

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.*

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at Barnard Castle, on Tuesday, October 5th.

Members intending to read papers are requested to communicate at once with the Secretary.

Durham, September 9th. T. W. BARRON, *Honorary Secretary.*

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.

THE next meeting of this District will take place at Folkestone, on Thursday, September 23rd.

Members intending to read papers are requested to give immediate notice.

W. KNIGHT TREVES, F.R.C.S., *Honorary Secretary.*
Margate, September 6th, 1880.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DENTAL ACT.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to correct several errors of recorded facts into which the author of the article, "Mr. Tomes and the Dental Profession", has unconsciously fallen? There were and are no means of knowing the precise number of qualified surgeons who practise dental surgery; but there is no reason to suppose that the number materially falls above or below one hundred. Of these, seventy petitioned Parliament in favour of the Dentists' Bill, and sixty-eight subsequently memorialised members of Parliament, individually, to support the Bill as it then stood. Hence, instead of acting against, as stated in the article, I acted with the majority of surgeons practising dental surgery.

When the dental section of the Lord President's Medical Bill was, clause by clause, under the consideration of the Medical Council, a motion was made which aimed at depriving the Licentiates in Dental Surgery of the right to use the title of dental surgeon. The question was then fully considered. Sir James Paget, Professor Rolleston, Mr. Simon, and Dr. Storrar, took an active part in the discussion against the motion, which was rejected by a vote of twelve to five. Hence the right was, contrary to the allegation in the article, approved and preserved by leading members of Council in their place at the Council board.*

In the minutes of the Medical Council, July 1878, will be found a letter from the Government counsel, Mr. Jenkyns, stating that the Dentists' Bill, under the direction of the Government, had been amended, so that the dentists under the amended Bill would be placed in the same position as they would have been in had the dental section, as approved by the Council of the Lord Presidents' Bill, become law. More than one-half of the letterpress of the Dentists' Act consists of clauses transferred from the Medical Bill cited; and hence it cannot be justly said that the Act is "essentially different from the Bill which they (the General Medical Council) had approved in Council".

The evidence of the Council's minutes, and the very extensive changes the Bill underwent in the House of Lords at the instance of the Council, prove that the provisions of the Act were made to accord with the decisions of the Medical Council; notwithstanding the off-hand allegations to the contrary made (even by two or three members of Council) in after-dinner speeches, to the guests at the quoted banquet given by the few dentists who were acknowledged opponents of the Dentists' Act.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN TOMES.

Penzance, September 7th, 1880.

* See minutes of Medical Council, 1878; and reports of discussion in the medical and dental journals of July 1878.

THE death of Dr. William Armstrong Burges, A.M.D., is reported as having taken place at Meerut, India, on August 23rd, in consequence of a fall from his horse.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, September 2nd, 1880.

Harral, Charles Henry, Kirkgate, Leeds.
Head, Philip Alexander Dewar, Clapton.
Hepburn, William Alexander, Coxhoe, Durham.
Morgan, William Pierce, Dowlais, Glamorganshire.
Smith, John, Commercial Road, E.
Watson, Archibald, Paris.

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

Cowan, Richard Hamilton, London Hospital.
Faraker, John Joseph, Guy's Hospital.
Hudson, Ernest, University College.

In the list published on August 21st, the name "Oswold" should have been "Oswald".

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.

*BETHLEM HOSPITAL—Two Resident Medical Students. Applications, with testimonials, before October 9th.

*CAMBRIDGE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and attendance. Applications, etc., on or before September 27th.

CHELTHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, with testimonials, before October 10th.

*EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, washing, and residence. Applications, with testimonials, on or before September 21st.

EXETER FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Junior Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications, etc., to the Secretary at once.

ISLINGTON PARISH—Medical Officer for the Barnsbury District. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications, etc., on or before September 15th.

*RIPON DISPENSARY—Resident House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, etc. Applications, with testimonials, to the Honorary Secretaries.

*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.

ARCHER, Robert S., A.B., M.B., appointed Honorary Physician to the Fever Hospital, Netherfield Road, Liverpool.

BALLANCE, C. A., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

BUTLER, H. P., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

DUNBAR, Alexander, M.D., appointed Honorary Physician to the Fever Hospital, Netherfield Road, Liverpool.

GREVES, E. H., M.B., appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Liverpool Royal Infirmary School of Medicine, *vice* H. Briggs, M.B., resigned.

HATTON, G. S., M.B., appointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

LAWFORD, J. B., M.D., appointed Assistant House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

RICHARDSON, C. B., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

ROBINSON, James, M.D., appointed Certifying Surgeon for the Turton District, *vice* John Robinson, M.R.C.S.E., deceased.

WALTERS, F. R., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

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.

HORNSBY.—On the 1st inst., at Bromsgrove, the wife of Geo. H. Hornsby, M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

TYLECOTE.—On Sept. 5th, at Sandon, Staffordshire, the wife of J. H. Tylecote, M.D., of a still-born son.

MARRIAGES.

BLUMER-GRIFFITHS.—On the 7th instant, at St. John's, Hackney, by the Rev. J. C. Buckley, M.A., W. Percy Blumer, Surgeon, of Keyworth, Nottingham, eldest son of L. Blumer, M.D., Sunderland, to Jessie Perks (Deaconess Jessie), fifth daughter of Samuel Griffiths, of Claremont Lodge, Stoke Newington, and 84, Cannon Street, London.

