited him in 1857, before I had operated myself, and said how gratified I was “to see the operation for the first time”. At page 151, my positive contradiction of the statement was given, and my statement that I never saw Dr. Clay operate until March 19th, 1863, after I had operated myself on fifty-eight women. In the letter published in your last number, Dr. Clay fails to acknowledge his mistake, and attempts to throw doubt on my assertion because I attempted to express myself as courteously as possible. I am compelled, therefore, now to say that Dr. Clay's statement of my having seen him operate before 1863 is untrue.—I am, yours, etc.,

T. SPENCER WELLS.

3, Upper Grosvenor Street, August 25th, 1880.

### UNPLEASANT ODOURS FROM DUST-BINS.

SIR,—No one who passes through the streets of London can fail, especially in hot weather, to notice from time to time most unpleasant odours in localities where they might be least expected. I should say that these indescribable odours, which remind one more of the pig-tub than anything else, are particularly frequent in aristocratic quarters. Whether the agitation that attributes the offensive smells in London streets to the condition of the streets themselves is justified or not, I beg to draw the attention of your readers to the undoubted fact, that many of the vile odours complained of are due to the extreme carelessness of housekeepers in regard to their dust-bins, which are constantly made the receptacles of refuse that ought to be burnt by the cook, or be disposed of before it becomes a heap of reeking putrefaction. I think that the observer of London life will be able to confirm the remark, that wealth and education do not necessarily impart to ladies a knowledge of the condition of the basement of their house. The management of the dust-bin is an important item in the sanitary, or unsanitary, condition of houses and of the streets they adjoin.—I am yours, etc.,

E. H. SIEVEKING.

THE Government of India has offered a prize of £100 for the best manual of hygiene for the use of British soldiers in India. Competitors must send in their primers on or before March 31st, 1881.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—The following candidates have passed the Preliminary Scientific M.B. Examination.

### First Division.

- Aikin, William Arthur, Guy's Hospital.  
 Alcock, Samuel King, High School, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 \*Allen, Henry, Private study.  
 \*Anderson, George Elliott Caldwell, South African College and Guy's Hospital.  
 Andrews, Charles, University College.  
 \*Barratt, John Oglethorpe Wakelin, University College.  
 \*Bowes, William Henry, Epsom College.  
 Bowman, Henry Claxton, Owens College.  
 Brock, James Harry Ernest, University College.  
 Carr, John Walter, University College.  
 Cave, Edward John, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 \*Chapman, Harry Cecil, St. Bartholomew's Hosp. and Royal School of Mines.  
 Child, Herbert, Yorkshire College, Leeds.  
 Dunn, Louis Albert, Guy's Hospital.  
 \*Edmunds, Percy James, University College.  
 Flemming, Percy, University College.  
 Fowler, Alfred Henderson, Guy's Hospital.  
 Glover, John Philip, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 Guy, William, University of Edinburgh.  
 Halstead, George Ezra, B.A., Guy's Hospital.  
 Hart, Herbert Wheatley, Westminster and Guy's Hospitals and Birkbeck Inst.  
 \*Hurst, Walter, Owens College.  
 Innes, Charles Barclay, University College.  
 Jones, Frederick William Caton, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Jones, Hugh Edward, Guy's Hospital.  
 Jones, Samuel Cromwell, University College.  
 Lyndon, Arnold, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Marriott, John, Charing Cross Hospital.  
 Mathews, Frank Edward, Owens College.  
 Mumby, Langton Philip, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 \*Ransom, William Bramwell, University College.  
 Robinson, Henry Betham, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 Shipley, Arthur Everitt, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Thane, Edgar Herbert, University College.  
 Thomas, Benjamin Wilfred, Charing Cross Hospital.  
 Watson, William Ivens Buswell, Guy's Hospital.  
 Wells, George Lee, Yorkshire College, Leeds.  
 Williams, Reginald Muzio, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 Williamson, Richard Thomas, Owens College.

