

## LORD HARTINGTON ON HONORARY QUEEN'S CADETSHIPS.

THE following letter has been received by the Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee from the Minister of War on this subject.

War Office, July 6th, 1883.

Sir,—I am desired by the Marquis of Hartington to acknowledge the receipt of your letter referring to the exclusion of sons of army medical officers from honorary Queen's cadetships, and to state that the subject was very carefully considered by his lordship's predecessor, who declined to alter the regulations. The number of honorary Queen's cadetships is so limited, that his lordship does not think it would be possible to open them to the sons of officers not now qualified for the privilege, and any increase of the number would raise some important questions which would have to be considered as a whole.—I remain, sir, yours faithfully,

R. H. HOBART.

E. Hart, Esq., Chairman, Parliamentary Bills Committee,  
British Medical Association.

## COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

### LIST OF RETURNS RECEIVED DURING JUNE 1883.

#### PHTHISIS (8).

William J. Brown, M.B., Chester-le-Street; J. M. Finzi, Esq., Sutherland Gardens, W.; C. L. H. Pemberton, Esq., Banbury; G. D. Powell, M.D., Dublin; James T. Rudall, Esq., Melbourne; W. D. Sheppard, Esq., Cyfarthfa; Alfred Shewen, M.D., Sydney; Herman Weber, M.D., Grosvenor Street, W.

#### I. PNEUMONIA (90).

James Barr, Esq., Bolton (3); G. W. Beattie, M.D., Failsforth; G. A. Brown, Esq., Tredegar; John Brown, Esq., Bacup; W. R. Buckell, Esq., Stoke-on-Trent; T. J. Burroughs, M.D., Crondall (2); Charles W. Chaldecott, Esq., Dorking; C. P. Coombs, M.D., Castle Carey (2); Dr. Arthur Davies, M.B., Swansea (2); G. H. Davis, Esq., Mortimer; E. Drummond, M.D., Rome; Alfred Edgewood, M.D., Market Drayton (2); A. P. Fiddian, M.B., Cardiff (2); Wm. Frew, M.B., Galston, N.B. (3); De Vere Hunt, Esq., Bolton; Samuel Johnson, M.D., Stoke-upon-Trent; J. Johnston, M.D., Bolton (3); J. W. Lane, M.D., Bishop's Castle (8); A. W. Leachman, M.D., Fairley (2); W. E. Luscombe, Esq., Collingham, (2); A. M. McAlldowie, M.D., Stoke-on-Trent (2); A. W. Macfarlane, M.B., Kilmarnock (2); D. J. Mackenzie, M.D., Glossop; J. A. Mackenzie, M.B., Bolton (2); W. A. MacLachlan, M.D., Dumbarton (3); A. Cowley Malley, M.B., Munslow; Thomas Martin, Esq., Piltown (3); T. Frederick Pearse, M.D., Haslemere; C. H. Phillips, Esq., Hanley; T. F. Raven, Esq., Broadstairs (6); James Reid, Esq., Canterbury (3); Charles J. Renshaw, M.D., Ashton-on-Mersey; J. Bruce Ronaldson, Esq., Haddington; E. S. Scott, M.B., Shrewsbury (2); J. E. Smith, M.D., Grimsby; W. Shaw, M.D., Maidstone; Herbert Sloman, Esq., Farnham (7); S. G. Sloman, jun., Esq., Farnham; Samuel W. Smith, M.D., Pershore (letter); A. Stewart, M.D., Pendleton (3); Chas. E. Underhill, M.B., Edinburgh; J. G. U. West, Esq., Stoke-upon-Trent; Wm. White, M.D., Hadfield (4); Geo. G. Whitwell, M.B., Shrewsbury.

#### II. CHOREA (22).

James Alexander, Esq., Leslie, N.B. (2); William H. Day, M.D., Manchester Square, W.; H. Handford, M.D., Nottingham (10); Samuel Johnson, M.D., Stoke-upon-Trent; A. W. Leachman, M.D., Fairley; C. Macmillan, Esq., Nottingham; S. H. Owen, M.D., Manchester; T. Frederick Pearse, M.D., Haslemere; J. E. Scowcroft, Esq., Bolton; John K. Spender, M.D., and A. R. Busby, Esq., Bath; T. W. Trend, M.D., Southampton; Chas. E. Underhill, M.B., Edinburgh; J. G. U. West, Esq., Stoke-upon-Trent; J. P. Wills, M.B., Bexhill.

#### III. RHEUMATISM (32).

James Barr, Esq., Bolton; H. W. Boddy, M.B., Cheetham Hill; T. J. Burroughs, M.D., Crondall; E. MacDowel Cosgrave, M.D., Dublin; C. A. Greaves, M.B., Derby; T. L. Jardine, Esq., Capel; Samuel Johnson, M.D., Stoke-upon-Trent; A. W. Leachman, M.D., Fairley; W. E. Luscombe, Esq., Collingham (2); Duncan J. Mackenzie, M.D., Glossop (3); J. A. Mackenzie, M.B., Farnworth; William J. Mackie, Turvey (2); J. Foster Palmer, Esq., Chelsea; Charles Parsons, M.D., Dover; T. Frederick Pearse, M.D., Haslemere (2); C. H. Phillips, Esq., Hanley; Thomas F. Raven, Esq., Broadstairs; James Reid, Esq., Canterbury; Charles J. Renshaw, M.D., Ashton-on-Mersey; W. Shaw, M.D., Maidstone (2); C. E. Underhill, M.B., Edinburgh; J. G. U. West, Esq., Stoke-upon-Trent; William White, M.D., Hadfield; George G. Whitwell, M.B., Shrewsbury; J. P. Wills, M.B., Bexhill (2).

#### IV. DIPHTHERIA (18) CLINICAL.

Arthur J. Brodie, Esq., Ambleside; Charles W. Chaldecott, Esq., Dorking; E. Drummond, M.D., Rome; A. E. Graham, M.B., Weybridge; William Thomas Jackman, Esq., Coggeshall (2); F. W. Jordan, Esq., Heaton Chapel; J. W. Lane, M.D., Bishop's Castle; William Nettle, Esq., Liskeard; A. Newman, M.D., Bowness; Thomas Partridge, Esq., Stroud; T. Whitehead Reid, Esq., Canterbury; Herbert S. Renshaw, M.D., Sale; Herbert Sloman, Esq., Farnham (3, with letter and map).

#### IV (A). DIPHTHERIA (18) ETIOLOGICAL.

E. W. Bawtree, M.D., Abberton (2); G. H. Fosbrooke, Esq., Biddford (4); F. W. Jordan, Esq., Heaton Chapel; William Nettle, Esq., Liskeard; David Page, M.D., Kendal (2); Thomas Partridge, Esq., Stroud; T. Whitehead Reid, Esq., Canterbury; Herbert S. Renshaw, M.D., Sale; Herbert Sloman, Esq., Farnham (3).

Total returns received in June ..... 188

The Committee beg also to acknowledge the receipt of a volume of the *Transactions of the Massachusetts Medical Society*.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

### NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1883:

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held on Wednesday, October 17th. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before the meeting, viz., September 26th, 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*.

November 9th, 1882.

### COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

CARDS and explanatory memoranda for the inquiries concerning Acute Pneumonia, Chorea, and Acute Rheumatism, can be had by application to the Honorary Secretaries of the Local Committees appointed by the Branches, or to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee. Of these diseases, each member of the Association is earnestly requested to record at least *one ordinary case* coming under observation during the year.

Inquiries concerning Diphtheria and Syphilis have been prepared, and can be had on application by those willing to contribute information on these subjects. There are two cards on Diphtheria, on containing clinical, the other etiological inquiries, together with an explanatory memorandum. One of these cards is intended to serve as a guide to the systematic examination of a house or district for sanitary purposes. There are also two sets of inquiries concerning Syphilis, one for acquired, the other for inherited, disease. These are accompanied by an explanatory memorandum giving information concerning the most recently observed symptoms of the inherited disease.

All these inquiries will be continued during the present year.

Applications, etc., to be addressed

The Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee,  
161A, Strand, W.C.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at 5, St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 4.30 P.M.—CHAS. E. UNDERHILL, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the "Green Dragon," Hereford, on Tuesday, July 24th, at 3.40 P.M. Business: The President, Dr. Roden, will give an Address. To ballot for Members of the Association and Branch. To appoint Officers and Council for ensuing year. The annual dinner (5s. exclusive of wine) will be at 5.15 P.M. Members who have papers or cases to read will oblige by sending title at an early date to the Honorary Secretary.—Geo. W. CROWE, Honorary Secretary, Shaw Street, Worcester.—July 10th, 1883.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of this Branch will be held at 198, Union Street, Aberdeen, on Saturday, July 28th, at 1.30 P.M. An address will be given by the President, Dr. Angus Fraser. Hospital visit at 11.30 A.M. The annual dinner will be held at the Palace Hotel, Union Bridge, Aberdeen, at 3 P.M. Dinner tickets, including attendance, but exclusive of wine during dinner, five shillings each. Those intending to be present at the dinner are respectfully requested to send notice to Dr. Urquhart.—R. J. GARDEN, J. URQUHART, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the Black Horse Hotel, Horsham, on Friday, July 20th; Mr. Bostock in the chair. Dr. Fuller will read a paper on Acute Rheumatism. Gentlemen intending to read papers or to bring forward subjects for discussion are requested to send notice to the Honorary Secretary, G. B. COLLET, 5, The Steyne, Worthing.

## BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

### FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Liverpool, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 31st, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1883.

*President:* WILLIAM STRANGE, M.D., Senior Physician to the General Infirmary, Worcester.