JOHNSTON-MOORE.—On the 31st August, at the Abbey Church, Tewkesbury, by the Rev. Hemming Robson, assisted by the Rev. Thurston Rivington, E. Cocks Johnston, M.R.C.S., Bristol Street, Birmingham, to Edith Mary Moore, eldest daughter of B. T. Moore, J.P., Tewkesbury.

REID-MUNNS.—On the 2nd instant, at St. Martin's Church, Canterbury, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury, assisted by the Rev. William Newman and the Rev. T. M. Maitland, Thomas Whitehead Reid, M.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., to Emily Eliza, third daughter of Colonel Munns, of St. Martin's Priory, Canterbury.

SAUNDY-SPENCER.—On the 10th August, at Bishops Wood, by the Rev. R. Ford Heath, M.A.Oxon., Vicar of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. R. Wilson Jones, M.A.Oxon., brother-in-law of the bridegroom, Robert Saundby, M.D.Edin., to Mary Edith, third daughter of Thomas Spencer, Esq., of Blackladies, Staffordshire.

DEATHS.

BURROWS.—On Sept. 8th, at Ivy House, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, in her 82nd year, Elizabeth, wife of Dr. John B. Burrows, of the above city. No cards. The funeral will leave Ivy House for the Necropolis at 11 A.M. on Saturday, the 11th instant.

HUGHES.—On September 1st, suddenly, Robert Hughes, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., The Red House, Woodbridge, Suffolk, aged 40.

MOORE.—On the 4th instant, at 2, Osborne Terrace, South Circular Road, Dublin, Malcolm Henry Moore, M.B., aged 23.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—During last week, being the thirty-fifth week of this year, 4,061 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 25 deaths annually in every 1,000 persons living. The annual death-rate was 20 in Edinburgh, 20 in Glasgow, and 36 in Dublin. The annual rates of mortality in the twenty English towns were as follow: Oldham, 19; Plymouth, 19; London, 21; Bristol, 22; Portsmouth, 22; Brighton, 23; Birmingham, 23; Bradford, 24; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 26; Hull, 27; Manchester, 27; Sheffield, 27; Leeds, 27; Wolverhampton, 27; Liverpool, 34; Nottingham, 35; Salford, 35; Norwich, 35; and the highest rate, 38, in Sunderland and Leicester. The annual death-rate from the seven principal zymotic diseases averaged 7.8 per 1,000 in the twenty towns, and ranged from 4.2 and 4.9 in Plymouth and Brighton, to 17.0 in Norwich, 17.4 in Salford, and 19.3 in Leicester. Scarlet fever showed fatal prevalence in Norwich and Sunderland. The deaths from enteric fever were proportionally excessive in Portsmouth and Plymouth. The deaths referred to diarrhoea in the twenty towns, which had steadily increased in the eleven preceding weeks from 51 to 958, declined last week to 853, and were equal to an annual rate of 5.9 per 1,000. The death-rate from diarrhoea was equal to 3.3 in London, and to 8.5 in the nineteen provincial towns, among which the rate ranged from 2.1 and 2.9 in Plymouth and Brighton, to 14.1 in Salford, and 18.1 in Leicester. In London, 1,460 deaths were registered, exceeding the average by 10. The annual death-rate from all causes was 20.8 per 1,000. The 1,460 deaths included 5 from small-pox, 15 from measles, 47 from scarlet fever, 10 from diphtheria, 25 from whooping-cough, 23 from different forms of fever, and 232 from diarrhoea—being altogether 357 zymotic deaths, which were 11 below the corrected average, and were equal to an annual rate of 5.1 per 1,000. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs, which had been 167 and 124 in the two preceding weeks, rose again to 152 last week, and exceeded the corrected average by 6; 79 were attributed to bronchitis, and 43 to pneumonia. Different forms of violence caused 42 deaths; 29 were the result of negligence or accident, including 13 from fractures and contusions, 4 from drowning, and 7 of infants under one year of age from suffocation. The deaths include 54 of persons aged upwards of eighty years, of whom no fewer than eleven were stated to be nonagenarians.—At Greenwich, the mean temperature of the air was 67.3°. The warmest day was Saturday, when the mean was 73.2°, and exceeded the average by 13.5°. The lowest night temperature was 53.6° on Wednesday, and the highest day temperature in the shade 87.2° on Saturday; the extreme range in the week was, therefore, 33.6°. The highest temperature in the sun was 143.2° on Saturday. The general direction of the wind was easterly, and the horizontal movement of the air averaged 7.2 miles per hour. No rain was measured during the week. The duration of registered bright sunshine in the week was 55.5 hours, equal to 59 per cent. of its possible duration. The recorded amount of ozone was above the average.

* **MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.**—Mr. J. J. B. Popjoy, L.R.C.P.Lond., has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Accrington.

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., 2; 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., 3; 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.

THE name of Dr. J. Kirk Duncanson (Edinburgh) was accidentally omitted from the list of members of the British Medical Association present at the annual meeting at Cambridge.

INQUIRENS.—Either the circular or the card would be admissible; it being distinctly understood, however, that it was sent exclusively to the private patients of "Inquirers".