### Second Division.

- Adami, John George, Owens College.  
 \*Adie, Joseph Rosamond, University College.  
 \*Andrews, Edward Collingwood, University College.  
 Arkle, Charles Joseph, University College.  
 Bailey, William Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Barnett, Lawrence, University College.  
 \*Biden, Charles Walter, Charing Cross Hospital.  
 Black, Robert, London Hospital.  
 Bohrsman, Matt. C. R., B.A.Syd., University College.  
 Bown, Arthur Thomas, St. George's Hospital.  
 Buckmaster, George Alfred, St. George's Hospital.  
 Bullock, Thomas Warren, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 Calvert, James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Carpenter, George Alfred, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 Castle, Bernard, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 \*Childe, Letterstedt Frederick, Guy's Hospital.  
 Cocking, William Tusting, University College.  
 Crowther, Frederick William, University College, and Private study.  
 Dreaper, William Grey, Owens College.  
 Downing, Charles, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Earle, Walter George, University College.  
 Fisher, Henry Holdrich, Epsom College.  
 \*Frames, Alfred Cromwell, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 France, James Mead, Guy's Hospital.  
 Francis, Alfred George, University College.  
 Freiland, Freiland John, King's College.  
 \*Gow, William John, Owens College.  
 Grant, William Francis, University of Edinburgh.  
 \*Griffiths, William, University and Regent's Park Colleges.  
 Habershon, Samuel Herbert, Trinity College, Cambridge.  
 Hart-Smith, Franke Chamberlain, University College.  
 Helme, Thomas Arthur, University College and University of Edinburgh.  
 Kauffmann, Otto Jackson, Owens College.  
 Larkin, Frederick Charles, Liverpool School of Medicine.  
 Lawson, Robert, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
 \*Leach, Priestley, Owens College.  
 Macartney, Edward Kendrick, University College.  
 \*McCabe, William Alexander Bowes, University College, and Victoria College, Jersey.  
 Melson, George Hyde, Private tuition.  
 Meyer, Charles Hartvig Lomo, Guy's Hospital.  
 Moss, Arthur James, Owens College.  
 \*Mukerji, Phani Bhushan, University College.  
 Muspratt, Charles Drummond, Guy's Hospital.  
 Napier, Francis Horatio, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 O'Connor, Edward Kersey, University College.  
 Parker, Herbert, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Pearson, James, University College.  
 Pereira, Conrad, University College.  
 \*Perez, George Victor, University College.  
 Pollard, George Richard M'Intosh, Guy's Hospital.  
 Purnell, Purnell, Guy's Hospital.

- Roome, Stanley Molesworth, Epsom College.  
 Shillito, Henry, Queen's College, Birmingham.  
 Spencer, Walter Baldwin, Old Trafford School and Owens College.  
 \*Stevenson, George, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
 Storrar, William Morrison, University of Edinburgh.  
 Taylor, Charles Henry, King's College.  
 Taylor, Joseph, University College.  
 Turner, Philip Dymock, University College.  
 Vince, John Foster, Queen's College, Birmingham.  
 Voelcker, Arthur Francis, University College.  
 Walsh, John Henry Tull, Westminster Hospital.  
 \*Warrick, Frederic Walmsley, Private study.  
 Weighell, Christopher William, University College.  
 Williams, Patrick Watson, University College, Bristol, and Private study.  
 Williams-Freeman, John Peere, University College.

\* These candidates have also passed in the Mathematics of the First B.Sc. Examination, and are now admissible to the Second B.Sc. Examination.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, August 26th, 1880.

- Bertolacci, John Hewetson, Park Road, New Wandsworth.  
 Collins, Edward Tenisen, Bridge Street, Wednesday.  
 Parker, Hibbert Sullivan, Disraeli Road, Putney.  
 Thomas, James Lloyd, Beaumaris, North Wales.

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their Primary Professional Examination.

- Ranson, William Edward, Middlesex Hospital.  
 Russell, Michael William, Middlesex Hospital.