*President-elect:* A. T. H. WATERS, M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Phy-

sician to the Royal Infirmary, and Professor of Medicine in University College, Liverpool.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by REGINALD HARRISON, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

An Address in Pathology will be delivered by C. CREIGHTON, M.D., formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy, University of Cambridge.

The business of the Annual Meeting will be conducted in ten sections.

**SECTION A. MEDICINE.**—*President:* John Cameron, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* Thomas R. Glynn, M.D.; Frederick T. Roberts, M.D. *Secretaries:* Richard Caton, M.D., 18A, Abercromby Square, Liverpool; Byrom Bramwell, M.D., 23, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh.

**SECTION B. SURGERY.**—*President:* Edward R. Bickersteth, F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* W. Hargreaves Manifold, M.R.C.S.; W. Mitchell Banks, F.R.C.S. *Secretaries:* Rushton Parker, M.B., F.R.C.S., 61, Rodney Street, Liverpool; Edmund Owen, M.B., F.R.C.S., 49, Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.

**SECTION C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.**—*President:* W. M. Graily Hewitt, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* John Wallace, M.D.; David Lloyd Roberts, M.D. *Secretaries:* John E. Burton, L.R.C.P., 64, Rodney Street, Liverpool; W. C. Grigg, M.D., 6, Curzon Street, Mayfair, W.

**SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.**—*President:* T. P. Teale, M.B., F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* William Carter, M.D.; W. Honner Fitzpatrick, M.D. *Secretaries:* F. Pollard, M.D., 52, Rodney Street, Liverpool; George Goldie, M.D., 123, Hyde Park Road, Leeds.

**SECTION E. ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.**—*President:* Professor E. A. Schäfer, F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* William Stirling, M.D.; Richard Norris, M.D. *Secretaries:* James Barr, M.D., 1, St. Domingo Grove, Everton, Liverpool; A. W. Mayo Robson, F.R.C.S., Hillary Place, Leeds.

**SECTION F. PATHOLOGY.**—*President:* T. H. Green, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* E. H. Dickinson, M.D.; Joseph Coats, M.D. *Secretaries:* Frank Thos. Paul, F.R.C.S., 44, Rodney Street, Liverpool; James F. Goodhart, M.D., 27, Weymouth Street, W.

**SECTION G. PSYCHOLOGY.**—*President:* T. L. Rogers, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* G. H. Savage, M.D.; D. Yellowlees, M.D. *Secretaries:* G. E. Shuttleworth, M.D., Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster; W. Julius Mickle, M.D., Grove Hall Asylum, Bow, E.

**SECTION H. OPHTHALMOLOGY.**—*President:* T. Shadford Walker, M.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* E. Nettleship, F.R.C.S.; C. E. Fitzgerald, M.D. *Secretaries:* E. A. Browne, M.R.C.S., 86, Bedford Street, Liverpool; O. E. Glascott, M.D., 23, St. John Street, Manchester.

**SECTION I. DISEASES OF CHILDREN.**—*President:* Samuel Jones Gee, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* M. G. B. Oxley, M.D.; T. R. Jessop, F.R.C.S. *Secretaries:* H. G. Rawdon, M.D., 42, Rodney Street, Liverpool; H. Ashby, M.D., 13, St. John Street, Manchester.

**SECTION J. OTOTOLOGY.**—*President:* G. P. Field, M.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* Edward Woakes, M.D.; C. Warden, M.D. *Secretaries:* Thos. Barr, M.D., 10, Albany Place, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow; R. Williams, L.R.C.P., 82, Rodney Street, Liverpool.

*Honorary Local Secretary:* Alexander Davidson, M.D., 2, Gambier Terrace, Liverpool.

*Honorary Treasurer:* W. Mitchell Banks, F.R.C.S., 28, Rodney Street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 31ST, 1883.

10.30 A.M.—Church Service at Pro-Cathedral. Sermon by Bishop of Liverpool.

12.0.—Meeting of Committee of Council.

12.30 P.M.—Meeting of the Council, 1882-3.

3 P.M.—First General Meeting: Report of Council and other business. Adjourn at 5 P.M.

8.15 P.M.—Adjourned General Meeting: President's Address, and any business adjourned from meeting at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 1883.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council, 1883-84.

11 A.M.—Second General Meeting. Address in Surgery.

1.30 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

8.30 P.M.—*Soirée* in the suite of rooms forming the Arts Gallery, the Picton Reading Room, and the Free Library, by the President and Local Committee. To this, ladies will be invited.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 1883.

9 A.M.—Meeting of Committee of Council.

10 A.M.—Third General Meeting. Sectional Meetings. Adjourn at 1 P.M.

2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner in the Philharmonic Hall.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 1883.

10 A.M.—Fourth General Meeting. Address in Pathology. Sectional Meetings.

2 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting.

8.30 P.M.—*Soirée* by the Mayor of Liverpool, at the Town Hall. To this, ladies will be invited.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 1883.  
Excursions.

## ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The museum will be in the same building as the reception-room, the general meetings, and the sectional meetings. In fact, all the business of the annual meeting will be carried on in one building, viz., the College, Shaw Street, Liverpool. The room which is specially devoted to museum purposes is a gallery, 300 feet in length, in the upper story, lighted from the roof. On the same floor are several additional rooms, so that the accommodation for exhibiting drugs and instruments is ample. On the second floor, adjoining the room where the Pathological Section meets, are two class-rooms, one of which will be used for the exhibition of pathological drawings and specimens, the latter for microscopes. A large hall on the ground-floor has been set apart for sanitary appliances, among which it is expected there will be a good exhibition of ambulances.

The museum will comprise: 1. Latest inventions in medical and surgical instruments, and appliances of all kinds, including No. 4. 2. New chemicals and apparatus; new drugs and their preparations; and new articles of diet for invalids. 3. Drawings, diagrams, or models, or apparatus connected with sanitary appliances. 4. Microscopes, thermometers, and other instruments of investigation. 5. Pathological specimens, etc.

Communications should be sent to Dr. Davidson, the General Secretary, 2, Gambier Terrace, Liverpool, or to the following: drugs, Dr. T. Bushby, 32, Clarence Street; surgical instruments, Dr. Alexander, 102, Bedford Street; Rushton Parker, Esq., 61, Rodney Street; sanitary appliances, Dr. Imlach, 16, Canning Street; pathological specimens and drawings, F. T. Paul, Esq., 44, Rodney Street. General Museum Secretary, Dr. Whitford, 37, Shaw Street.

*Notice to Exhibitors.*—Applications to be made as soon as possible, mentioning the space required. Each object to be accompanied by a written description or reference, and it is important that these descriptions should be sent as early as possible, viz., not later than July 20th. All parcels to be delivered on or after July 23rd, and not later than July 28th, and to be removed within three days after August 3rd; they must be addressed: The Curator of Annual Museum, British Medical Association, the College, Shaw Street, Liverpool. All expenses of carriage and all risk to be borne by the exhibitors. A card bearing the name and address of the exhibitor to be inclosed in each package, ready to be fixed to the outside.

## DINNER.

The annual dinner will be held as a banquet in the Philharmonic Hall on Thursday, August 2nd, at 6.30 P.M. The number of tickets is limited to 500, and none will be sold after Wednesday night, August 1st. Application must be sent to Dr. Dickinson, 162, Bedford Street, Liverpool (Secretary to Dinner Committee), accompanied by a remittance of 21s.

The following papers, etc., have been promised in the various Sections.

## SECTION A.—MEDICINE.

1. A Discussion on Aphasia will be opened by Professor Gairdner of Glasgow. Dr. Hughlings Jackson, Dr. Broadbent, Dr. Ferrier, Dr. Antoine Cros (Paris) Dr. Thudichum, Dr. W. W. Ireland, Dr. Drummond, Dr. Ross, Dr. G. A. Woods, Dr. A. Cameron, and Dr. Wahlutuch, are expected to take part.

2. A Discussion on the Causes and Consequences of Abnormal Tension in the Arteries will be opened by Dr. Broadbent. Dr. Milner Fothergill, Dr. B. Foster, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. Mahomed, Dr. Glynn, Dr. Eddison, and Dr. Carter, are expected to take part in it.

3. A Discussion on the Nature of Purpura will be opened by Dr. Stephen Mackenzie. Dr. Finny (Dublin), Dr. B. Foster, Dr. McCall Anderson, Dr. Stainthorpe, Dr. W. Russell, and Mr. Cauty, will take part.

The following papers are also promised.

ATKINS, R., M.D. Hysterical Hemianæsthesia.  
BENNETT, A. Hughes, M.D. 1. Spastic Paralysis. 2. Hysterical Malingering.  
BRAMWELL, Byrom, M.D. Note on the Mechanism of Cheyne-Stokes Respiration.

BRUNTON, T. Lauder, M.D., F.R.S. Headache.

CARTER, William, M.D.

CARTON, Richard, M.D. On Brain Tumours.

CAUTY, H. E. Esq. On Roseola.

CROS, A., M.D. (Paris). 1. Sur la Pleximetrie. 2. La Theorie Physiologique de l'Hallucination.

DAVIDSON, Alexander, M.D.

DRUMMOND, David, M.D. 1. Perforating Tumour of the Dura Mater. 2. An Unusual Case of Locomotor Ataxy.

DRYDALE, C. R., M.D. Recent Innovations in the Doctrine of Phthisis Pulmonalis.

