

would be best secured by the appointment of a Minister of Health, and the occasional creation of medical peers."

In the course of the discussion that followed, Sir Spencer Wells, Sir James Paget, and Sir Thomas Watson were named as eminent medical men to whom peerages might have been offered.

In reply, Dr. TIBBITS said he based the claim he advanced solely on the ground of public health and advantage to the State.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1884:

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A MEETING of the Council will be held on Wednesday, January 16th, April 9th, July 9th, and October 15th, 1884. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members of the Association must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before the meeting, viz., December 27th, 1883, March 20th, June 20th, and September 25th, 1884, 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.*

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

CARDS for recording individual cases of the following diseases have been prepared by the Committee; they may be had on application to the Honorary Secretaries of the Local Committees in each Branch, or on application to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee.

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| I. Acute Pneumonia. | IVa. Diphtheria, sanitary. |
| II. Chorea. | V. Syphilis, acquired. |
| III. Acute Rheumatism. | Va. " inherited. |
| IV. Diphtheria, clinical. | VI. Acute Gout. |

URGENT.—The Committee propose to publish a final report on *Acute Pneumonia at the end of the year. Cases are therefore urgently needed during the next two months.*

Applications should be addressed to

The Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee,
September, 1883. 161A, Strand, W.C.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The autumn meeting of the East Anglian Branch will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Bungay, on Thursday, October 25th, at 1 P.M. There will be a *déjeuner* at 4.30, after the meeting. It is requested that notices of papers or communications be sent at once to either of the Honorary Secretaries, W. A. Elliston, M.D., Ipswich; M. Beverley, M.D., Norwich.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The tenth annual general meeting of this Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Stoke-upon-Trent, on Thursday, October 25th, at 4 P.M. An address will be delivered by the President-elect, Dr. C. Orton, Newcastle-under-Lyme.—VINCENT JACKSON, Honorary Secretary, Wolverhampton, October 1st, 1883.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A general meeting of this Branch will be held at the Belfast Royal Hospital on Thursday, October 25th, at 12 o'clock. Gentlemen intending to read papers, to exhibit specimens or patients, are requested to communicate, at their earliest convenience, with Dr. DEMPSEY, Honorary Secretary, Clifton Street, Belfast.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this district will take place at Gravesend, on Tuesday, November 13th. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens, are requested to communicate as early as possible with the Honorary Secretary of the district, A. W. NANKIVELL, F.R.C.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham.—October 5th, 1883.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.—Ordinary meeting, Sandown Hotel, Thursday, October 25th, 1883, at 4 P.M., James Neal, Esq., M.D., President, in the chair. Proposed new member: John Winthrop Woodruffe, Esq., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., West Cowes. Agenda: 1. The Work of the Collective Investigation Committee. 2. J. Groves, Esq., M.B.: Remarks on *Tuberculosis*. 3. T. A. Buck, Esq., M.B.: A Case of Complete Placenta Prævia, with Remarks. 4. W. E. Green, Esq.: Unusual Symptoms following Local Application of Ung. Hyd. Ammon. Gentlemen who are desirous of introducing patients, exhibiting pathological specimens, or making communications, are requested to signify their intention at once to the Honorary Secretary. Dinner at 6 P.M.; charge, 6s., exclusive of wine. Trains leave Sandown for Ryde at 8.7 P.M. and 8.51 P.M., for Ventnor 8.7, and Newport 8.10 P.M. By-law: When a member cannot attend whose paper is upon the agenda, it should be sent before the meeting to the secretary for the purpose of being read and discussed.