At the recent Examination for the prizes in Materia Medica and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, the successful candidates were:

1. Arthur Wm. Wheatley, student of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a gold medal.
2. William Watson, student of Guy's Hospital, a silver medal and a book.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

The following vacancies are announced:—

- ABINGDON UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to No. 3 District. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 11th.
- BARNWOOD HOUSE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, near Gloucester—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- \* BETHLEM HOSPITAL—Two Resident Medical Students. Applications, with testimonials, before October 9th.
- BOYLE UNION—Medical Officer for Keadue Dispensary District. Salary, £120 per annum, with £10 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 6th instant.
- BRIDGWATER INFIRMARY—Dispenser. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, etc., to the Honorary Secretary.
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and attendance. Applications, etc., on or before September 27th.
- CHELLENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, with testimonials, before October 10th.
- DEVON COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 9th.
- DREADNOUGHT SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, Greenwich—Dispenser. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications, etc., on or before September 4th.
- \*EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, washing, and residence. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 21st.
- FLINTSHIRE DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary on or before September 7th.
- LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc.
- NEW ROSS UNION—Medical Officer for Fethard Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, exclusive of sanitary, registration, and vaccination fees. Election on September 7th.
- NEWRY UNION—Medical Officer for Mountnorris Dispensary District. Salary, £120 per annum, with £15 per annum as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on September 6th.
- \*RIPON DISPENSARY—Resident House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Honorary Secretaries.
- \*ST. MARYLEBONE UNION—Medical Officer for the St. John's Registration District. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 10th.
- WELLINGTON UNION—Medical Officer to the 1st and 2nd Districts and Workhouse.
- \*WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road—Honorary Surgeon-Dentist. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary on or before September 11th.
- WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL—Clinical Assistant.
- \*WEST END HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, 73, Welbeck Street, W.—Assistant Physician. For particulars, apply to the Honorary Secretary.

WIMBORNE AND CRANBORNE UNION RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.—Medical Officer of Health. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 16th.

YORK FRIENDLY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, before September 14th.

#### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

\*MACDONALD, Keith H., M.D., appointed Surgeon to the Prison, Cupar Fife.

\*TICEHURST, Charles S., M.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Surgeon to the Cottage Hospital, Petersfield, vice T. Moore, F.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

#### 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.

##### BIRTHS.

PEACOCK.—On the 24th August, at Forston House, near Dorchester, the wife of Henry George Peacock, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Assistant Medical Officer Dorset County Asylum, of a son.

NEWTON.—At Worksoy, on August 26th, the wife of Isaac Newton, M.R.C.S.Eng., late Surgeon-Major I.M.D., of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGE.

POOLEY—KENDRICK.—On August 10th, at the Parish Church, Bushbury, by the Rev. M. B. Moorhouse, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. R. S. Rowan, Vicar of St. James, Rochdale, Dr. R. C. Mason Pooley of Rochdale, to Rosa, second daughter of David Kendrick, Esq., J.P., Oxley House, Wolverhampton.

##### DEATHS.

BURGES.—On July 22nd (killed by a fall from his horse, at Meerut, India), William Armstrong Burges, M.D., M.Ch. Queen's University, Ireland, Surgeon British Medical Service, second son of Francis C. Burges, L.R.C.S.I., of Fethard, Clonmel, Ireland, aged 26.

MITCHELL.—At 21, Pepys Road, Hatcham, S.E., on the 31st ultimo, Robt. Mitchell, formerly of Manor House, Deptford, Surgeon, aged 75.

\*WHITMORE, John, M.D., for many years medical officer of health for Marylebone, aged 70, at Ealing Dean.

RARE CAUSE OF INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION.—Dr. J. A. Francis of Caledonia, Ohio, relates in the *Ohio Medical Recorder* a case of intestinal obstruction, with severe pain in the abdomen and vomiting of fecal matter. An injection was given, soon after which it was observed that about a dozen grains of wheat had escaped from the bowel. In reply to inquiry, the patient said that he had constantly been in the habit of eating a grain or two of wheat while at his work (that of a miller); but a few months before he had had all his teeth removed on account of neuralgia, and since then he had swallowed the wheat-grains whole, after holding them a short time in his mouth. Dr. Francis thereon proceeded to give repeated injections of warm water, in which a little lard had been put. After perseverance with this treatment for four or five hours, the whole of the wheat was removed, and he had a natural passage. The quantity of wheat removed amounted to more than a pint and two-thirds.