EDDISON, J. E., M.D. 1. On the Cause of Cardiac Murmurs in Anæmia. 2. A Series of Forty Consecutive Cases of Empyema treated by the Physicians of the Leeds Infirmary (Drs. Albutt, Eddison, and Churton).  
 FINNY, J. Magee, M.D. A Peculiar and hitherto Undescribed Condition of the Hairs of the Human Axilla.  
 ELINT, Austin, M.D. (New York). Early Tapping in Cases of Ascites.  
 GABBETT, H. S., M.D. The Diagnostic Value of the Discovery of Koch's Bacilli in Sputum.  
 GLYNN, T. R., M.D.  
 GREY, E. H., M.B. Notes on Cases illustrating Nerve-diseases.  
 HASSELL, A. H., M.D. 1. Further Observations and Experiments on Inhalation in Affections of the Lungs. 2. On the Principles of the Construction of Inhalation Chambers for Diseases of the Throat and Lungs.  
 LEECH, D. J., M.D. Duration of Action of Medicines.  
 LITTLE, J. F., Esq. Rheumatic Arthritis or Neurotic Arthritis.  
 MACKENZIE, J. A., M.D. Rupture of the Heart.  
 MOORE, W. W., M.D. Source of Heat in Fever.  
 MORRIS, Malcolm, Esq. The Use of Antimony in certain Skin-Diseases.  
 MYRTLE, A. S., M.D. Sweating to Death.  
 OLIVER, George, M.D. Bedside Urinary Testing.  
 OXLEY, M. G. B., M.D. The position of Syphilis as regards Classification and Treatment in this Country.  
 RIDGE, J. J., M.D. The Use of Non-alcoholic Tinctures as Remedies.  
 ROBERTSON, R., M.D. Modern Uses of Blood-letting.  
 ROSS, James, M.D. 1. Rupture of the Brachial Plexus. 2. On Early Posterior Sclerosis.  
 RUSSELL, W., M.D. Three Fatal Cases of Purpura Hemorrhagica.  
 SANSON, A. E., M.D. Note on Percussion as a means of Diagnosis.  
 SMITH, Solomon C., M.D. Antiseptic Inhalations.  
 STRANGE, William, M.D. Sporadic Septicæmia, chiefly Puerperal, especially as to its relations with the Infectious Zymotic Diseases.  
 THOMAS, W. R., M.D. On the Varieties of Phthisis, and the Curability of some in certain Stages.  
 THOMSON, G., M.D. Rupture of the Brachial Plexus.  
 TRUDICUM, J. L. W., M.D. On Hay-fever or Hay-asthma, and its Frequent Connection with Structural Disease of the Nasal Cavity.  
 WAHLTUCH, A., M.D. On Electro-therapeutics.  
 WISE, Alfred, M.D. Climatological Studies at High Altitudes.  
 WOODS, G. A., Esq. Cerebellar Tumour.

Dr. Byrom Bramwell will give a demonstration on the Microscopic Pathology of the Spinal Cord.

#### SECTION B.—SURGERY.

1. Mr. Clement Lucas will open a Discussion on Surgical Diseases of the Kidney, and the Operations for their Relief, in which Dr. G. Elder and Mr. Bennett May will take part.
2. A Discussion on the Treatment of Intestinal Obstruction by or without Operative Interference will take place, in which Sir William MacCormac, Mr. Bellamy, Dr. Norman Kerr, and others, will take part.

The following papers have been promised.

ATKINSON, E., Esq. Drainage of Joints.  
 BAKER, Morratt, Esq. Removal of the Tongue by Median Division.  
 BARTLETT, T. H., Esq. Roux's Amputation at the Ankle; its Superiority to Syme's.  
 BERNARD, Armand, Esq. Observations on Primary Venereal Sores.  
 BERRY, William, Esq. Strangulated Hernia and its Complications.  
 BROWNE, H. Langley, Esq. Treatment of Enlarged Prostate by Continuous Elastic Pressure.  
 BROWNE, J. W., M.D. Cases of Hernia.  
 COUSINS, J. W., M.D. 1. Photograph of a Dorsal Tumour which was removed to relieve Pulmonary and Cardiac Distress. 2. Explanatory Remarks on a New Needle for Closing Surgical Wounds.  
 CROSS, F. Richardson, Esq. The Treatment of Arthritis by Incision.  
 DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. Recent Experiments on the Treatment of Syphilis.  
 FAGAN, John, L.K.Q.C.P. The Nature, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Hemarthrosis of the Knee-Joint.  
 HARDIE, James, Esq. Amputation by Oblique Circular Incision.  
 HEATH, Christopher, Esq. The Use of Plaster-of-Paris Bandages in the Treatment of Recent Fractures.  
 JESSOP, T. R., Esq. Some Results derived from Experience in Colotomy.  
 JONES, Thomas, Esq. Cases of Resection of the Ankle-Joint for Disease and Injury.  
 KETLEY, C. B., Esq. An Analysis of Eight Cases of Osteotomy of the Hip.  
 LE PAGE, J. F., Esq. The Evacuation of Deep Abscesses: with Exhibition of a Deep Abscess Evacuator.  
 LOWNDES, F. W., Esq. Venereal and Sexual Hypochondriasis.  
 MARSH, H. C., M.D. A Case of Resection of the Ankle-joint by an Artificial Pott's Operation.  
 MORGAN, J. H., Esq. The Operative Proceedings in Cases of Intestinal Obstruction.  
 MORRIS, Malcolm, Esq. The Comparative Advantages of Scarification and Scraping in the Treatment of Lupus Vulgaris.  
 NORTON, A. T., Esq. A Case of Excision of the Superior Maxilla for Melanotic Sarcoma of the Antrum.  
 OWEN, Edmund, Esq. The Treatment of Large Nævi.  
 PEMBERTON, Oliver, Esq. Gastro-enterotomy.  
 RABAGLIATI, A., M.D. Cases of Osteotomy.  
 ROTH, Bernard, Esq. The Treatment of Non-spasmodic Torticollis.  
 SMITH, E. Noble, Esq. The Treatment of Lateral Curvature of the Spine.  
 SOUTHAM, F. A., Esq. A Case of Femoral Aneurysm, treated by Injection of Fibrin Ferment, and subsequently by Ligature of the External Iliac Artery.  
 STOKES, William, Esq. Excision of the Shoulder-joint.  
 STOWERS, J. H., M.D. 1. The Nature and Treatment of Paget's Disease of the Nipple (with Microscopic Specimens). 2. The Treatment of Vascular Hypertrophy of the Nose.  
 THOMAS, William, M.B. 1. On the Accurate Measurement and Comparison of the Lower Limbs. 2. The Application of India-rubber Bands in the Treatment of Talipes

THOMPSON, James, M.D. Artificial Limbs.  
 WALTER, Wm., M.D. A Case of Nephrectomy for Cystic Tumour of a Floating Kidney.  
 WARDEN, Charles, M.D. On Osteotomy in Genua Vara and Valga.  
 WARREN, J. W., M.D. 1. Cure of Hernia by Subcutaneous Injection. 2. The Use of the Aspirating Needle in Strangulated Hernia and Obstruction of the Bowels.  
 WHITEHEAD, Walter, Esq. 1. A Further Series of Twenty-five Cases of Excision of the Tongue with Scissors. 2. The Surgical Treatment of Hemorrhoids.  
 Patients for exhibition will attend from 1.30 to 2.30 P.M. on Wednesday and Thursday, August 1st and 2nd, in a room adjacent to that of the Section.  
 Mr. John Croft will give a demonstration of the application of Plaster-of-Paris Splints for the Treatment of Fractures.

#### SECTION C.—OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.

Special discussions are expected to take place in this Section on the following subjects.

1. Total or Partial Extirpation of the Uterus for Malignant Disease. Introduced by papers by Professor Schroeder (Berlin) and Dr. Wallace.
2. On Operative Treatment of Uterine Fibromata. Introduced by papers by Dr. Keith, Mr. Knowsley Thornton, and Mr. Lawson Tait. Dr. Wallace has promised to take part.
3. On Metria (so-called Puerperal Fever). Introduced by papers by Dr. Atthill and Dr. Thorburn. Drs. Grigg, T. More Madden, Alderson, and Fancourt Barnes, and Messrs. Donovan and Burton, have promised to take part.
4. Porro's Operation. Introduced by a paper by Dr. Clement Godson.

The following papers are promised.

ALDERSON, F. H., M.D. A Case of Extra-uterine Pregnancy.  
 ALEXANDER, William, M.D. On Shortening the Round Ligaments for the Cure of some Forms of Uterine Displacement.  
 BARNES, Fancourt, M.D.  
 BURTON, J. E., Esq. A Plea for the more Persevering Treatment of Uterine Cancer in Cases in which Operation by Removal is Impracticable.  
 CROOM, J. Halliday, M.D. 1. Basilysis. 2. On some Relations of the Bladder and Uterus during Labour.  
 DOLAN, T. M., Esq. Defective Lactation in Modern Times, its Causes, and how far it may be influenced by Drugs.  
 DUKE, Alexander, M.D. On the Use of Additional Traction in Difficult Cases as an Alternative to Craniotomy.  
 EDIS, Arthur W., M.D. The Treatment of Chronic Metritis associated with Retroflexion.  
 LEDIARD, A. H., M.D. Alexander's Operation on the Round Ligaments; with Cases and Remarks.  
 LE PAGE, John F., Esq. On Axis-Traction in Delivery with Obstetric Forceps. Mr. Le Page will also exhibit Le Page's Axis-Traction Forceps.  
 McDONALD, A. Drummond, M.B. Position in Labour.  
 MADDEN, T. More, M.D. Further Observations on certain Mental and Nervous Disorders peculiar to Women.  
 MEADOWS, A., M.D. On the Diagnosis of the various forms of Uterine Fibromata.  
 MURPHY, James, M.D. Short Notes of Fifteen Cases of Placenta Prævia, with Remarks on its Treatment.  
 ROBERTS, D. Lloyd, M.D. Inversion of the Uterus.  
 SMITH, Heywood, M.D. On a Case of Porro's Operation.  
 SPANLEY, W. D., Esq. A Case of Extra-uterine Fœtation.  
 TAIT, Lawson, Esq. Are Diseases of the Ovary (specially Cystoma) on the Increase?  
 WALTER, Wm., M.D. A Case of Hysterectomy for Uterine Fibromata.  
 WILLIAMS, A. Wynn, M.D. 1. On Displacements of the Uterus and their Treatment. 2. On Cancer of the Neck of the Uterus and its Treatment.

