

He has not been able to leave his bed since the attack on October 26th; he is easily roused if dosing, and his mind remains quite clear.

The opinion we have formed is, that there is thrombosis of some of the smaller cerebral arteries on the right side (probably supplying the region of the parieto-occipital fissure). The prognosis is naturally grave.

JOHN WALTERS, M.B., Reigate.

### THE PARKES MUSEUM.

THE first general meeting of the Parkes Museum, since its incorporation under Act of Parliament, was held on Saturday, October 28th, 1882, at the new premises recently acquired by the Council in Margaret Street, Regent Street (opposite the church of All Saints). The chair was taken at a quarter past three o'clock by Captain DOUGLAS GALTON, C.B., F.R.S., and he was supported by Mr. Twining, Mr. George Godwin, Professor De Chaumont, Mr. Davenport Hill, and numerous other gentlemen interested in the welfare of the Museum.

The Secretary, Mr. JUDGE, read the formal notice convening the meeting.

The first business was the election of a president. Mr. THOMAS TWINING, well known for his labours, especially in the department of personal hygiene, and as the owner of the Twickenham Economic Museum, so unfortunately destroyed by fire about ten years ago, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to learn that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, had graciously consented to become the first President; and he then formally proposed the election of His Royal Highness.

Mr. GEORGE GODWIN, F.R.S., spoke in warm terms of the suitability of the Prince to such a post, and of the interest which he always exhibited in any movement which tended towards the amelioration of the social condition of the people. It was resolved to convey to His Royal Highness the resolution of the meeting.

Dr. G. V. POORE proposed that the following twelve noblemen, ladies, and gentlemen (whose consent had previously been obtained) should be elected Vice-Presidents: the Duke of Northumberland, the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Derby, the Earl Fortescue, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Right Hon. Sir Richard A. Cross, M.P., Sir Joseph Fayer, K.C.S.I., Mr. Edwin Chadwick, C.B., Professor Huxley, Miss Florence Nightingale, Mr. Robert Rawlinson, C.B., and Professor Tyndall. The proposal was duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

Dr. DAWSON WILLIAMS moved that the following gentlemen, who had signed the Memorandum of Association, and had served as the Provisional Council, should be elected as the Council of the museum: Professor W. H. Corfield, Mr. Rogers Field, C.E., Captain Douglas Galton, C.B., F.R.S., Mr. George Godwin, F.R.S., Dr. W. R. Gowers, Professor Hayter Lewis, Professor John Marshall, F.R.S., Mr. Charles Parkes, Dr. Russell Reynolds, F.R.S., Mr. E. C. Robins, F.R.I.B.A., Dr. Sieveking, Professor T. Roger Smith, Dr. John C. Steele, Mr. Thomas Twining, Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, A.R.A., and Dr. Dawson Williams.

The motion was seconded by Mr. ROBINS, and carried unanimously.

Professor DE CHAUMONT moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

Captain DOUGLAS GALTON, in responding, said that the building in which they were assembled had been recently obtained by the Council, and seemed to him to be, on the whole, fairly well adapted to the present wants of the museum. Alterations were already in progress, and it might eventually be necessary to make still more extensive improvements. There was every probability that the museum would be open to the public soon after Christmas. The work of re-arranging the various objects would take up a considerable amount of time, and this duty had been delegated to a very competent committee of experts, chosen from among the members of the Council. It was their intention that every apparatus shown should be an example of the application of sound sanitary principles, and the best existing specimen of its kind. It was hoped that the museum might soon grow to be an important educational centre; and one considerable step in that direction had just been taken. The drainage of the museum building itself had been thoroughly examined by Dr. Corfield and Mr. Rogers Field, who had proposed a well considered scheme, which would exemplify the best means of overcoming some of the various difficulties met with in such a city as London; every detail of the new system was to be so constructed, that it might open to inspection, and thus be available for teaching purposes. Mr. Rogers Field, who had already devoted much time and labour to the service of the museum, had generously offered to defray the whole expense of the new system of drainage out of his own pocket. One of the departments of the museum would be a collection of the various articles suitable for food, or presenting certain dietetic

advantages; and this Mr. Thomas Twining was about to present, free of cost, and systematically arranged in suitable cases.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Rogers Field for his offer (above referred to) was, on the motion of the Chairman, unanimously carried.

At a meeting of Council held on the same day, Captain Douglas Galton was elected Chairman, Dr. George Vivian Poore, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Berkeley Hill, Treasurer, and Dr. Dawson Williams, Honorary Secretary. Mr. Mark H. Judge, who assiduously discharged the duties of Secretary to the museum before its incorporation, continues to occupy that office.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

#### NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1882: ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held on Wednesday, January 17th, 1883. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members of the Association must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than 21 days before the meeting—viz., December 27th, 1882, in accordance with the regulation for the election of members passed at the meeting of the Committee of Council of October 12th, 1881.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

### PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Committee of Council, held at Exeter Hall, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, October 18th, 1882—present, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, President of Council, in the chair; Dr. W. Strange, President; Dr. A. T. H. Waters, President-elect; Dr. W. F. Wade, Treasurer; Dr. J. T. Arlidge, Mr. B. Barrow, Dr. M. M. de Bartolomé, Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Surgeon-Major J. P. H. Boileau, Dr. L. Borchardt, Dr. A. Carpenter, Dr. C. Chadwick, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. A. Davidson, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. E. Long Fox, Dr. J. H. Gibson, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Mr. A. J. Harrison, Dr. C. Holman, Professor G. M. Humphry, F.R.S., Mr. A. Jackson, Dr. T. E. Jones, Dr. H. Lanchester, Mr. C. Macnamara, Mr. F. E. Manby, Mr. F. Mason, Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. E. Rickards, Dr. R. C. Shettle, Mr. S. W. Sibley, Dr. E. H. Sieveking, Dr. E. M. Skerritt, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Mr. T. Sympson, Mr. J. Wood, F.R.S.;

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from Mr. Alfred Baker, Dr. Duffey, and Mr. W. D. Husband.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Read communication from Mr. Shirley Deakin, and requisition from members of the medical profession of Allahabad, of which the following is a copy:

Allahabad, N.W.P., India, June 1882.  
*From Medical Practitioners resident in India to the President and Council of the British Medical Association.*

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned members of the medical profession, resident in India, request the sanction of the General Council of the British Medical Association, to our constituting the North-West Provinces and Oudh Branch of the British Medical Association.