—W. E. GREEN, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The first ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Grand Pump Room Hotel, Bath, on Thursday evening, October 25th, at 7.30; Edward Crossman, Esq., President. The following communications are expected. 1. A Case of Rupture of the Fallopian Tube, by R. S. Fowler, Esq. 2. Recurrent Fibromata of the Neck; their relation to the Branchial Arches, by H. W. Freeman, Esq. 3. The Use of Ergot in some of the Simpler Cases of Eye-Disease, by Louis J. King, Esq. 4. A Case of Death after Boue-Setting, by A. W. Pritchard, Esq.—RICHARD J. H. SCOTT, E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, Honorary Secretaries.—Bath, October 1883.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The autumn meeting will be held at Scarborough on Wednesday, October 31st. Gentlemen intending to communicate papers are requested to signify their intention to ARTHUR JACKSON, Secretary.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The next ordinary meeting will be held at Newport, on Thursday, November 15th. Members wishing to read papers, etc., should send titles to either of the undersigned by the end of this month at the latest.—A. SHEEN, M.D., D. A. DAVIES, M.B., Honorary Secretaries.—October 10th, 1883.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, November 28th. Dr. Ellis, of Eastbourne, will preside. Gentlemen desirous of contributing papers should at once communicate with the Honorary Secretary, T. JENNER VERRALL, 95, Western Road, Brighton.—October 16th, 1883.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The autumn meeting of the above district will be held at Worthing on Thursday, November 22nd, Dr. Kelly in the chair. Gentlemen intending to read papers are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, G. B. COLLET, 5, Steyne, Worthing.—October 15th, 1883.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Wareham, on Wednesday, October 24th, 1883. The business meeting will be held at the Town Hall, at 1.30 P.M. Agenda: Election of officers for 1884. Election of new members. The following gentlemen to be proposed: Samuel Montgomery, Kinson; William Henry Williams, jun., Sherborne. Place of the May meeting. Proposition by Mr. Parkinson: "That the Council of the Branch be a Committee to hear and decide all cases of dispute between members, and report any cases to the Branch meeting if they consider it necessary. Communications: Mr. Husband: A Singular Case of Dislocation of the Shoulder. Dr. Griffin: Account of the Epidemic of Cholera at Southampton in 1866. Dr. Bacot: 1. Injury to the Bladder. 2. Three Cases of Vaccination. Discussion: Is Typhoid Fever always due to Previous Typhoid? Dinner at the Red Lion Hotel, at 4.30 P.M. Charge, 6s. each, without wine. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the same to Dr. Lush, on or before Monday, October 22nd.—W. VAWDREY LUSH, M.D., Weymouth, C. H. WATTS PARKINSON, Wimbome, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—Collective Investigation Committee. At the last meeting of the Manchester Committee, it was decided to hold a meeting for the purpose of promoting the work of this Committee. It was thought desirable that full explanations should be given of the nature of the undertaking. For this purpose, the Committee have invited Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., and Dr. Mahomed, to meet the profession of this District. It has been arranged that the meeting should take place at the Owens College, on Thursday, the 25th instant, at 4.15 P.M. Dr. William Roberts, F.R.S., will take the chair, and open the proceedings with a short address.—JUDSON S. BURY, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting was held, in the Royal Hotel, West Hartlepool, on Friday, September 28th, 1883, at 4 o'clock; the President, Dr. W. H. DIXON, in the chair. About fifteen members were present. The minutes of the spring meeting were read and signed.

The following papers were read:

Dr. Philipson: On Stomachic Vertigo. Drs. Gibson and Dixon made some remarks upon the paper.

Dr. Murphy: Treatment of Puerperal Eclampsia by Pilocarpine. An animated discussion followed, in which Drs. Dixon, Gibson, Morison, Munro, and Drummond took part; Dr. Murphy replied.

Dr. Drummond: On the Value of the Hypodermic Needle in the Diagnosis of Obscure Affections.

The following specimens were shown:

Dr. Morison: Several Vesical Calculi, upon which Dr. Morison made some interesting and important remarks.

Dr. Murphy: Section of a Pelvis showing Imperforate Rectum after Operation.