#### SECTION D.—PUBLIC MEDICINE.

Four topics have been selected for discussion in this Section.

1. Directions in which Public Health Law might be advantageously Amended or Extended. Mr. Charles Wills will read a paper on this subject. Mr. Ernest Hart will read one on the Advisability of an Extension of the Law for the Regulation and Registration of Plumbing in Houses. Dr. William Carter will open a discussion on these papers.
2. Quarantine. Dr. Imlach will read a paper on Quarantine; and Dr. Stocker, lately Government Emigration Inspector at Queenstown, will read one on a cognate subject.
3. Disposal of Town-Refuse. Dr. Goldie and Dr. E. Whittle will read papers on this subject.
4. Etiology of Diphtheria and Autumnal Diarrhoea. Drs. Alfred Carpenter, H. J. Alford, and E. F. Willoughby will read papers on Diphtheria; and Mr. M. D. Makona one on Autumnal Diarrhoea.

Captain Douglas Galton, C.B., F.R.S., has promised to read a paper on Hospital Construction.

The following papers are promised.

DRUMMOND, Edward, M.D. On the Climate of Rome.  
 DRYSDALE, C. B., M.D. The Mortality of the Rich and the Poor.  
 HILL, J. Higham, M.D. Suggestions for the better Police Treatment of Persons found Insensible in the Streets, and supposed to be under the Influence of Alcohol.

**JAMES, J. Brindley, Esq.** On Cremation.  
**KERR, Norman, M.D.** The Present Position of the Habitual Drunkards Movement.  
**LOWMYER, F. W., Esq.** How to Make our own Houses Sanitary, with Personal Experiences.  
**MAKUNA, M. D., Esq.** Small-pox and Vaccination Statistics; Diseases and Injuries to Health Attributed to Vaccination.  
**MARTIN, Johnson, Esq.** On the Injury done to the Health of the Young by the Present System of Education.  
**MILLICAN, K. W., Esq.** Evolution in Disease.  
**SHEARER, George, M.D.** On the Opium-habit.

# SECTION E.—ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.

The following papers have been promised.

**ANDERSON, Edward C., M.D.** Koumias: its Modes of Preparation, Varieties, Physiological Uses, etc.  
**ANDERSON, R. J., M.D.** Human Ribs.  
**ARCHER, R. S., M.B.** Note on Congenital Aortic Bands.  
**BAER, James, M.D.** The Causes and Mechanism of the Cardiac Impulse.  
**HADDEN, W. B., M.D.** Westphal's Phenomenon, or the so-called Paradoxical Contraction of Muscles.  
**THUDICHUM, J. L. W., M.D.** On the Chemical Constitution of the Brain.  
**WOODS, G. A., Esq.** The Anatomy and Physiology of the Sixth Nerve.

Mr. Lennox Browne will exhibit on the magic-lantern screen, by means of oxyhydrogen light, a series of photographs of the Larynx and Soft Palate in the production of various Musical Tones.

Afterwards, Mr. Emil Behnke, from whom the pictures have been taken, will exhibit his Larynx to the members present, so as to demonstrate practically the physiological facts illustrated by the photographs.

Mr. C. B. Lockwood will show an anatomical specimen illustrating the use of the Fossa at the Lower End of the Fibula.

Dr. E. H. Jacob will show (1) Photographs of Chick Embryos; (2) a Portable Polygraph.

Dr. Francis Warner will give a Demonstration of an Apparatus for obtaining Graphic Records of the Movements of Fingers, Hands, Head, etc., and enumerating them and their combinations.

Dr. John Harker will show a sketch of Abnormal Hands and Feet in the case of an Infant.

Mr. Sibley Hicks will exhibit a series of Embryos to illustrate the Development of the Chick.

# SECTION F.—PATHOLOGY.

The following discussions will take place.

1. On Micro-organisms in Disease. To be opened by Dr. Dreschfeld. Dr. Shingleton Smith will take part in the discussion.

2. On the Micro-organism of Typhus. To be opened by Drs. Mott and Blore. Drs. Davidson and Barrow will take part.

3. On the Pathology of Dropsy. To be opened by Dr. Lauder Brunton. Drs. Saundby and Churton will take part.

4. On Chronic Inflammations of Bone. To be opened by Mr. Charters J. Symonds.

5. On Primary Growths of the Urinary Tract. To be opened by Mr. Frank T. Paul. Mr. Roger Williams will take part in the discussion.

Cirrhosis and allied conditions of the Liver will be brought forward, should time allow.

The following papers have been promised.

**HADDEN, W. B., M.D.** On Lardaceous Disease of the Suprarenal Capsule.  
**LE PAGE, John F., Esq.** On Neuropathic Plica.  
**MANSELL-MOULLEN, C., M.B.** On some Forms of Osteitis in Hereditary Syphilis.  
**ROBECK, W. J., M.B.** The Pathology of Internal Hamorrhoids.  
**SILCOCK, A. Q., M.D.** Some points connected with the Repair of Fractures.  
**SMITH, R. SHINGLETON, M.D.** 1. Tubercular Bacilli in the Urine. 2. Cirrhosis of Liver Stimulating Acute Yellow Atrophy.  
**STEWART, J. Herbert, M.D.** 1. Paget's Disease of the Nipple. 2. Various Affections of the Skin.  
**WINDLE, B. C. A., M.B., and BARLING, H. G., M.B.** The Pathology and Relations of Lupus.

It is desired to illustrate in as complete a manner as possible, by means of preparations and microscopical specimens, the Primary Growths of the Urinary Tract, especially of the Kidney, Bladder, and Prostate. The object of this investigation is to collect all the information that is to be obtained in this country, with the view of deciding what are the primary growths that have been met with in this region. The specimens lent will be arranged in the museum, and a report of the investigation will be brought forward in the Pathological Section by Mr. Paul. The Subcommittee will be very glad to receive (1) recent specimens; (2) mounted specimens of rare growths; (3) microscopical sections (these are specially requested). The specimens and sections will be returned to their owners after the meeting.

# SECTION G.—PSYCHOLOGY.

In this Section, the following special subjects have been selected for discussion.

1. The Employment of the Insane. Introduced by Dr. Yellowlees. Dr. David Bower, Dr. William W. Ireland, Dr. John A. Wallis, and others, are expected to take part in this discussion.

2. Bone - Degeneration in the Insane. Introduced by Dr. Wigglesworth. Dr. William W. Ireland and others are expected to take part.

3. Cerebral Localisation in relation to Psychological Medicine. Introduced by Mr. W. Bevan Lewis. Dr. James Ross, Dr. David Ferrier, Dr. W. W. Ireland, Dr. Fletcher Beach, Dr. Alexander Robertson, and others, are expected to take part.

4. General Paralysis. Introduced (if time permit) by Dr. W. J. Mickle. Several members are expected to take part.

The following papers are also promised.

**BAKER, John Henry, Esq., and MICKLE, W. J., M.D.** Some Acts during Temporary Epileptic Mental Disorder.  
**HICKSON, Albert Thomas, M.D.** Locomotor Ataxy and General Paralysis.  
**HUGGARD, William Richard, M.D.** Definitions of Insanity.  
**MERCIE, Charles A., M.B.** An Epidemic of Delirium.  
**MICKLE, William Julius, M.D.** Visceral and other Syphilitic Lesions in Insane Patients, without Cerebral Syphilitic Lesions.  
**SANKEY, William H. O., M.D.** What Phenomena are included in the name of General Paralysis or General Paresis?  
**SAVAGE, George H., M.D.** Some Cases of General Paralysis with Lateral Sclerosis of the Cord.  
**SHUTTLEWORTH, George E., M.D.** Is Legal Responsibility acquired by Educated Imbeciles?  
**WIGLESWORTH, Joseph, M.D.** The Pathology of Mania.

Several members will also exhibit Microscopical Sections of the Brain and Spinal Cord.

# SECTION H.—OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Three subjects have been selected for discussion in this Section.

1. On Tests for Colour-sense and for Acuteness of Vision, with special reference to Schools and Sailors. Opened by Dr. W. A. Brailey, followed by Dr. Snellen (Utrecht). Messrs. Nettleship, Fitzgerald, and Higgins have promised to take part.

2. On the Use of the Magnet in Ophthalmic Surgery. Opened by Mr. Simeon Snell, followed by Dr. W. A. McKeown.

3. On the various methods of Treatment for Sloughing Ulcer of the Cornea, with especial reference to Incision and Scraping. Opened by Mr. T. Pridgin Teale, followed by Dr. Little.

The following papers have been promised.