A copy of the by-laws proposed for the Branch is appended; and here follow signatures of members of the medical profession of the district.

Resolved: That the North-West Provinces and Oudh Branch be, and it is hereby, recognised as a Branch of the British Medical Association.

Resolved: That the warm thanks of the Association be given to Mr. Shirley Deakin for his able and successful efforts in founding the East Indian Branch.

Read Resolution of Council, 1882-83, of which the following is a copy:

That the Committee of Council be requested to consider in what way the direct representation of Branches can best be secured.

It was moved: That in place of the words Honorary Secretary, in By-law 25, the word *Representative* be substituted.

Whereupon an amendment was moved:

That the subject of the representation of the Branches on the Committee of Council be referred to a Subcommittee to report to the next meeting of the Committee of Council, viz., the President of Council, the President, the Treasurer, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Dr. Ward Cousins, Dr. Alexander Davidson, Dr. Grigg, Dr. Holman, Mr. Arthur Jackson, Dr. Parsons, and Dr. A. P. Stewart.

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

The amendment was then put as a substantive motion, and declared to be carried.

Read Resolution of General Meeting of Members, at Worcester, August 8th, of which the following are copies :

That Dr. Ward Cousins's Resolution be referred to the Committee of Council to consider whether any or what alteration should be made in the constitution of the Journal and Finance Committee.

Dr. Ward Cousins's Motion :

That the following alterations in By-law 35 are desirable :

1. The President of the Association to be an *ex-officio* member of the Journal and Finance Committee. 2. The annual retirement of four of the elected members, who shall remain ineligible for re-election for two years.

By-law 35.—At the meeting of the Committee of Council held next after the Annual Meeting, a Subcommittee of twelve members shall be elected, who, together with the President of Council and Treasurer, shall constitute the Journal and Finance Committee for the ensuing twelve months. Three members shall be a quorum.

Resolved : That the matter be referred to the Journal and Finance Committee for consideration, and report, to this Committee.

Resolved : That the election of one of the candidates proposed as a member be referred to the Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.

Resolved : That the remaining sixty-seven candidates whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting be, and they are hereby, elected members of the Association.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee were read.

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

The minutes contain a report on the quarterly accounts, amounting to £3,596 16s. 6d.; and a recommendation that they be paid; also a recommendation that certain machinery be obtained for the increased work, amounting, with new type, to £320.

Resolved : That Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, and Co., be appointed auditors for the ensuing twelve months.

The minutes of the Trust Funds Subcommittee of August 8th were read and approved.

Resolved : That the gentlemen whose names are as follows be appointed the Collective Investigation Committee for the ensuing twelve months : Professor Humphry, F.R.S., Chairman ; Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, President of Council ; Dr. W. F. Wade, Treasurer ; Dr. T. C. Allbutt, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. A. Ransome, Dr. E. H. Sieveking, and Dr. Mahomed, Secretary.

Resolved : That the Annual Meeting of 1883 be held on July 31st, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Resolved : That there be two Addresses given at the Annual Meeting of 1883, to be held at Liverpool : viz., Pathology and Surgery.

The minutes of the Arrangement Committee were read, and it was

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

The minutes of the Arrangement Committee contain the proposed arrangements for the Annual Meeting of 1883 at Liverpool.

Resolved : That the minutes of the Scientific Grants Committee of October 17th be approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

The minutes of the Scientific Grants Committee contain recommendations for grants in aid of research to the amount of £200.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH : EAST KENT DISTRICT.**—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the County Hospital, Canterbury, on Thursday, November 9th, at 3 P.M.; Dr. Parsons in the chair. Agenda.—Collective Investigation Committee work. Mr. Thurston : Case of Atresia Vaginae. Mr. Brian Rigden : Case of Spurious Hermaphroditism. Mr. Wachter : An Obstinate Case of Skin-Disease. Mr. Whitehead Reid : Endocervicitis. Dinner at the Fleur de Lys Hotel at 5 P.M.—T. WHITEHEAD REID, Honorary Secretary, 34, St. George's Place, Canterbury.—October 24th, 1882.

**EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.**—A general meeting of this Branch will be held at the Infirmary, Hull, on Wednesday, November 8th, 1882, at 3 P.M. Gentlemen who wish to make any communications are requested to inform the Secretary not later than the 31st instant.—E. P. HARDEY, Honorary Secretary, 17, Brunswick Terrace, Hull.—October 19th, 1882.

**NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.**—A meeting of this Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Thursday, December 7th. Members intending to read papers are requested to communicate immediately with ALEX. DEMPSEY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 26, Clifton Street, Belfast.—October 26th, 1882.

**MIDLAND BRANCH.**—A meeting will be held at Boston, on Thursday, November 23rd, when the Committee for the Collective Investigation of Disease, for the county of Lincoln, will be appointed. Gentlemen intending to read papers or to show specimens or cases, are requested to communicate with the District Honorary Secretary, W. A. CARLINE, M.D., Lincoln.

**SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH : WEST KENT DISTRICT.**—A meeting of the above District will be held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, on Friday, November 17th, at 3 P.M.; A. W. Nankivell, F.R.C.S., in the chair. Dinner will take place at the Bull Hotel, Rochester, at 5.30 P.M. Charge, six shillings per head, exclusive of wine. All members of the South Eastern Branch are entitled to attend this meeting

and introduce friends. The following papers have already been promised. A. W. Nankivell, Esq. : 1. A case of Dislocation of the Femur on to the Pubes. 2. A case of Compound Comminuted Fracture of Elbow-Joint. 3. A case of wound of the Palmar Arch. F. B. Jessett, Esq. : A case of large fluid Tumour of the Uterus, removed by Abdominal Section and Enucleation, complicated by Cystic Disease of Right Ovary.—A. H. B. HALLOWES, Honorary Secretary.

**SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH : EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.**—The next meeting of the above District will take place at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Tuesday, November 28th, at 3.45 P.M. Dr. Hayman of Eastbourne will preside. Dinner at 6 P.M.; charge, 6s., exclusive of wine. Notice of intended communications should be sent at once to the Honorary Secretary, T. JENNER VERRALL, 95, Western Road, Brighton.

**STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.**—The first general meeting of the present session will be held at the Railway Hotel, Stoke-upon-Trent, on Thursday, November 30th, at 4 P.M.—VINCENT JACKSON, Honorary Secretary, Wolverhampton.

### WEST SOMERSET BRANCH : AUTUMNAL MEETING.

The autumnal meeting of this Branch was held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, October 26th. There were present fifteen members and two visitors ; H. P. OLIVEY, Esq., President, in the chair.

**Dinner.**—Some routine matters having been disposed of, the meeting sat down to dinner at half past five o'clock. Afterwards the papers were read, and the subject fixed for discussion was taken subsequently.

**Communications.**—The following papers were read :

1. On Congenital Malformation of the (Esophagus, by William Lid-don, Esq. Two cases were related in which the infants were well formed and eager to take food, but not able to swallow it, died in a few days of inanition. A *post mortem* examination was only allowed in one of the cases, and in that a complete closure of the oesophagus at its upper part was found to exist. The preparation shown.

2. On a Case of large Polypoid Tumour of the Rectum Complicating Delivery, by Engledeu Prideaux, Esq. The tumour, which was about the size of a foetal head, was removed by ligature subsequent to a tedious instrumental labour. It was found to be attached by a loose pedicle, which probably sprang from as high as the sigmoid flexure, as its attachment could not be reached. The patient made a good recovery. The preparation was shown.

3. On the Pathological Phenomena of Acute Rheumatism, and the relation of these to certain drugs, by George Cordwent, M.D. Dr. Cordwent referred to certain physical and chemical phenomena observable in the blood and in certain tissues during acute rheumatism, and traced their probable connection with impressions first made on nervous centres ; and he then showed how such drugs as the salicylates may most likely produce their beneficial effects.

**Discussion on the Treatment of Acute Rheumatism.**—Almost all present stated their views, and related their practice on this subject. Some members had no faith in specifics, and based their practice on the expectant plan. Keeping their patients warm, and trusting to time and the *vis medicatrix* ; but a large majority of speakers expressed their decided faith in salicylate of soda, given at first in large doses of fifteen or twenty grains every two or three hours, and, as relief followed, reducing the quantity to be daily administered, but so as not to abandon its use for several weeks. Details of practice were minutely given by some speakers, and special plans of treatment, such as blistering, were much discussed. As regards blistering joints, the practice was generally condemned ; but blistering for cardiac affections was equally approved by a number of speakers. A written answer from Mr. Cornwall was read, in which he advocated the use of benzoate of soda, given in doses of from ten to twenty grains every four hours.

**Microscopic Specimens.**—Some slides showing the bacillus tuberculosis and other bacilli were exhibited by Mr. Prideaux.

### SOUTHERN BRANCH : DORSET DISTRICT.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, October 25th, at the Crown Hotel, Blandford, Mr. F. D. Lys, Vice-President, in the chair.

**Election of Officers.**—Dr. Williams of Sherborne was elected president ; Dr. Batterbury of Wimborne, and Dr. Spooner of Blandford, vice-presidents ; and Dr. Lush of Weymouth, and Mr. C. H. Watts Parkinson of Wimborne, joint honorary secretaries and treasurers for the ensuing year ; Mr. Parkinson to act as secretary to assist the Collective Investigation Committee.

**New Members.**—Mr. James Tarzwell, of Sturminster-Newton, was elected a member of the district.

**Papers.**—The following papers were read : Mr. F. D. Lys, Diabetes ; Dr. Leach : The Recent Cremations in Dorset, the First in Modern England.

**Next Meeting.**—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Sherborne.

A grant of two guineas was made to the British Medical Benevolent Fund.

*Dinner.*—The members dined together at the hotel.

#### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

THE first meeting of this District for the session was held at the Royal Naval School, Greenwich, on October 20th; THOMAS BRIDGWATER, M.B., President of the Branch, in the Chair.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT, in his opening remarks, referred to the successful jubilee meeting of the Association recently held at Worcester, and said all who had the good fortune to be present at that meeting must have been deeply impressed with the conviction how much medical science had advanced in fifty years, and how deeply society was indebted to the Association for the good work it had done during that time. All who witnessed the energetic manner in which everything connected with the Worcester meeting was carried out would also take hope for progress in the future at least equal to that in the past. In that progress, he trusted that the Metropolitan Counties Branch would not be behindhand, and that each of the Districts into which it was divided would take its share. Referring to the proposed notification of infectious disease, he believed he would be in accord with the general sentiments of the profession when he said that medical men should not be compelled to notify, and that the proposal to fine them for not reporting was an insult.

Dr. FORSYTH, in moving a vote of thanks to the President, said, with regard to the question to which he had alluded, it would be like whipping a dead horse to say much on the subject of compulsory notification in Greenwich. He thought Dr. Carter of Liverpool had done a great service to the profession.

Mr. H. W. ROBERTS seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

*Communications.*—The following communications were made.

1. Mr. W. Johnson Smith showed a Tumour of the External Ear.

2. Mr. Brindley James read a paper on Public Vaccination.

*Election of Secretary.*—Mr. Nelson Hardy, who had held office for four years, having resigned, Mr. Johnson Smith was requested to act as Honorary Secretary *pro tempore*; and thanks were voted to the outgoing Secretary.

#### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the above District took place at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, on Thursday, October 12th, at 4 P.M.; Dr. H. S. STONE of Reigate in the chair.

*Collective Investigation Committee.*—Dr. MAHOMED explained the purposes for which the Collective Investigation Committee of the British Medical Association had been formed, and invited the co-operation of all the members of the Branch. A local committee was nominated, and Dr. Stowers elected Honorary Secretary.