After the meeting, the members and their friends dined together at the Royal Hotel; Dr. Dixon occupied the chair, and Dr. Drummond the vice-chair.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above branch was held at Wellingborough on Thursday, October 4th, at 2.30 P.M. The president, R. M. RENNEY, Esq., in the chair. The following gentlemen were present:—Dr. Buszard, Dr. Bryan, Dr. Bower Bedford, Mr. W. H. Walker, Bugbrook; Mr. F. Wyatt, Thurnam; Mr. W. G. Nash; Dr. A. H. Jones; Mr. W. H. Masters; Mr. K. W. Watkins; Mr. Henry

Terry, Northampton; Mr. G. H. Percival; Dr. Clark, Wellingborough; Mr. H. B. Spurgin, Northampton; Mr. C. J. Evans, Northampton; Mr. W. A. Thomson, Amptill; Mr. W. Kennedy, Northampton; Mr. G. F. Kirby Smith (hon. sec.).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr. Bryan then suggested that all members having votes for the Royal Benevolent College should support the case of Mr. Knolt, of Blisworth. This was confirmed by Mr. Terry and Mr. Watkins.

Mr. Henry Terry made some remarks with reference to the Benevolent Association.

Dr. Bryan read a most interesting paper on "Dyspepsia and its Treatment."

Dr. Buszard raised a discussion as regards the mixture of food at meals, etc.

Dr. Bryan suitably replied.

Dr. A. H. Jones brought forward a singular case of "Poisoning by Arsenical Fabrics." A few remarks having been made upon the case by Mr. Watkins and Dr. Bryan, Dr. Buszard dealt with a case of Hydrophobia, upon which observations were made by Dr. Jones and Dr. Thurnam, Dr. Buszard and Mr. Watkins replied.

Mr. Kirby Smith brought before the notice of the meeting "Two Cases of Colotomy."

Mr. G. H. Percival read a paper on an interesting case of "Rectotomy. Followed at a later date by Colotomy."

Dr. Thurnam exhibited a specimen of a "Perforating Ulcer of the Anterior Surface of the Lesser Curvature of the Stomach," in a child aged 13.

Mr. Spurgin produced a preparation showing a "Perforation of the Duodenum from Ulceration."

At the conclusion of the meeting tea and coffee were served, and the members separated after a most instructive and agreeable meeting.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: SESSION 1883-84.

THE first meeting of the session was held on October 11th; the President, Dr. BALTHAZAR FOSTER, in the chair. Forty-four members were present.

Patients, specimens, and instruments were shown by Dr. Windle, Dr. Savage, Mr. Lawson Tait, Mr. Priestley Smith, and Mr. Jordan Lloyd.

A resolution was passed requesting the Council of the Branch to take into consideration the existing laws of the Branch, with the view of bringing them into harmony with those of the laws of the Association recently revised.

The President expressed a hope that each member of the Branch would help in the collective investigation movement; he thought the number of cards filled up and returned to the local committee was not as large as the committee were justified in expecting.

Dr. Sanger read a paper on Some Points in the Treatment of the Severer Forms of Constipation and Intestinal Obstruction; and Mr. Bartleet read a paper on the Operative Treatment of Intestinal Obstruction. The discussion of the two papers, in which Mr. Lawson Tait, Mr. Furneaux Jordan, Dr. Hickinbotham, Mr. B. May, Dr. Saundby, Dr. Rickards, and Dr. Foster took part, occupied the remainder of the time allotted to the meeting.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

MANCHESTER.

Clinical Hospital for Women and Children.—Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association.—Medico-Ethical Association.

THE first of a series of lectures to nurses and others in connection with the Clinical Hospital for Women and Children, was delivered by the honorary physician, Dr. Maccall, on Thursday, October 11th, "On the Nursing of Sick Children." The remainder of the lectures will be delivered weekly by members of the medical staff.