**ABBOTT, George, Esq.** Obstruction of the Nasal Duct, and its Treatment by Styles.  
**ANDREW, Edwyn, M.D.** Treatment of Lacrymal Obstruction.  
**CRITCHETT, G. Anderson, Esq.** Ulcers of the Cornea, their Varieties and Treatment.  
**FORBES, Lilton, Esq.** 1. On the Relations existing between certain states of the Sexual Organs and Visual Disturbance. 2. The Doctrine of Enucleation.  
**HIGGINS, Charles, Esq.** On the Treatment of Painful Corneal Ulcers by Warmth and Eschar.  
**JONES, A. Emrys, M.D.** 1. A Case of Orbital Abscess Communicating with the Brain. 2. A Case of Embolism (?) of the Central Artery of the Retina connected with Facial Erysipelas.  
**JULIE, Henry, Esq.** On the Relative Merits of the Various Methods of Testing the Refraction of the Eye.  
**LEE, Charles George, Esq.** Notes on the Ophthalmic Conditions of Deaf-Mutes.  
**MCKEOWN, W. A., M.D.** The Treatment of Accidental Dislocation of the Lens.  
**MACNAMARA, Charles, Esq.** On the Pathology and Treatment of Zonular Cataract.  
**MILES, P. H., M.D.** An Electric Movement for Carter's Astigmatic Clock.  
**SEARS, Charles, Esq.** Tobacco Amblyopia.  
**TAYLOR, Charles Bell, M.D.** 1. On the Operative Treatment of Sympathetic Ophthalmia, with Cases. 2. On Transplantation of Skin with Temporary Pedicle without Scar. 3. Notes on the Operation for Cataract, with and without Iridectomy.  
**WATSON, W. Spencer, Esq.** Shot-silk Appearance of the Retina.  
**WOLFE, John R., M.D.** 1. On the Transference of Conjunctiva from the Rabbit to the Human Subject for the Cure of Symblepharon. 2. On the Treatment of Suppuration of the Tear-passages.

# SECTION I.—DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

Three special subjects have been selected for discussion.

1. Dr. T. Barlow will open a discussion on Rheumatism and its Allies in Children. The following gentlemen have promised to take part in the discussion: Dr. O. Sturges, Dr. Rickards, Dr. Finlayson, Dr. Sansom, Dr. Mahomed, Dr. J. S. Bury, Dr. Donkin, and Dr. Byers.

2. Dr. Ballard: On the Etiology and Pathology of Summer Diarrhoea. The following gentlemen have promised to take part: Dr. Borchardt, Dr. Seaton, Mr. W. Hugh Hughes, Dr. Bruce Low, Dr. Strange, Dr. A. Ransome, and Dr. Maccall.

3. Mr. Morrant Baker: On Acute Epiphyseal Necrosis and its Consequences. The following gentlemen are likely to take part: Mr. J. H. Morgan, Mr. R. W. Parker, Mr. G. A. Wright, Mr. G. Cowell, Mr. E. Owen, and Mr. A. Caesar.

The following papers are promised.

- ASHBY, H., M.D. On Scarlatinal Rheumatism.  
 BURY, J. S., M.D. A Case of Osteo-malacia in a Child.  
 DAY, W. H., M.D. A Case of Croupous Pneumonia in a Child, treated successfully by the Cold Bath.  
 GEE, Samuel J., M.D. Some Kinds of Albuminous and Purulent Urine in Children.  
 MORGAN, J. H., Esq. A Case of Epiphyseal Necrosis of the Humerus, followed by Considerable Shortening of the Arm.  
 MORISON, B. G., M.B. Infantile Diarrhoea and its Treatment.  
 OXLEY, M. G. B., M.D. Fatal Case of Chorea in a Child aged 10 Years.  
 PUGHE, R. N., Esq. Operations for the Radical Cure of Hernia in Childhood.  
 RAWDON, H. G., M.D. On the Operation for Hare-lip.  
 STRAVERSON, W. E., M.D. On Electricity in the Treatment of Infantile Paralysis.  
 STURGES, O., M.D. On the Alliance of Rheumatism and Chorea.  
 THOMAS, W. R., M.D. On Intermittent Fever among Children in Low-lying Districts: its Frequency, and the importance of recognising it, owing to its Curability.  
 TOMKINS, H., M.D. On the Clinical Features of Typhus Fever in Children.  
 WRIGHT, G. A., Esq. On the Value of Localising the Primary Lesion in Joint-disease, as an Indication for Treatment.

#### SECTION J.—OTOLOGY.

Discussions will take place on the following subjects.

1. A discussion on the more serious aspects of Chronic Purulent Inflammation of the Middle Ear will be introduced by Dr. W. Laidlaw Purves.
2. A discussion on the various forms of Artificial Tympanic Membrane, and their Comparative Value, will be introduced by Dr. F. M. Pierce.

The following gentlemen have expressed their intention of taking part in the discussions: Dr. Edward Woakes, Dr. Thomas Barr, Dr. Urban Pritchard, Dr. William A. McKeown, Dr. J. W. Browne, Dr. Richard Ellis, Dr. H. J. Hardwicke.

The following papers have been promised.

- BARR, Thomas, M.D. Practical Observations on the Use of the Cotton-Pellet (Yearsley's Artificial Tympanic Membrane) as an Aid to Hearing.  
 CASSELL, James P., M.D. An Analysis of Ten Years' Aural Surgery.  
 FORBES, Litton, Esq. The Indications for, and Therapeutic Value of, Myringectomy.  
 MCBRIDE, P., M.D. The Prognosis of Chronic Non-Suppurative Inflammation of the Middle Ear.  
 TORRANCE, Robert, Esq. Deafness in Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.  
 WILLIAMS, Richard, Esq. A Fatal Case of Chronic Purulent Inflammation of the Middle Ear, from Extension to the Intracranial Cavity.

*N.B.—Members who desire to take part in the discussions, or to read papers, are earnestly requested to communicate without delay with the secretaries of the respective Sections.*

Notice is hereby given that it will be proposed, in accordance with resolution passed at special meeting of Council held at Birmingham, viz.: "That the return, first-class railway-fares of every member to meetings of the executive body be paid by the Association."

Dr. Eyton-Jones, Wrexham, hereby gives notice that he will move at the annual meeting at Liverpool an amendment to the proposal to pay the travelling expenses of Branch representatives on the Committee of Council, of which the following is a copy:

"That it would be unfair and unjust, to pay the travelling expenses of one section of Members of Committee of Council, without at the same time paying the like expenses for all Members of the New Council and for all attendances at Committee Meetings of the Parent Association, and as such attendances would amount in the aggregate to a very large annual expenditure, it is impolitic and unwise to adopt such a resolution."

Dr. Boyd Mushet hereby gives notice that he will move:

"1. The British Medical Association universally and absolutely condemns the acceptance and tenure of all *gratuitous* medical appointments—whether to general, special, home, or cottage hospital, dispensary, infirmary, convalescent home, or other institution. It resolves that a permanent committee be appointed to accomplish their speedy and utter abolition."

"2. That the same committee report on the inadequacy of the salaries of medical officers in the service of the Local Government Board, and devise prompt and energetic measures for equitable payment."

"3. That the committee also determine a scheme to ascertain and register a list of defaulting patients throughout the country."

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

London, June 21st, 1883.

#### SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The forty-third annual meeting of the South-Western Branch was held at the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, on June 26th, under the presidency of Mr. Christopher Bulteel. Fifty members and some visitors were present.

*Report of Council.*—The report of the Council was read as follows. During the past year three meetings of the Branch were held, namely, the annual meeting at Barnstaple, and quarterly meetings at Plymouth and Exeter. A quarterly meeting at Falmouth was unavoidably postponed on account of the serious illness of Dr. Hudson, with whom the arrangements for the meeting would have rested.

The subjects that have specially engaged the attention of the Council and Branch were the following.

1. The homœopathic question. On this the views expressed by the Branch in the preceding year were reaffirmed. There are indications that the Committee of Council will be forced to abandon its present position of passive toleration of homœopathic practitioners in the ranks of the Association, and to carry out the regulations which have been clearly laid down by the Association at the annual meetings of 1852, 1858, and 1861.

2. The proposed alterations in the laws relating to the education and registration of medical practitioners. The Council presented a petition to Parliament in favour of the Government Bill (practically the Bill of the Association) entitled "An Act for the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners," and requested the local Parliamentary representatives to support it.

3. Mr. Hastings's Bill for compelling all medical men under a penalty to notify all cases of infectious disease under their care to the public authorities. Copies of resolutions passed in opposition to this Bill at the last annual meeting were sent to the members of Parliament for the various divisions and boroughs of Devon and Cornwall, and a special petition against the Bill prepared and presented to Parliament.

4. The constitution of the chief executive body of the Association, the Committee of Council. Changes were suggested at meetings of the Branch on April 17th and June 22nd, 1882, and January 10th, 1883, and it is satisfactory to report that the Committee of Council has now itself felt the necessity of recommending important alterations in the constitution and government of the Association, all tending in the direction of the suggested reforms. These alterations in the rules of the Association will be proposed for adoption at the annual meeting at Liverpool, and we urge our representatives on the General Council to make every effort to attend the meeting and support them.

A petition was presented to Parliament in favour of the Midwives Bill, drafted by a subcommittee of the Parliamentary Committee of the Association. This Bill has been approved by the Government, and will be brought forward at an early date.

Six members of the Branch have died since last report, and our numbers now stand at 187. The balance in hand is £13 8s. 11d., against £10 18s. 10d. at the time of our last annual meeting.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were chosen for the ensuing year:—*President*: C. Bulteel, Esq., Stonehouse. *Seven Members of Council*: Lewis Shapter, M.D., Exeter; W. Henderson, M.D., Exeter; A. Blomfield, M.D., Exeter; G. Pycroft, Esq., Kenton; J. D. Harris, Esq., Exeter; J. Deans, Esq., North Tawton; W. Budd, Esq., Exeter. *Honorary Secretary*: S. Rees Philipps, M.D., Exeter. *Nine Representative Members on the General Council*: W. Gervis, M.D., Ashburton; H. Greenway, Esq., Plymouth; J. Thompson, M.D., Bideford; J. Harper, Esq., Barnstaple; A. Bampton, M.D., Plymouth; W. Pearce, Esq., St. Tudy; W. D. Stamp, Esq., Plympton; J. Rolston, M.D., Devonport; C. Bulteel, Esq., Stonehouse. *Representative on Parliamentary Bills Committee*: S. Rees Philipps, M.D., Exeter.