*Communications.*—The following papers were read.

1. The Chairman: Two Cases of Congenital Umbilical Hernia.

2. Mr. Hallowes: Notes of two Cases of Paralysis.

3. Dr. Walters: Notes of a Case of Compound Depressed Fracture of Skull, followed by Trephining.

4. Dr. Walters exhibited the Upper Cervical Vertebrae of a Lad, dislocated and fractured by a fall.

5. Mr. W. A. Berridge: Notes of a Case of Hæmaturia.

6. Mr. Berridge showed a specimen of Epithelioma of the Bladder.

*Dinner.*—The members and several visitors afterwards dined together at the hotel.

#### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE first ordinary meeting of the Session was held at the Museum and Library, Bristol, on Wednesday evening, October 25th, Dr. Spender, President, in the chair. There were also present fifty-five members and one visitor.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen were elected members: F. Taylor, M.R.C.S., Bristol; J. H. L. Macintire, M.R.C.S., Bristol; W. F. Tuckett, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Bath.

*Communications.*—The following were read:

1. Dr. Waldo read a paper on a Case of Consolidation of a Large Aneurysm without Surgical Interference, and exhibited the patient. Mr. Dowson, Dr. Shingleton Smith, Mr. Greig Smith, Mr. Munro Smith, Dr. Steven, Dr. Markham Skerritt, Mr. Michell Clarke, and Mr. Cross, took part in the discussion which followed.

2. Mr. Nelson Dobson read some Remarks on some of the More Important Operations During Ten Years' Work at the Bristol General Hospital.

3. Mr. Harsant related Two Successful Cases of Colotomy.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### TREATMENT OF SUBCLAVIAN ANEURYSM.

SIR,—My attention has been directed to a letter from Mr. A. F. McGill (Leeds) in your last issue, in which a statement of mine on the subject of temporary compression of large arteries, made during the discussion at Worcester on Mr. Thomson's remarkable case of subclavian aneurysm, is referred to. Mr. McGill states that I am apparently not aware that this treatment has been already adopted; and refers to vol. 58 of the *Medico-Chirurgical Transactions* for particulars of a case in which he put this treatment into practice in 1875.

In reply, I beg to state that I was quite aware that the treatment has been already adopted. It was tested by the late Mr. Abraham Colles and Sir Philip Crampton about half a century ago; and an ingenious instrument, which can still be seen in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, for carrying out the practice, was devised by the late Mr. L'Estrange of this city. The principle of temporary deligation has been, however, more efficiently carried out by means of an instrument devised by Mr. Porter; one which I applied to the abdominal aorta in 1869, for the cure of an ilio-femoral aneurysm; and again to the femoral artery in 1870, in a case of large popliteal aneurysm. These facts, though not reported in your account of the discussion above alluded to, were stated by me at Worcester.—I am, etc.,

WILLIAM STOKES, Professor of Surgery Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

Dublin, October 31st, 1882.

### SCARLET FEVER.

SIR,—In his criticism of my notes, Dr. Field shows that he has merely skimmed them over, as he proves a conclusion by a fallacy, which is this—that scarlet fever was rife in Harrogate. My patients had too long a stage of incubation for them to have caught the disease in Knaresborough, therefore, they caught it in Harrogate. Now, unfortunately for Dr. Field's view, there was no case of scarlet fever in Harrogate; and, if he reads my notes through, he will see that I stated "Harrogate was full of visitors (not scarlet fever patients), therefore, isolation of the cases was most urgently called for." Lower down, he will find the words, "sitting in the court-house, where a number of people, who carried with them the contagion of scarlet fever, were packed, it being epidemic in the town."

How again does Dr. Field account for the fact that the valet must have been at least eleven days in the stage of incubation, as there was that length of time between his brushing Mr. L.'s clothes, and showing the ordinary signs of the disease?

That the period of incubation in all these cases was unmistakably a long one, was partly my reason for publishing the report. Mr. S. and Miss A. B. were, on no other occasion, exposed to the contagion of scarlet fever; and, as they were never alone again together, and as none of their friends had had scarlet fever, it is reasonable to suppose some of them would have been infected had it been contracted in any problematical place.

Dr. Field also gives no statement as to where the infection could have come from in the case he mentions, if it were not brought by a boy from home; which, being asserted and not disproved, tends greatly to strengthen my cases by adding his testimony to mine.

J. A. MYRTLE, M.B., C.M., Harrogate.

### THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATIC FEVER BY THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF TINCTURE OF CANTHARIDES.

SIR,—Nothing is farther from my wish or intention than to interfere with Dr. John Brunton's claim of originality in this matter; and if my communication (*JOURNAL*, October 7th) be compared with his letter (*JOURNAL*, October 27th), it will be seen that I have already done him there the justice which he hastily complains that I withhold from him. He objects especially to my ascribing merely a suggestion to him. I have not at any time seen notes by Dr. Brunton, or by any other person, of a case of rheumatic fever treated with the tincture of cantharides; and, in point of fact, the only collected evidence of which I was aware at the time of writing existed in my own case-books, and in those notes which (he reminds me) I submitted to him at a very early period. Nevertheless, he had told me at first that he found this drug especially useful in rheumatic fever; and it was this assertion which set me upon the investigation of which I have just offered you the result. But this is a suggestion; and to a mind of ordinary caution it would amount to no more, though *Æsculapius* should appear to make it. However, Dr. Brunton tells us that he has

failed to secure an order from the relieving-officer, he was refused admission, and returned home to die. Having regard to the fact, that large sums of money have been expended in providing hospital accommodation for the pauper sick, it is not a little astonishing that the resident officials of these places should be permitted to draw so hard and fast a line as to the admission, or otherwise, of such unfortunates. An occasional error, on the side of humanity, may give perhaps a little additional trouble; but it would at least obviate such scandals as that which Joseph Tomlinson's case exhibits.