The syllabus of lectures under the auspices of the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association has been already issued. All the subjects are chosen to illustrate the physiology of hygiene, and include, among others: breathing, working, thinking, eye and vision, ear and hearing, etc.; and among the lecturers we notice the names of Professor Dreschfeld, Drs. Ransome, Simpson, Brooke, Emrys-Jones, and Pierce. A subcommittee has been appointed to devise, start, and work a plan of collective investigation in Manchester and neighbourhood, in aid of Dr. Ballard's inquiry concerning diarrhoea.

At the last meeting of the Medico-Ethical Association, Mr.

Walmsley introduced, for discussion, the question of the advisability of admission of medical women to membership. There was no formal proposition put to the meeting, but the majority of the speakers were in favour of this extension. Before any decisive steps will be taken, however, the Committee will, doubtless, appeal to the whole body of members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DR. ROGERS AND THE WESTMINSTER GUARDIANS.

SIR,—Having received and considered many communications from poor-law medical officers considering this a fitting opportunity of raising a testimonial to Dr. Joseph Rogers, for his long continuous services in connection with poor-law medical reform, I beg to select one from Dr. Whitwell; and, should his suggestions take a tangible form, I feel sure it would be more in accordance with the feelings of Dr. Rogers if the subscriptions were small in amount, but emanating from the great body of poor-law medical officers chiefly. I would also suggest that you would kindly receive subscriptions in conjunction with our treasurer, C. Frost, Esq., 47, Ladbroke Square, Notting Hill, and myself.—I am, sir, yours truly,

J. WICKHAM BARNES.

3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London, October 15th, 1883.

SIR,—It has been extremely gratifying to me to note in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL the reprint of and the comment on the article from the *Standard* relative to the injustice done to Dr. Rogers by the Westminster Board of Guardians; and it is an additional pleasure to read Dr. Strange's proposition, in the JOURNAL of the 13th instant, that the feeling of the Association on the subject should be brought before the president of the Local Government Board. At the same time, I am convinced that the poor-law medical officers at least, if not the members of the Association generally, should at once make such a presentation to Dr. Rogers as would efficiently express their sympathy with him under present circumstances, and acknowledge his persistent and powerful advocacy of their cause. Such a combined expression of feeling would probably be the best political representation of the medical profession that could be brought before the public at the present time.

Therefore, as a poor-law medical officer of forty years' standing, I beg to suggest that a fund (donations to which might, perhaps with advantage, be limited to a guinea) be at once raised for that purpose. I have communicated with our secretary, J. Wickham Barnes, Esq., 3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London, who approves of the idea, and will be happy to receive any sums forwarded to him. Believing that many will gladly respond to this call upon them,—I am, sir, your faithfully,

FRANCIS WHITWELL.

Shrewsbury, October 15th, 1883.

* * We are glad to see this spontaneous movement in support of a poor-law medical officer who has, by his unwearied exertions through a long career, done more than any one to give life and force to the efforts of poor-law medical officers to raise their own position, and who has contributed, to an extent which is, perhaps, insufficiently known and appreciated, to the amelioration of the condition of the sick poor in infirmaries. As the unwearied advocate of the independence and responsibility of poor-law medical officers in charge of their sick, and as the fearless friend of the sick inmates of workhouse infirmaries, Dr. Joseph Rogers has incurred much hostility from officials, and has made great sacrifices.

We shall have great pleasure in according to the request of Dr. Wickham Barnes that subscriptions should be received at this office, as well as by the treasurer of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN LIVERPOOL.

SIR,—I hope you will permit me to correct one or two errors into which your writer on the above subject has fallen, though I am sorry to disturb his confidence "in published official and other documents." The writer states: "That the common practice in Liverpool, whenever the medical officer of health judges that there is not proper lodging and accommodation, but where removal to hospital is, notwithstanding, resisted, is to obtain a justices' order to make that removal compulsory; and that no such order was obtained in the case of Wainwright's children must be taken as satisfactory evidence that, in the end, the space was considered sufficient." If

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentleman passed the Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received his certificate to practise, on Thursday, October 11th, 1883.