*New Members.*—The following were elected: Mr. A. S. Perkins; Mr. F. W. H. D. Harris; W. Laing, M.B.; H. Swale, M.B.; Mr. J. Moore; J. Mortimer, M.B.; Mr. F. C. Bennett; Mr. J. Cockburn; Mr. J. Harrison; Mr. J. R. Rolston; Mr. F. C. Rowe; and J. Reid, A.M.D.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT delivered an interesting address on sanitary matters.

*Communications.*—The following communications were made.

1. Mr. W. Square: Some Practical Remarks on the Diagnosis of Early Glaucoma.

2. Mr. W. Pearce: Case of Intestinal Obstruction.

3. Mr. C. Bulteel: Ligature of Femoral Artery for Popliteal Aneurysm.

4. Mr. George Jackson: Specimen of Aneurysm of Subclavian Artery.
5. Dr. Bampton: 1. New Urinary Tests; 2. Specimens of Bacillus Tuberculosis; 3. Large Vesical Calculus.
6. Dr. Davy: Case of Retention of Menses from Imperforate Hymen.
7. Mr. M. H. Bulteel: Two Cases of Craniotomy.
8. Dr. Spencer Thomson: On the Use of Alcohol in Health and Disease.

*Medical Provident Society.*—Mr. GEORGE JACKSON brought the question of the proposed Medical Provident Society before the meeting, and pointed out its advantages.

*Contagious Diseases Acts.*—The recent action of the Government in suspending the operation of these Acts was strongly commented on, and much testimony was adduced as to the good that had accrued from them. The subjoined resolution was passed unanimously: "That, in the opinion of this meeting, legislation which tends to check the ravages of venereal disease is most important, and demands the full support of the medical profession." A second resolution was passed, with only one dissenter: "That this meeting greatly deplores the action of the House of Commons and the Government which has led to the withdrawal of the metropolitan police, and to the abolition of periodical examination of women under the Contagious Diseases Acts."

*Luncheon.*—The members were hospitably entertained by the President at his residence in Durnford Street, Stonehouse.

*Annual Dinner.*—The dinner was held at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth. Among the guests were the Mayors of Plymouth and Devonport, and the Chairman of the Stonehouse Local Board. Some excellent vocal and instrumental music greatly increased the enjoyment of the evening.

During the afternoon, the park and gardens of Mount Edgumbe were thrown open to the members of the Association.

#### SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-eighth annual meeting of this Branch took place at the Harpur Charities Trustees' Room, Bedford, on Friday, June 29th, under the presidency of R. H. KINSEY, Esq.

*New Members.*—Mr. A. L. Perkins, of Wellingborough, and Mr. E. Coultin Rogers, County Asylum, Fulbourn, were elected members.

*Autumnal Meeting.*—It was proposed by Mr. C. J. EVANS, seconded by Mr. H. BULL, that the autumnal meeting be held at Wellingborough the first week in October.

*Combined Meeting.*—The members of this Branch, in conjunction with those of the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon Branch, adjourned at 3 P.M. to an excellent luncheon given by Mr. R. H. Kinsey, who took the chair, and to whom a vote of thanks was given for his sumptuous entertainment. At 3.45 P.M. a combined meeting of the Branches took place at the Harpur Trustees' Room. There were present: Mr. R. H. Kinsey (President), and more than forty members of the two Branches.

*President's Address.*—The President read an address, having reference principally to the subject of alcohol. Thanks were proposed by Dr. PAGET, seconded by Dr. HOUGH, for the address and luncheon.

*Communications.*—The following communications were made.

1. A discussion was opened by Dr. Bradbury on some points in the Etiology, Symptoms, and Treatment of Pneumonia.
2. Dr. Buszard introduced a discussion on Croup and Diphtheria.
3. Dr. Jones exhibited some specimens of Tubercle-Bacilli, with remarks.

Professor HUMPHRY proposed that those who had taken part in the discussion on pneumonia, should send notes of their remarks to the honorary secretaries.

*The Medical Acts Amendment Bill.*—Mr. R. W. WATKINS made a few remarks on the Medical Act Amendment Bill, and proposed a resolution thereon. Mr. Watkins thought the new Medical Bill provided a safeguard. Dr. Paget considered the safeguard insufficient. Scotland having power over their own Board, the Medical Council would not be able to control the Scottish and Irish Boards. It was proposed by Dr. BUSZARD, and seconded by Mr. C. JOHNSON, and resolved, that action on the Medical Amendment Act be deferred.

*Collective Investigation.*—A report was presented by the Collective Investigation Committee of the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon Branch. Cards and explanatory memoranda relating to acute pneumonia, chorea, acute rheumatism, diphtheria, and syphilis were had from the honorary secretaries, Dr. B. Anningson and Mr. G. F. Kirby Smith.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE POLITICS AND FINANCE OF THE PROFESSION.

SIR,—I think we are very much indebted to Dr. Balthazar Foster, for his admirable exposure of our corporate shortcomings. It is lamentably true that, however great and influential certain members of our body may be, as a whole we do not command that influence to which, from our education and services to the commonwealth, we might fairly be deemed to be entitled. But it hardly seems to me that Dr. Foster has gone far enough in pointing out the real cause of our impotence. No doubt he is perfectly correct in ascribing a great deal of it to want of union. That is, unhappily, too patent, and that it should be a source of weakness cannot be denied. It is melancholy to think how the corporations examine us, take our fees, and turn us adrift in the world, without another thought for us or our welfare, as if we were not members of a common profession, whose prosperity or otherwise must rest upon the whole body. In all the struggles against injustice in high places undergone by the army, the naval, and the poor-law medical services, the powerful corporations have stood by as if the affair were none of theirs, and left their members and licentiates to shift for themselves. And as to the General Medical Council, instead of being a source of strength to the profession, it has simply added one more to the list of those who have devoured us.

But there is another source of weakness, even worse than want of union, for it has been to a great extent the parent thereof. We are poor. Take away the princes of medicine, whose wealth and position place them above the struggles of, and out of sympathy with, the bulk of their brethren, I very much doubt whether the average income of the medical man of England exceeds £600 a year. I do not know much sadder reading than the advertisements in medical papers. Without reckoning the terrible appeals for alms, pure and simple, which shock us almost weekly, there is a constant stream of such exposures of our poverty as these:—"A very old established practice, averaging £318." "A very old established practice of £500 a year, including appointments of £200." "In a rich agricultural district, near a large town, an unopposed practice, worth about £500, including appointments, £100. Held by vendor twenty years."

What a world of pathos lies in these. Fancy the wearing struggles of twenty years to pay one's way, bring up a family, and appear like a gentleman, on £500 a year, with a horse to keep and drug-bill to pay out of that. "In a rich agricultural district!" What kind of influence would the impecunious doctor have over the moneyed bucolics, many of whom probably are members of clubs, that represent the £100 a year, and claim his best attendance from several miles distance, for half-a-crown per annum? What is a man likely to think of one whom he can order about at his sweet will and pleasure for half-a-crown a year? The wonder is, not that we have so little influence, but that we have so much as we have. For this thing reflects itself. It not only degrades the individual, but his profession; and, even as we all derive a certain measure of reflected glory from the discoveries of Harvey and Jenner, so do we derive vicarious shame from this cheap barter.

I do not desire to blame those who do it. That would be to blame the bulk of the profession. Most of us hold appointments which our poverty and not our will consents to take; but the very fact that so large a proportion of us accept clubs at a few shillings, and parish patients at a few pence a head, to eke out our incomes, shows, as conclusively as anything can, how slender are the incomes that are so eked out.

And we are not only poor, but busy. If we were only poor from having little to do, our very idleness might be dangerous to a dull-eared Government. A large crew on the high seas in fair weather is kept holy-stoning the desk, lest their unemployed energies might become troublesome. But we are too busy to agitate, and are poor only because we are ill-paid. This is fatal in a country which is governed by agitation, and in which the noisiest win.

Not only are we poor, but we are poorer relatively than we were; for all classes, except perhaps the labourers, are richer. And I cannot agree with Dr. Balthazar Foster, that "as the power of other learned callings wanes, as the proud predominance of wealth is lessened, it is the scientific intelligence that must gain in power," at least, not if he means that that process is already in operation. It seems to me quite the reverse. Men who would go to a hospital rather than pay a few pounds to a medical man, will pay heavy bills to



## MEDICAL NEWS.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—The following gentlemen passed their primary examinations in anatomy and physiology, at a meeting of the Board of Examiners on the 6th instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass examination, viz.:

Messrs. W. S. Cunliffe, H. E. Winter, G. E. A. Evans, J. L. Thomas, and T. C. Pagden, students of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. J. Weaver, and G. H. Lang, of University College; H. D. Archbutt, and P. S. Webster, of the London Hospital; J. A. Ward, and E. S. Simpson, of Guy's Hospital; A. L. Marshall, and W. H. Brown, of the University of Cambridge; George Spear, of St. Mary's Hospital; G. C. Fitzgerald, of St. Thomas's Hospital; and O. J. Kauffmann, of the Manchester School.

Eight candidates were referred.

The following gentlemen passed on the 7th instant, viz.:

Messrs. R. G. Smith, Cecil Christopherson, and Robert Spear, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. A. Farr, C. J. Cressy, E. B. Harris, and A. M. Jones, of Guy's Hospital; E. T. A. Robinson, F. H. Bonnett, and W. C. Anstie, of University College; L. H. Smith, E. B. Chamberlain, and William Davis, of the London Hospital; S. W. Thompson, and C. D. Christmas, of the Charing Cross Hospital; W. J. Richardson, and A. H. L. Cox, of King's College; and R. S. Steman, of St. Mary's Hospital.