## OBITUARY.

### GEORGE CRITCHETT, F.R.C.S.

IT is with feelings of deep regret that we record the death of this amiable and accomplished surgeon. He died on the morning of November 1st, from cystitis, with enlarged prostate. During the eight weeks' illness which preceded his death, he was attended by Mr. Henry Morris, and was seen at various periods by Drs. Andrew Clark and Liveing, as well as by Sir Henry Thompson and Mr. Walter Coulson. He only became unconscious a few hours before his death. George Critchett was born in 1817, at Highgate. He was the pupil of Mr. John Scott, surgeon to the London Hospital, and was apprenticed to the Royal College of Surgeons, of which he became a member in 1839, and a fellow in 1844. Shortly after obtaining his membership of the College of Surgeons, he was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy at the London Hospital, where he afterwards became surgeon. Almost from the commencement of his career, he was attached to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, filling the posts of Assistant-Surgeon, Surgeon, and Consulting Surgeon in succession. In 1870, he was elected a member of the council of the College of Surgeons. He was President of the Hunterian Society during two years, Vice-President of the Ophthalmological Section of the International Medical Congress at London in 1881, as well as Vice-President of the Ophthalmological Society. Mr. Critchett was also Corresponding Member of the Imperial Academy of Medicine of Rio de Janeiro, and an Honorary Member of the Academy of Medicine of Brussels. He held the appointment of Ophthalmic Surgeon for some years at the Middlesex Hospital. Mr. Critchett enjoyed a wide reputation as a most successful and skilful operator; but, in addition to this, he possessed, in a high degree, that excellent quality of knowing when not to operate. He introduced several new methods of great value into practice. Among these, the operations of tying the iris, or irido-desis as it is called, for the formation of an artificial pupil, and the operation now usually performed in this country for the enucleation of the eye. Among various contributions to the literature of the department he adorned, may be mentioned a course of "Lectures on Diseases of the Eye," published in the *Lancet* in 1854; a pamphlet on the "Operation for Strabismus by the Subconjunctival Method," including a new plan for correcting divergent strabismus by readjustment of the internal rectus muscle; a valuable Dissertation on the Linear Extraction of Cataract, read before the Ophthalmic Congress at Heidelberg in 1864, and a paper on the Treatment of the Superficial Affections of the Eye, read at the meeting of the British Medical Association in 1873. Of Mr. Critchett's private character it is impossible to speak too highly; he was a true and generous friend, and a loving and beloved husband and father. He has left three children to mourn his loss, one of whom, his son, Mr. Anderson Critchett, is well known to have inherited that skill as an operator, which went so far to make his father's success as an ophthalmic surgeon. George Critchett had, by his unvarying kindness, courtesy, and benevolence, endeared himself to a large circle of friends, who will long regret his sympathetic smile and gentle word.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—Admitted Members, October 26th, 1882.

Benham, Frederick Lucas, M.D.Lond., Notting Hill  
Edwardes, Edward Joshua, M.B.Lond., 55, York Street  
Oliver, Thomas, M.D.Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
Oxley, Alfred J. R., M.B.Dublin, Junior Oxford and Cambridge Club

Admitted Licentiates.

Abrath, Gustav Adolph, M.D.Heidelberg, Sunderland  
Adkins, George, London Hospital  
Beattie, Henry, Jun., 37, Albert Square  
Birch, Henry Priestley, 61, Harley Street  
Birt, Cecil, Wadley, Sheffield  
Bollen, Frederick James, South Australia  
Crick, William Throne, 50, Fentiman Road

Dale, Walter Frederick, London Hospital  
Dégué, Laurent, St. Mary's Hospital  
Dixon, Henry Charles, Portinscale Road  
Dun, Walter Angus, M.D.Miami, 79, Queen Street, Cheapside  
Howard, Robert J. B., M.D.McGill, 103, Guildford Street  
Hull, Walter, Swallow Place  
John, David, Swansea  
Khan, Mohamed Ismail, 18, Montague Place  
Massey, Henry Massey, Peckham Road  
Myles, James Perceval, St. Mathias Vicarage, Bristol  
Panioty, John Emanuel, 28, Green Street  
Penn, John Evans, 4, Cumberland Terrace  
Powell, John James, Jun., Heathlands, Weybridge  
Robinson, Frederick Gardner, Pendleton, Manchester  
Sinclair, John, Queen Adelaide's Dispensary, Bethnal Green  
Skipper, Edward, University College Hospital  
Stead, Geoffrey, Birmingham  
Thane, Philip Thornton, 15, Montague Street  
Tripp, Charles Llewellyn Howard, Royal Free Hospital  
Williams, Edward Richard, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Wise, Charles Henry, Westminster Hospital  
Wöhrnitz, Ferdinand B. M., 89, Albert Street

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—At a meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery, held on October 25th, the following candidates, having passed their examinations to the satisfaction of the Board, were admitted Licentiates in Dental Surgery.

Messrs. John James Andrew, Belfast, Frederick William Bates, Alexandra Road, N.W. Richard Edwards, Pontdolgoch, Horace John Gould, Exeter, Frank Hill Kissack, Douglas, Isle of Man, Jonathan Royston, Douglas, Isle of Man, William Fryer Cornelius, Teignmouth, Alfred Horace Tester, Preston Park, Brighton, William Todd Patterson, Kingsland, students of the Dental and Middlesex Hospitals; John McKno Ackland, Elston, Exeter, of the Dental and Charing Cross Hospitals; Henry Louis Albert, Sloane Street, S.W., of the Dental and St. George's Hospitals; Morgan Hughes, Redhill, of the Dental and Westminster Hospitals.

Thirteen candidates presented themselves for examination, of whom twelve passed to the satisfaction of the Board, and one was referred for the period of six months.

At the same meeting, Mr. John Cooper Forster, Vice-President of the College, the recently elected member of the Board, took his seat.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, October 26th, 1882.

Smith, Percy William Bassett 62, Alexander Road, N.W.  
Willey, Alexander Gascoigne, Dunbar House, Southsea.

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

Kirby, Alfred, Middlesex Hospital.  
Sheppard, Henry Anderson, Charing Cross Hospital.  
Tuckett, Walter Reginald, London Hospital.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—The following gentlemen have passed the first professional examination, October 1882.