THE TAMPON IN ABORTION.—Dr. R. W. Griswold writes as follows in the *Louisville Medical News*. For the last twenty years, my reliance has been on a junk of alum in the vagina. If this be not at hand, I take the next best thing that is; but a junk of alum is a part of the contents of my medicine-box. It is of the size of a large hen's egg, ovoid in shape, and generally left a little ragged, though without sharp points. Around the middle is cut a groove, about which is tied a bit of strong, but not large, twine, leaving the ends so that they can hang out of the vagina. No preparation is necessary, nor any exposure of the person needed. The egg is introduced end-way, turned half around so as to bring the long diameter across the vagina, and pushed downward and then upward against the os. In some cases, especially if the canal be large, I back the egg with sufficient packing to secure its retention in position. If the vagina be small and close, there may be no need at all of the supplementary support. This treatment is easy, speedy, and effectual against further hæmorrhage. It has never failed me, and I leave a patient with the feeling that she is safe for the next twelve or fifteen hours, so far as danger from further bleeding is concerned. And I may add, that I have never had any unfavourable effects follow its use in any one of the scores of cases in which it has been employed—no fevers, no septicæmia, no deaths, no anything untoward—and I have never had occasion to use it the second time in any one case. It can be removed when desirable, either by traction on the cord or by the introduction of the fingers, the coagulated blood fished out, the vagina syringed, and the case further treated as circumstances may require. Perhaps this is nothing new; but it is something I have not seen mention made of in any of the standard works that have come under my observation, nor in special papers, nor have I ever heard of in the lectures of the schools.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' APPLICATIONS FOR SUPERANNUATION.—The return granted, on the application of Mr. Thorold Rogers, relative to the superannuation of poor-law medical officers, has just been issued, and is a very interesting document. It appears that, since the passing of the Act in 1870, one hundred and twenty-two applications have been made to the guardians of the various unions named on the return; of this number, seventy were granted, fifty were refused, and two were under consideration, at the date of the return. The reasons alleged for refusal of the grant are extremely divergent. Thus, at Warminster, after twenty-six years' service, the guardians were unwilling to establish a precedent by granting superannuation allowance to medical officers; in other cases, as at Bedminster, one officer, with forty-two years' service, was superannuated, whilst his colleague, with forty-one, was refused, the reason alleged being that the latter was well enough off to do without it. In several instances, no reasons were given for refusal, the guardians not considering it advisable to cause any outcry to be made in their number. At Barrow-on-Soar, after seventeen years, the guardians allege, as their grounds of refusal, "that the officer had been sufficiently paid for what work he had done", etc. Our space does not admit of further reference to the return at present; but we shall again call attention to the subject in a subsequent issue.

DEATHS FROM DIARRHŒA.—The deaths referred to diarrhœa in the twenty largest English towns, which had steadily increased in the ten preceding weeks from 51 to 864, further rose last week to 958, and were equal to an annual rate of 6.7 per 1,000. The diarrhœa death-rate was equal to 3.8 in London, and to 9.4 in the nineteen provincial towns, among which it ranged from 2.7 and 3.2 in Oldham and Bristol, to 13.0 and 18.1 in Sheffield and Leicester.