Four candidates were referred for three months, and two for six months.

The following gentlemen passed on the 9th instant, viz.:

Messrs. F. W. Gee, W. Harries, G. K. Pearson, C. J. Parson, and E. G. Blaxford, of University College; Robert Capes, E. S. Blake, G. H. Reynolds, and H. A. Reed, of Guy's Hospital; J. H. White, Montague Cheale, and J. W. Cockerill, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; B. A. Lewis, Sanderson Mellor, and W. F. Pool, of the London Hospital; and Thomas Lyons, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Eight candidates were referred for three months.

The following gentlemen passed on the 10th instant, viz.:

Messrs. E. H. Biddlecombe, C. P. Crouch, and Arthur Matthey, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; H. O. Preston, R. G. D. Speedy, and G. H. Williams, of St. George's Hospital; Lancelot Bathurst, and G. E. Rawlinson, of St. Thomas's Hospital; C. D. Freeman, and A. H. Whiche, of the Charing Cross Hospital; J. E. N. Joly, and P. W. Fraser, of University College; W. J. Spoor, of the Middlesex Hospital; S. H. Secombe, of Guy's Hospital; H. M. Wood, of St. Mary's Hospital; and W. D. Buncombe, of the London Hospital.

Six candidates were referred for three months, and one for six months.

The following gentlemen passed on the 11th instant, viz.:

Messrs. S. C. Buckland, Ifor Davis, and F. M. Sealy, of the Middlesex Hospital; John Wreford, J. G. Rusher, and T. E. A. Pearman, of the London Hospital; F. H. S. Raven, and D. T. Davies, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; M. J. Finucane, of St. Thomas's Hospital; H. A. W. Coryn, of Charing Cross Hospital; A. J. Pickthorn, and R. C. G. Dill, of St. George's Hospital; and W. P. West, of Guy's Hospital.

Twelve candidates were referred for three months.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, July 5th, 1888.

Beardmore, George Russell, Upper Street, Islington, N.  
Bennett, Frederick Thomas, Instow, North Devon.  
Burrows, Walter Horncastle, Cobden Road, Chesterfield.  
D'Aguiar, Joao Gomes, Demerara.  
Gostling, Thomas Preston, Lady Margaret Road, N.W.  
Hentsch, George Frederick, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N.  
Kitching, John Lea Walton, The Infirmary, Derby.  
Pauli, William Kirman, Luton, Bedfordshire.  
Power, Henry d'Arcy, Charlwood Street, W.  
Sutton, Henry Martyn, Lambeth Palace Road, S.E.  
Whiche, James Charles Francis, Westcombe Park, Blackheath.  
Willett, Edgar William, Great Ormond Street, W.C.  
Wingrave, Thomas, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his Primary Professional Examination.

Bradshaw, William Lucknow, Belfast Royal Hospital.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

**BOROUGH OF SHEFFIELD.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum. Application by July 17th.

**BRIGHTON, HOVE AND SUSSEX THROAT AND EAR DISPENSARY, 23, Queen's Road, Brighton.**—Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by July 29th.

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Application by July 30th.

**CORK DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM.**—Second Assistant to Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £100, with £50 in lieu of rations, per annum. Applications by August 6th.

**DERBY AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—Two Assistant-Surgeons. Salaries, £160 per annum (out-door). Applications to the Secretary, Mr. J. Bullivant, 56, Abbey Street, Derby, by July 24th.

**DOWNPATRICK LUNATIC ASYLUM.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. August 4th election.

**EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.**—Dental Surgeon. Applications by the 24th instant.

**GATESHEAD DISPENSARY.**—Assistant-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to Mr. J. Jordan, 2, Side, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by July 20th.

**GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Physician to a New Department for Skin-Diseases. Applications by July 16th.

**HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.**—Dispenser (Non-resident). Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 14th.

**LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.**—Medical Officer. Applications to Mr. H. B. Hewetson, 11, Hanover Square, Leeds.

**LONDON HOSPITAL, Whitechapel.**—Junior Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by July 17th.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Colney Hatch.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by July 25th.

**NETHERFIELD INSTITUTION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES, Liverpool.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to Robert Calder, Secretary, 4, Commercial Court, 17, Water Street, Liverpool, by August 15th.

**OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester.**—Assistant Lecturer in Materia Medica and Pharmacy, and Curator of the Materia Medica Museum. Stipend, £120 per annum. Applications by July 18th.

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road.**—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Applications by July 25th.

**ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Moorfields, E.C.**—Refraction Assistant. Applications by July 23rd.

**SALOP INFIRMARY, Shrewsbury.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by the 27th instant.

**STOCKTON-UPON-TEES HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications by July 14th.

**STRABANE UNION, Strabane Dispensary.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, and £25 as Medical Officer of Health. Election, July 18th.

**TORBAY HOSPITAL AND PROVIDENT DISPENSARY, Torquay.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum. Applications to W. H. Kitson, Esq., Hemsworth, Torquay, by July 16th.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER.**—Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum. Applications by July 18th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**BAKER, G. L., L.R.C.P.**, appointed Resident Obstetric Assistant to the Westminster Hospital, *vice* P. Jackson, L.S.A.

**BUTLER, G. E., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Junior House-Physician to the Westminster Hospital, *vice* H. Larder, M.R.C.S.

**CLAPP, R., L.R.C.P.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Devon County Lunatic Asylum.

**CORNISH, C. N., L.R.C.P.**, appointed Physician's Assistant to the Bristol General Hospital, *vice* H. L. P. Anstead, L.R.C.P., resigned.

**FENGUS, S., M.D.**, appointed Medical Officer to the Armagh Union, Blackwater-town Dispensary, *vice* T. Martin, M.D., deceased.

**FIRTH, Charles, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.S.**, elected Honorary Surgeon to the Gravesend Infirmary and Dispensary.

**FRAZER, WILLIAM, M.D.**, appointed one of the Honorary Physicians to St. Mary's Home for Invalid Ladies, Bournemouth.

**GLOVER, J. P., L.R.C.P.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the Cheltenham General Hospital, *vice* H. Ewbank, L.R.C.P., resigned.

**HARDING, W. M.B.**, appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Carlisle Dispensary and Fever Hospital, *vice* T. Larcher, L.R.C.P., resigned.

**LAXTON, T. L., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Fulsestone District of the Huddersfield Union.

**MACLEAN, C., M.B.**, appointed Medical Officer to the Pennygown and Torosay Union.

**SWIFT, H., M.B.**, appointed Junior Resident Medical Officer to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, *vice* M. Read, M.B., resigned.

**TAYLOR, H. E., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.**, appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, Yorkshire.

**WALFORD, EDWARD, S.Sc.C.Camb.**, reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Urban Sanitary District of Ramsgate for a period of three years.

**WARREN, F. W., M.B.**, appointed Surgeon to the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, *vice* B. W. Richardson, F.R.C.S., deceased.

**WILLIAMS, T. H., L.R.C.P.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the Denbighshire Infirmary, *vice* J. J. Lloyd, L.R.C.P., resigned.

**WILSON, J., M.D.**, appointed Medical Officer to the Castleblayney Union, to the Workhouse and Fever Hospital, *vice* S. Gilmore, L.R.C.P., deceased.

### 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.

**HOWE.**—On July 5th, at Castle House, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire, the wife of J. Howe, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.M.Ed., of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGES.

**CLARKE-TAYLOR.**—July 5th, at St. Stephen's, East Twickenham, by the Rev. W. M. Johnstone, M.A., vicar, assisted by the Rev. John Bell, M.A., and the Rev. B. Savory, B.A., of St. George's, Hanover Square, Ernest Clarke, M.B., B.S., of 21, Lee Terrace, Blackheath, to Kate Litton, second daughter of John Hirst Taylor, Esq., of Cambridge Park, Twickenham, and late of Grove House, Windermere. No cards.

**COLLIER-MOORE.**—July 5th, at Limavady, by special licence, John T. Collier, M.D., M.Ch., of Lincoln, to Melinda, daughter of George Moore, Esq., of Limavady.

#### DEATH.

**TYLCOTE.**—On July 6th, at Sandon, Staffordshire, Emily Sarah, wife of J. H. Tylcote, M.D.

# OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

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| <b>MONDAY.</b>    | 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.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.   |
| <b>TUESDAY.</b>   | 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.  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY.</b> | 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. |
| <b>THURSDAY.</b>  | St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.   |
| <b>FRIDAY.</b>    | 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.  |
| <b>SATURDAY.</b>  | 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.

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| <b>CHARING CROSS.</b>      | Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.   |
| <b>GUY'S.</b>              | Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. W., 1.30; Tu. F., 12.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.   |
| <b>KING'S COLLEGE.</b>     | 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., 3; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.                                   |
| <b>LONDON.</b>             | 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, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.   |
| <b>MIDDLESEX.</b>          | 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.  |
| <b>ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.</b>  | 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.                                       |
| <b>ST. GEORGE'S.</b>       | 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.   |
| <b>ST. MARY'S.</b>         | 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.  |
| <b>ST. THOMAS'S.</b>       | 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. |
| <b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.</b> | 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., 10.30.   |
| <b>WESTMINSTER.</b>        | 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.

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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.

## PLUMBING AND DISEASE.

MR. ERNEST HART will feel much obliged by any references to or copies of reports concerning epidemics due to imperfect house-drains or bad plumbing work, as well as by copies of any local regulations, made under by-laws or private Acts, for ensuring proper supervision over plumbers.