William Anderson, William A. Anderson, Edmund Antrobus, John Bardgett, T. W. Barracough, Georges Baschet, William J. Bell, Charles Bennett, Reginald Bowman, Joao Francisco Braga, J. D. Broadfoot, Harbit Brown, R. F. Burt, Ernest Kenneth Campbell, David Cassels, Ernest James Cheetham, Stephen Frazer Clark, Frank Gerard Clewom, Frederick William Collinson, Robert Swan Clouthard, James Cunningham, George Scott Davidson, Joseph W. Dawes, John Henry Deamer, Kenneth Mackinnon Douglas, David Somerville Doughty, J. J. Drinkwater, Walter Musgrave Eaton, Ahmed Fahmy, Peter Fraser, Edwin Sargood Fry (with distinction), John Garvie, William Gregory Gibson (with distinction), James Gray Glover, Robert Gordon, J. W. Grant, Alexander M. Gray, Allen Edward Lambton Gray, David Campbell Gray, David Middleton Greig, Thomas Howard Griffith, Joseph Griffiths, George Lovell Gulland, Charles Robert Hailes, Joshua Jacobus Hoffman, Robert Wilberforce Inkster, Samuel Baker Jones, Robert Conwy Joyce, H. L. St. P. Keelan, Frederick Truby King (with distinction), Ernest Cory Kingdon, John Charles Lamont (with distinction), John Dickinson Leigh, Charles Lewis Lampriere, Charles James Lewis, Edward Linton, William G. Little, James Richardson Thomas Logan, A. L. B. Loubser, Wilton Wood Russell Love, Donald Campbell Archibald M'Allum, Duncan M'Diarmid, J. R. M'Gavin, George Donald Macintosh, John M'Jarrow, Francis Wallace Mackenzie, Wm. Henry M'Lean, Robert MacLelland, John M'Donald MacLennan, Robert Charlie MacVatt, Daniel Groves Marshall, Charles G. Matthew, David Macleish Moir, David Morgan, Thomas Morris, Robert S. Morrison, Charles James Morton, John Kemp Murray, Andrew W. Nash, William Ramsay Nasmyth, F. A. Neal, John M'Donald Nicoll, Maurice Paterson, John Pirie, George Porter, Edward Thomas Pritchard, Trevor John Pritchard, Selwyn Hall Puckle, James Reid, Francis Mortimer Reynolds, J. B. Ridley, John Richards, Ernest Robertson, Ernest Theophilus Roberts, Frederick Charles Roberts, Hugh L. Roberts, Arthur MacLeod Ross, John Ross, D. Wilson Scotland, Gerald Affleck Scott, W. E. S. Scott, Harold Scurfield, Robert William Smeddle, George Purves Smith, John William Smith, George Laird Somerville, Gabriel H. Steyn, Robert Stewart, Robert Stirling, William George Sym, Charles C. Teacher, Caleb Terry, John Bolton Thackwell, William James Thomas, Francis Courtenay Thorp, John William Travell, Ernest B. Turner, J. C. S. Vaughan, Quintin Macadam Wallace, John Warnock, Clarence Henry Waters, Adam D. Wilson.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH, AND FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—At the October meet-

ing of the examiners, the following gentlemen passed the primary examination for the double qualification.

L. M. Dunlop, M.A., Glasgow; John Mackie, Aberdeen.

Two candidates were remitted.

The following gentlemen passed the final examination, and were admitted Licentiates of both Colleges.

F. O. Adams, Glasgow; Sheridan Dean, Glasgow.

**FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.**—At the October meeting of the examiners, the following gentlemen passed the first professional examination of the Faculty.

L. P. Banks, London Hospital; A. C. Bootham, Glasgow; G. Hunter, Glasgow; D. Jamison, Belfast; G. G. Jones, University College, London; J. Mason, Glasgow; W. Somerville, Glasgow; A. A. Sutton, Glasgow.

Ten candidates were remitted.

The following gentlemen passed the final examination, and were admitted Licentiates of the Faculty.

J. H. Blayney, Manchester; A. Dickson, Glasgow; W. Dunlop, Glasgow; S. Eminson, Missingham; W. Gibb, Glasgow; G. Hunter, Glasgow; E. J. Kauffmann, Michigan; A. McAusland, Glasgow; A. L. Macphail, Glasgow; John Mathie, Glasgow; A. D. Naismith, M.D., Toronto; N. N. Parakh, Bombay; James Wilson, Glasgow.

Twelve candidates were remitted.

**KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.**—At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, the following candidates were successful.

*For the Licences to practise Medicine and Midwifery.*—Henry Adcock, Liverpool; John Mary Harrington, Tralee, Co. Kerry; Claudius O'Donel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo; John William White, London.

*For the Licence to practise Medicine only.*—Thomas Hitchen, Bradford; John Henry Jones, Liverpool; William Henry Wright, Liverpool.

*For the Licence to practise Midwifery only.*—William Halloran Bennett, Dublin.

At a special examination, held on Tuesday, September 19th, the following candidate received the Licence to practise Midwifery.

John William Williams, M.D.R.U.I., Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

The following Licentiates in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to Membership, have been duly enrolled as Members of the College.

John Alexander Scott, 1859, Freshwater, Isle of Wight; Frederick Ffolliott, 1863, London; William Dyas, 1864, London; Walter Charles S. Burney, 1872, Greenwich; William Henry O'Meara, 1877, Carlrow.

(The names are arranged in the order of seniority as Licentiates of the College.)

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

**AYRSHIRE DISTRICT ASYLUM**, near Ayr, N.B.—Assistant Medical Superintendent. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to Mr. C. G. Shaw, Clerk to the Board, County Buildings, Ayr, by November 22nd.

**BRADFORD FEVER HOSPITAL.**—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by November 21st.

**CANE HILL ASYLUM**, Surrey.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £700 per annum. Applications by November 20th.

**CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST**, Victoria Park.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Salary, £20 per annum. Applications by November 9th.

**DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON**, Leicester Square.—Administrator of Anæsthetics. Applications by November 13th.

**DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON**, Leicester Square.—Dental House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by November 13th.