LEICESTER.—Dr. William Johnston, who holds the post of Medical Officer of Health for this important town, in the place of Mr. Pritchett, sustains, in his report for 1879, the high reputation which he had already gained as assistant officer of health. It is difficult, indeed, to speak in too high terms of his report, which may fairly be taken as a model of what a health officer's report should be. The special features in the Leicester vital statistics—viz., the high infant mortality and the deaths from diarrhœa—receive, as usual, detailed attention. Last year, there were, in an estimated population of 125,622 persons, 4,687 births and 2,651 deaths—equal to rates of 37.3 and 21.1 per 1,000 respectively. The death-rate shows a slight excess (0.5 per 1,000) on the exceptionally low rate of 1878, but was less by 3.5 per 1,000 than the average rate for the nine preceding years. The infantile mortality is still enormously high, the proportion of deaths under one year to births registered being equal to 187 per 1,000, or the highest recorded of any of the large towns. Dr. Johnston devotes an entire chapter of his report to the discussion of the causes of this fatality; and in the end observes, that he attributes "much of the fatality of infants during the summer to the air becoming impure through admixture with sewer emanations, here rendered specially hurtful in that they come from sewers containing deposit. This factor in the causation of infant deaths is, of course, at this season supplemented through the ignorance and neglect shown by mothers in the rearing of their children; and I regard these neglectful habits as constituting the chief cause of a great part of the fatality sustained during the other seasons of the year". For these reasons, Dr. Johnston warmly advocates the establishment, by the health authority, of public nurseries, which would, as he points out, be self-supporting after the first outlay of fitting up. The subject of diarrhœa is one to which Dr. Johnston has devoted very great attention; and the remarkable diminution in the mortality last year (88 deaths, against 302 in 1878, and an average of 275 in the ten years 1869-78) makes his explanation of the causes of the decrease especially interesting. He says: "Speaking generally, the combined effect of the seasonal circumstances of last summer quarter was to reduce to an extent much below the average the amount of putrefactive impregnation of the air in towns which takes place during this season of the year. This fact, taken in conjunction with the very marked decline that occurred in the fatality of diarrhœa, offers, to my mind, the most convincing proof of the excrementitious origin of the disease; and adds further weight to my belief that 'diarrhœa, as it affects both adults and infants during the summer months, depends in the majority of instances upon the introduction into the system by means of air, or in food, of living organic ferments derived from the putrefactive decomposition of animal refuse matter.' The problem of infantile diarrhœa at Leicester cannot, however, be as yet regarded as satisfactorily solved by this explanation. Amongst other items of interest in Dr. Johnston's report, are the conspicuous advantage gained in dealing with an epidemic of scarlatina, by the coming in force of the local Act requiring compulsory notification of infectious diseases, and the increasing use which is being made of the Corporation Fever Hos-

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.

LIFE-ZEST.

SIR,—Can you give me any idea of the composition of the preparation called "Life-Zest, or Anti-Drink", that is now so freely advertised in the London papers? I should like to try its effects upon a patient, but have an objection to secret remedies. If you can give me any information on the subject, it will be deemed a favour by yours truly,  
 ZEST.  
 \*We do not know the composition of the preparation to which our correspondent refers.

CORRESPONDENTS are particularly requested by the Editor to observe that communications relating to advertisements, changes of address, and other business matters, should be addressed to Mr. FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary and Manager, at the Journal Office, 161, Strand, London, and not to the Editor.

MEDICAL TITLES.

SIR,—Would you kindly inform me, in your next issue, whether or not it be lawful for a gentleman holding the L. S. A. of London to put Doctor on his door-plate? and, also, is it legal for one holding the double qualification to style himself Physician and Surgeon? Apologising for troubling you, I am, sir, yours, etc.,  
 August 28th, 1880.  
 MEDICUS.

\* There is no law bearing on either case. But the use of the title "Dr." by a Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Society (unless he have some special right to use the title) is in very bad taste. Our correspondent does not say what "double qualification" he means. Anyone holding a diploma from a College of Physicians, and another from a College of Surgeons, is certainly a physician and surgeon.

ALPHA had perhaps better ascertain the views of the Registrar of the College on the subject.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.

SIR,—In your reply to "Registered Practitioner" (Grenada) on page 114 of the JOURNAL for July 17th, you state "it would be unusual for the Colonial Office to appoint a gentleman who had not put himself on the Register". Your reply was, no doubt, justified by the information you possessed; but it may interest your correspondent to know that not only are many senior practitioners who are not on the Register employed by the Colonial Office, but that many junior practitioners have lately been appointed whose names are not on the Register, and, further, that several Colonial medical appointments have of late years been conferred on medical men not possessing a registrable qualification. I have known the appointment of an unregistered practitioner to be disallowed by the Secretary of State, but I have also known such a practitioner to discharge the duties and receive the emoluments of a Government appointment for a very considerable period.—Your obedient servant,  
 August 5th, 1880.  
 ANOTHER REGISTERED PRACTITIONER.