## MEDICAL BOOK-KEEPING.

SIR,—I was much struck the other day, at the house of a general practitioner, and a little amused, at the long and laborious system of keeping his accounts, which he tells me is the one commonly in use. He had a visiting-list of six hundred patients, which he re-wrote weekly, and from which he entered up his day-book nightly, giving the same details in both books. He analysed the latter monthly on large sheets of paper (another repetition), and from these sheets he posted his ledger. The cash appeared in the day-book and visiting-lists also. He complained bitterly of the labour, and asked me to send some suggestions to your JOURNAL. After keeping books for thirty years, it seems to me that it is only necessary for a medical man to keep two books.

1. An index containing an alphabetical list of names and addresses, with sufficient space left against each name to enable him to copy in prescriptions or make notes; or an ordinary index for names only, writing copies of prescriptions on slips or on multiplex paper, giving them a number and filing them.

2. The nature of the second book renders unnecessary the day-book, cash-book, analysis-sheets, and ledger.

I forward a form to illustrate how my system would work. Cash and visits would be posted straight to this book daily, which might be cross-cast at any time, and the totals carried forward to the end of the quarter. The total on the last page of the quarter would show total work done for three months, total cash received for book-debts, total ready money received, total work done for each patient and amount paid by him, and balance against each patient, and also money received relating to a previous quarter. A separate line should be kept for ready money received, at the end of the names, as shown in the specimen page herewith. As a page would hardly accommodate more than forty names, the book would be divided into so many parts, one for each forty, with consecutive numbers to the pages to suit the index; or there might be a number of books, one for each forty, instead of one large one subdivided.

It seems to me that this would meet every requirement; but, of course, it might be modified to suit particular cases. I should be gratified to know that these suggestions have been of any service to the profession.—Yours obediently,

J. A. Dow.

City, July 9th, 1883.

## MEDICAL PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

THE names of Dr. Casey (Windsor) and Dr. Trend (Southampton) were by an error inserted in the list of adherents to the proposed Medical Provident Association published last week.

## AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Perhaps you will kindly insert this appeal in your next issue. The case is a really distressing one. The late Dr. Stewart conducted an extensive, but very poorly remunerated practice, in a widely scattered parish in the extreme north of Scotland. He was seized with double pneumonia on June 15th last, and died three days afterwards, leaving his family totally destitute. I am sure that when these facts are known to many of the more opulent members of the profession, they will subscribe towards the fund now being raised to assist his widow and children in their dire misfortune. Perhaps you will receive any subscriptions which may be sent in, and forward them to the Rev. James McPherson, The Manse, Canisbay, Caithness, N.E.—Yours faithfully, Burton House, Great Yarmouth, July 3rd, 1883. ALEX. MITCHELL.

## MEDICAL PUBLISHERS.

DR. FOTHERGILL'S work, *Indigestion, Biliousness, and Gout*, is published by Mr. H. K. Lewis, and not by Messrs. Baillière, Tindall, and Cox, as stated in a recent number of the JOURNAL. Mr. Berkeley Hill's work, *The Essentials of Bandaging*, and Messrs. Hill and Cooper's work on *Veneral Diseases* are now also published by Mr. Lewis, and not by Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co.

## THE SUNDERLAND CATASTROPHE.

SIR,—The somewhat hurried communication I recently sent you (p. 1294) contains, I am sorry to say, an error, which, with your kind permission, I should like to correct. I may first explain that my statements of the internal arrangements of the hall were made from memory; but from a visit which I paid on Saturday, June 30th, I personally ascertained that the doors leading out of the dress-circle and the body of the hall are all swing-doors, and so far I was incorrect in saying that they opened inwards. In every other respect, the facts are as I stated them to be.—I am, sir, yours truly, 27, John Street, Sunderland, July 2nd, 1883. JAMES BARRON.

## LOCUM TENENS.

SIR,—A correspondent writes to a contemporary to inquire whether there is a medical agency in Ireland through which locum tenentes, assistants, etc., could be secured. As there is no such agency in Ireland I shall be glad to furnish the names, etc., of several highly qualified gentlemen for such positions who, while awaiting appointments, are constantly reading in the library of this College.—Yours, etc., G. F. BLAKE, Assistant Librarian, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin. July 4th, 1883.

## SALOP INFIRMARY.

THE election to the vacant post of house-surgeon of the Salop Infirmary will, we are asked to state, be in the hands of the directors, the medical staff, and twenty-five chosen trustees—forming a special board. The old plan of advertising in the local papers, and soliciting the votes of the subscribers—an expensive and troublesome process—is entirely abolished.



## POISONOUS PIGMENTS.

AFTER our article on this subject had gone to press, the secretary to the committee of the National Health Society received a communication from the Foreign Office, in which Mr. Sackville West, H.M. Minister at Washington, stated that there were no federal laws on the use of poisonous pigments, and that the authorities of thirty-three of the forty-six States and Territories informed him that none whatever existed in their respective districts. From private information, the secretary finds that there are no restrictions imposed by the laws of Belgium.

## AN UNQUALIFIED ASSISTANT.

THE following advertisement, extracted from the *Birmingham Daily Post*, has been sent to us from two correspondents for publication.

"A Medical Student.—For the information of those of our readers who may not know Mr. B. E. L. Smith, medical assistant to J. J. Hues, surgeon, of Park Road, Aston, and Handsworth, and medical student of Queen's College, Birmingham, we may state that we have before us a large number of testimonials to that gentleman, some of which we publish, extending over a period of thirteen years, which speak of Mr. Smith in terms of the highest praise. Dr. B. A. Otterell, of West Bromwich, whose assistant Mr. Smith was, speaks of him as 'perfectly familiar with the performance of surgery duties, a faithful and clean dispenser, a pleasing visitor, and a good and cautious accoucheur.' Mr. Hues writes as follows of Mr. Smith: 'I have much pleasure in stating that Mr. B. E. L. Smith has been my faithful and valued assistant for upwards of six years. (Signed) J. J. Hues, L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. (England).' There are also testimonials from Mr. W. Gibson, surgeon; Mr. J. H. Clay, surgeon, Birmingham; Mr. A. Whitehead, surgeon, Edgbaston; Dr. Drever, Winslow Green; Mr. T. G. Vaudrey, L.R.C.P. (London), M.R.C.S. (England)."

Our correspondents desire that we should ask whether such an advertisement was inserted with the view of inviting attention to the merits of a gentleman who (it is alleged), though unqualified, is in charge of Mr. J. J. Hues's branch practice, or for what legitimate purpose.

## MELANCHOLIA.

SIR,—Will you permit me to state, in answer to "E. W.'s" inquiry, that his patient may be treated at her own home, so long as she is there kept under proper care and control, and not cruelly treated nor neglected; and that, as the husband presumably does not derive any profit from such charge, this may be without any order and medical certificates; but I would advise "E. W.," if only for his own protection, to insist that the husband or other proper person, in the same manner not deriving profit from such charge, be actually resident, and take the responsibility of all acts that may be necessary for the well-being of his patient.

If "E. W." be of opinion that his patient is now actually dangerous, or that, for other reasons, she cannot be in this way properly treated, I apprehend that his wisest course will be to formally give the husband notice of this, and even, if necessary, to report the case to the Commissioners in Lunacy.

Undoubtedly, many very severe cases of melancholia are successfully and happily treated in their own homes.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
Brooke House, Upper Clapton, July 2nd, 1883. J. O. ADAMS, M.D.

## UNQUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS.

SIR,—Will you allow me to suggest the substitution of a clause, like the following, in the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, instead of Subclause 3 of Clause 27, which is appended as a note to the letter of Dr. Parsons, of Bristol, in last Saturday's *Journal*?

"Any person who shall assume the possession of any degree or title registrable under this Act, or who shall practise medicine or surgery for gain, without being duly registered, shall, upon a summary conviction before two justices of the peace, be convicted in a penalty not exceeding £20, or equivalent imprisonment."

Past experience proves that nothing but a penal clause like this, will prevent the practice of medicine by unqualified persons.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
W. WEBB, M.D., President of the Midland Branch.

Wirksworth, July, 1883.

ONE OF THEM.—Clause 69 of the new Medical Bill provides: "This Act shall not make illegal the use by any person, after the passing thereof, of any medical title which he was actually using, and was entitled to use, at the date of the passing of this Act." The Bill will have no retrospective effect on the rights and privileges of existing medical authorities.

## MOIST HANDS AND FEET.

SIR,—Your correspondent of a week or two since will find the following formula a valuable application to moist hands and feet. R acid salicylic, 3j; naphthol, 5j; pulv. amyli, 3iv; misc. et adde olei eucalypti, 3j; pulv. terre dimoliz (Taylor's), 3iv. The parts should be previously washed with 20 per cent. carbolic soap.—I am, sir, yours very truly,  
C. J. BOYD WALLIS.  
22, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W., July 2nd, 1883.

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## TREATMENT OF GOUTY DYSPEPSIA.

SIR,—Will any medical brother kindly advise me as to the treatment of the following case? A gentleman, aged 50, in whose family gout is hereditary, and who frequently suffers from gouty dyspepsia, has for some time been under my care for the above complaint, accompanied by a considerable amount of debility, irregular action of the heart, great lassitude, etc. The temperature is remarkable: during the greater part of the day it is slightly subnormal, but about 9 P.M. it begins to fall, and by 11 P.M. it generally ranges from 98.2° to 98.7°; this fall is followed by buzzing in the head and ears. With a view to keep the temperature from falling, I have tried quinine, digitalis, Easton's syrup, arsenic, maltine, with the phosphates of iron, quina, and strychnia, and various other nerving and general tonics, but hitherto without much success. I may also state that about twenty years ago my patient had an attack of Greek fever when at Malta.  
L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

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