**DERBY AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—Second Assistant Surgeon. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications to Mr. J. Bullivant, 58, Abbey Street, Derby, by November 15th.

**DUNDALK UNION.**—Medical Officer and Carlingford Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £25 as Medical Officer of Health, registration, and vaccination fees. Election on November 4th.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by November 4th.

**MAGHERAFELT UNION.**—Medical Officer for Bellaghy Dispensary District. Salary, £130 per annum, with £15 as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on November 6th.

**NORTHMAVINE AND DELING PARISHES**, Shetland.—Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications to T. M. Adie, Esq., Voe, Shetland.

**ONGAR UNION**, Essex.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by November 6th.

**PENNYGOWN AND TOROSAY.**—Medical Officer for the Parochial Board. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications to Mr. Alex. McDougall, Inspector of Poor, Auchnacraig-by-Oban.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL**, 191, Marylebone Road.—Physician to the Out-patients. Applications by November 10th.

**ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY**, Bartholomew Close.—Surgeon. Candidates must attend personally with diplomas, etc., on Monday Nov. 6th.

**ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY**, Bartholomew Close.—Resident Medical Officer. Candidates must attend personally with diplomas, etc., on Monday November 6th.

**SELF-AIDING DISPENSARY**, Grantham.—Dispenser. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to be sent to W. V. Hardwick, Secretary, Grantham.

**UPTON-UPON-SEVERN UNION.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 3 District. Salary, £65 per annum. Applications by November 7th.

**VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by November 7th.

**WANDSWORTH AND CLAPHAM UNION.**—Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by November 11th.

**YORK DISPENSARY.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications by November 7th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**APPLEFORD**, S. Herbert, M.R.C.S.E., appointed House-Physician at the London Hospital.

**JONES**, A. L., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary-Surgeon to the Royal Kent Dispensary.

**PENRUDDOCKE**, C., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Winchcomb Union, *vice* T. Newman, M.R.C.S., deceased.

**RAITT**, Thomas, M.D., appointed Medical Practitioner to the West Allendale Medical Association, *vice* J. R. Pringle, M.R.C.S., resigned.

**SAYER**, T., M.B., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the East Ward Union.

**WALLBRIDGE**, H. A., A.P.S., appointed Dispenser to the Victoria Hospital for Children, *vice* H. Hyne, M.P.S., 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.*

#### BIRTH.

**ALLEN**—On October 29th, at Kilcully, Cork, the wife of Surgeon W. H. Allen, Army Medical Department, of a Son.

#### MARRIAGE.

**HANDYSIDE**—**MCCNICOLL**.—On October 26th, at the Parish Church, St. Helen's, Lancashire, by the Rev. Henry Siddall, M.A., vicar of Ashton-in-Mackerfield, Arthur Handyside, surgeon, Earlestown, to Emily, second daughter of Robert McNicoll, M.R.C.S., St. Helens.

#### DEATH.

**MOULD**.—On the 29th instant, Caroline, wife of George William Mould, of Cheshire, and daughter of the late Venerable Edward Woolnough, Archdeacon of Chester, and Rector of Northenden. Cheshire.

**HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES.**—Statistics, published in a table in the Registrar-General's last weekly return, show that the death-rate in the three principal Indian cities recently averaged 28.0 per 1000, and that it was equal to 23.2 in Calcutta, 27.2 in Bombay, and 34.4 in Madras. Small-pox caused 7 deaths in Madras, and fever mortality was excessive in each of these Indian cities, but was proportionally largest in Madras. According to the most recent weekly returns, the average annual death-rate per 1000 persons, estimated to be living in twenty-two of the largest European cities, was equal to 24.3; this rate exceeded by 3.4 the average rate last week in the twenty-eight large English towns. The death-rate in St. Petersburg was equal to 39.1, but showed a decline from still higher rates in previous weeks; the 502 deaths in this city included 43 from diphtheria, and 24 from scarlet fever. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the death-rate averaged only 18.8; it was but 14.5 in Christiania, while the highest rate was 20.1 in Copenhagen, where 3 fatal cases of typhoid fever were recorded. The Paris death-rate was equal to 25.0, although it showed a decline from the rates in recent weeks; the 173 fatal cases of typhoid fever were fewer by 71 than the number in the previous week, and the 29 deaths from diphtheria, as well as the 5 from small-pox, showed a decline from recent weekly numbers. The 132 deaths in Brussels included 2 from small-pox, but the rate did not exceed 16.6. The rate in Geneva showed an increase, but was not higher than 21.1. In the three principal Dutch cities—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague—the mean death-rate was 22.2, the highest being 23.4 in Amsterdam; the rate in Rotterdam was only 19.8, but the 60 deaths included 4 from small-pox. The Registrar-General's table includes nine German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 24.3, and ranged from 20.9 in Hamburg to 26.0 in Munich and 29.0 in Prague. Typhus fever caused 20 deaths in Berlin, small-pox 3 in Vienna, scarlet fever 10 in Budapest, and diphtheria 16 in Dresden. The mean rate in three of the largest Italian cities was but 18.3, the highest rate being 20.3 in Rome, where 8 deaths were referred to malarial fever; 4 fatal cases of typhus were reported in Turin. In the four large American cities, the death-rate averaged 22.1, and ranged from 20.4 in Philadelphia to 28.1 in Baltimore. Small-pox caused 16 deaths in Baltimore and 4 in Philadelphia; 24 fatal cases of diphtheria were also recorded in Baltimore, and 9 of typhoid fever in Philadelphia.

It has been decided by the Swedish Government to employ no individuals on railways, or on board ship, in that country, until he has successfully passed Professor Holmgren's test of colour-blindness.



## 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.—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.—North-west London, 2.30 P.M.

**FRIDAY**.....King's College, 2 P.M.—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., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th., 1; 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, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., Tu. F., 2; Eye, Tu. F., 9.15; Ear, M. Th., 2; Skin, Tu. Th., 1.30; Throat, M. Th., 1.45; 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. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S. 9.15; 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.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY**.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. General Meeting. Mr. Edmund Owen: On two cases of Congenital Cystic Hygroma (living specimen). Mr. Sampson Gamgee (of Birmingham): On the Treatment of Wounds and Fractures.—Odontological Society of Great Britain, 8 P.M. Dr. Alfred Carpenter: Consideration of some of the Causes which give rise to Dental Decay. Casual communications from Messrs. C. Tomes, Coleman, Sewill, etc.