EXPERIMENTAL METER.—M. B. (Edinburgh) asks for particulars (maker, price, etc.) of an experimental meter, as used by the Germans in physiological research.

AN ANCIENT MEDICAL CHARITY.

SIR,—On the boundary line of Rochester and Chatham is situated the Chapel of St. Bartholomew, together with the ruins of the Hospital for Lepers, which was attached to it. These formed one institution, founded by Gundulph in 1078. The lepers' home is replaced by our excellent General Hospital; and we are endeavouring to restore the venerable Norman Chapel, now over eight hundred years old, the sole remaining link which binds us to what is, I believe, the oldest medical charity in England. Plans were furnished by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, who speaks of the Chapel as a "precious archaeological and historical relic, the preservation of which is of the utmost importance". The sum of £600 is still required to complete this good work. Will you allow me to appeal to your readers for help on medical, ecclesiastical, archæological, and architectural grounds? I will gladly furnish the fullest particulars to anyone who may be disposed to assist; and I hope that some of those whom God has prospered in their profession may be willing to give of their substance for the preservation of His House.—I am, etc.,  
 JOHN BAILEY, Chaplain of the Chapel and Hospital of St. Bartholomew, Rochester.

NOCTURNAL INCONTINENCE OF URINE.

SIR,—I have lately had under my care a case similar in many respects to that of your correspondent "A. K." Enuresis is a common disease affecting elderly people (especially females) during sleep, and due to a relaxation of the muscular system. The cause is frequently not far to seek—excessive indulgence in fermented liquors. In such cases, there are no symptoms of a weakness or disease of the viscus. As to treatment, I have found the following most successful. Injections of cold water (at first lukewarm, gradually reducing the temperature); the frequent use of cold baths, and sponging and dashing the scrotum and sacrum with cold water, accompanied by the internal administration of strychnine and tincture of cantharides. I have not tried electricity; Duchenne strongly recommends it; neither have I given creosote, although it is a favourite "specific" with some. As a rule, every means fail, and the unhappy sufferer has no other alternative than to wear during sleep a rubber urinal.—I am, etc.,  
 J. FERENS OLIVER, M.D.  
 Staindrop, August 14th, 1880.

We have received from "A Non-Practising Member" a cheque for £5 for Mr. Buncombe.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES IN CEYLON.

SIR,—From the accompanying notice of resolutions and letter, you will observe that Ceylon is not in a prosperous condition, and it behoves young medical men to think well before coming out here.—Yours faithfully,  
 M. D.

"Notice.—A general meeting of the proprietors or their agents or managers in the Dickoya district will be held at Norwood, at two o'clock, on the 3rd of July, for the purpose of considering the two resolutions proposed by Mr. S. G. D. Skrine: 1. 'That this meeting is of opinion that, taking into consideration the general depression in the district, a reduction should be made in the doctor's salary.' 2. 'That after due notice given, the doctor's salary be reduced to Rs. 4,000 per annum; that he be allowed to charge all attendance on superintendents as private practice; and that a rate of charges be fixed by the committee, the doctor in future being only asked to attend to the hospital, and not to expect to visit estate lines as previously.'—W. H. FREESE, Chairman and Secretary, D.M.A.C.—Colombo, June 19th, 1880."

"To the Editor of the Ceylon Times.—Sir,—I see that a step is being taken in the right direction in Dickoya, in the shape of a motion to reduce the salary of the doctor to Rs. 4000. The whole working of the medical Ordinance is so complete a sham and such a terrible waste of money, that any attempt to reduce the cost to a reasonable limit should be largely supported. In this case the salary is now Rs. 7,000 with private practice. Though doubtless the doctor may be well worth this salary, the point is that proprietors cannot and will not continue to pay a heavy assessment, in order to provide superior medical attendance for the wives and families of superintendents. As far as the coolies are concerned a Calcutta trained native doctor would understand and minister to their wants far better than any English surgeon, and now when economies are being carried into other branches of estate expenditure, let this serious blot be touched also.—ONE INTERESTED"