**TUESDAY**.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Specimens: Mr. W. H. Keesteven: Traumatic Hematoma of Vertebral Column. Dr. Hadden: 1. Meningocele simulating Nasal Polypus; 2. Disseminated Sarcoma. Mr. Malcolm Morris: Xanthoma Tuberosum, with microscopical specimens. Dr. Robert Barnes: Pigmentation of the Cervix Uteri. Dr. Norman Moore: 1. Double Hydrosalpinx; 2. Renal Calculus in a Child; 3. Lung with Impacted Foreign Body; 4. Ulceration of Vermiform Appendix in Typhoid Fever. Dr. Samuel West: Sarcoma of Bladder and Prostate.

**WEDNESDAY**.—Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M., Council Meeting. 8 P.M., Dr. Stephen Mackenzie: 1. A Case of Hemianopsia, with Hemiplegia; 2. On Paroxysmal Hemoglobinuria. Dr. Coxwell: Demonstration of Reflexes in a Case of Hemiplegia.

**FRIDAY**.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Golding-Bird: On a Case of Removal of the Uterus for Fibroid Disease (specimens shown). Mr. Clutton: On a Case of Spina Bifida. Mr. C. Heath: On a Case of Separation of the Epiphysis of the Clavicle by Muscular Action. Dr. Goodhart: On Six Cases of Diphtheria treated by the local application of Borax or Boracic Acid. Mr. Golding-Bird will exhibit a case of Transpatellar Excision of the Knee.—West London Medico-Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Clinical and Pathological Subjects.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 161A, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 161A, Strand, W.C., London.

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

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

## THE SEWAGE OF THE THAMES.

THE first step towards purifying the waters of the Thames is, to find out the sources whence the chief impurities are derived; and this has, according to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, to some extent been shown by recent experiments. It has long been an accepted tradition that the sewage which is poured into the river near Barking finds its way in a day or two to the sea; but the belief has been rudely shaken in the last few weeks. Several floats were placed in the river at the point whence the sewage is mixed with the stream, and were left to the action of the winds and tides. One of them never left the place at which it had been deposited, and, after the lapse of nearly three weeks, three more had only reached a mile or two below Gravesend. If the sewage of nearly three weeks is being tossed to and fro in the Thames from Richmond to Gravesend, it is not a matter for surprise if its waters are scarcely so pure as they might be.

INQUIRER.—Women are admitted to the examinations of the Pharmaceutical Society, London, and can qualify as dispensers. The Apothecaries' Society has definitively declared its opinion against examining women for membership.

## LONDON SCHOOLS.

SIR,—For many months, I have had the intention of writing to the JOURNAL on the subject of the great London schools: those where there are between five and seven hundred boys. I went to one of them for between two and three years, and now that I can look back with quiet impartiality to what was good and what bad in the one I went to, and seventy-five years have passed since then, the more clearly do I see the importance of bringing the subject under discussion. It is a bad system to work boys from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., with ten minutes at 11 o'clock and thirty minutes at 1 o'clock; thirty or forty boys in a room, badly ventilated, when the number is considered, and perhaps the room in the basement of the building. And what are they taught? We received a religious and classical education, at the expense of health and all that makes life worth having for a boy. Some of us actually came up from pure country air to this school in the heart of London. Why cannot Clapham, and Wimbledon, and every suburb of London have its public school, and let parents who must live in London send their boys away. The centre of a great city is not the place to educate boys. When I see them coming home by the underground railway in numbers, I pity them, and think how unwise their parents are to strain their minds and weaken their bodies, and prepare them so ill for the struggle of life.—Yours, etc.,

A MEMBER OF B.M.A.

"SURGEON" (High Barnet).—We have asked for an explanation of the circumstance stated, and the answer given is, that the notice of change of address was forwarded only to those who had been in personal communication with the physician in question, and that the particular case must have been an error of the person entrusted with the duty.

## TEST FOR TRACES OF ALCOHOL IN ORGANIC FLUIDS.

ALCOHOL forms a definite hydrate with four molecules of water, which does not crystallise till a temperature of 34° Cent. is reached. Ice separates from a weaker spirit, when cooled, till this ratio is reached (*vide* Bloxam's *Chemistry*, fourth edition, p. 526). This process might be useful as a preliminary to distillation.

MR. S. STANTON STANLEY.—We should be happy to give any support in our power to the project of a sick club for medical men, if it were brought forward on a basis of which actuaries would approve, and supported to an extent which should give some promise of stability.

## PROFESSOR PACINI'S LETTER.

IN the letter to Dr. George Johnson from Professor Pacini, published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for October 14th, page 762, the following alterations and corrections should be made. In paragraph 1, line 6, for "maravigliare," read "meravigliare"; line 7, for "attribuaria," read "attribuirla". In the last paragraph, line 2, for "integra," read "intera". In the address of the letter, "Professor" should be "Professore"; and at the end, for "September 28th," read "28 Settembre". In the superscription, the words were in the original abbreviated thus: "Illmo. Sige. Prof. Johnson"; and, at the end, the "affettuosissimo" was shortened to "affso". The literal meaning of "R. Accademia dei Lincei" (rendered in the translation "Royal Academy of Sciences") is "Royal Academy of the Sharp-sighted" (Latin *lynceus*, Italian *linceo*, like a lynx, sharp-sighted). "Affettuosissimo" is better translated "very affectionate" than "most affectionate".

SIR,—I send you measurements of a child which I brought into the world this week. The shoulders gave some difficulty, but otherwise the labour was normal. Circumference of head, 17 inches; breadth of back from points of shoulder, 9 inches; length of child, 1 foot 9 inches; weight of child, 11 pounds 4 ounces.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. LAND.

Bordyke House, Tonbridge, Kent, October 30th, 1882.