Bryceson, Ebenezer, Shooter's Hill, Kent.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced :

- BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Weekly Board by October 22nd.
- BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE AND THROAT INFIRMARY.**—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications, addressed to the Medical Committee, by October 26th.
- BOROUGH ASYLUM, Birmingham.**—Clinical Assistant. Applications to the Superintendent.
- BOROUGH OF BIRMINGHAM HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Health Committee, Council House, Birmingham, by November 3rd.
- BRIGHTON AND HOVE DISPENSARY.**—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £140 per annum. Applications by November 5th.
- BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer and Pathologist. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by October 23rd.
- CHICHESTER INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by October 22nd.
- CHICHESTER INFIRMARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £20 per annum. Applications by October 22nd.
- CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.**—Resident Clinical Assistant for a period of six months. A gratuity of £20 is usually awarded at the close of the term of office. Applications to 24, Finsbury Circus by November 5th.
- DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON (London School of Dental Surgery), Leicester Square.**—Lecturer on Dental Anatomy and Physiology. Applications by November 12th.
- DONCASTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications to J. G. Marshall, Esq., M.B., House-Surgeon.
- EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.**—Registrar and Chloroformist. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications by October 27th.
- FARRINGTON DISPENSARY AND LYING-IN CHARITY.**—Honorary Physician. Applications to 17, Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn Circus, E.C., by November 6th.
- FEVER HOSPITAL, Monsall, Manchester.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, 50 guineas per annum. Applications to Dr. H. Tomkins.
- HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications by October 20th.
- LARNE UNION.**—Medical Officer for the Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, and £10 as Medical Officer of Health. Applications by October 24th.
- MIDDLESEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Colney Hatch.**—Resident Medical Assistant for the Male Department. Applications by November 5th.
- NORTH RIDING INFIRMARY, Middlesbrough-on-Tees.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Angus Macpherson by October 31st.
- PORTLAND TOWN DISPENSARY, St. John's Wood, N.W.**—Resident Medical Officer. Apply by letter, enclosing testimonials, to the Treasurer, at the Dispensary, Henry Street, before October 25th.
- QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Belfast.**—Professor of Anatomy and Physiology. Candidates to forward testimonials to the Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle, not later than the 20th October.
- ROYAL BERKS HOSPITAL, Reading.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. No Salary. Applications by November 6th.
- RURAL SANITARY DISTRICTS OF KENDAL, EAST WARD, AND WEST WARD UNIONS, AND THE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICTS OF KENDAL, BOWNESS, WINDERMERE, AND GRASMERE, all in the County of Westmoreland; and the RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT OF SEDBERGH, in the West Riding of the County of York.**—Medical Officer of Health for the above Sanitary Districts for three years from September 29th last. Salary, £400 per annum. Applications by October 25th.
- SHEFFIELD UNION.**—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse at Fir Vale, Pitsmoor. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by October 24th.
- SMEDLEY'S HYDROPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT, Matlock Bridge, Derbyshire.**—Assistant-Physician. Salary, first year, £100; for the second, £200. Applications by October 31st.
- STAMFORD HILL, STOKE NEWINGTON, ETC., DISPENSARY.**—Honorary Surgeon. Applications by October 27th.
- WREXHAM INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by November 9th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ATKIN, Charles, L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the Sheffield General Infirmary, *vice* W. S. Porter, M.D., resigned.

BUSH, J. D., F.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant to the Birmingham Borough Asylum.

CHALMERS, George, M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant Aural Surgeon to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Dispensary.

DALTON, Norman, M.B., appointed Pathological Registrar to the King's College Hospital, *vice* A. B. Barrow, M.B., resigned.

DUFFIELD, T. O., M.D., appointed District Medical Officer of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, *vice* A. Godrich, L.R.C.P., resigned.

DYSON, T. E., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, *vice* W. H. Loughheed, M.B., resigned.

EDWARDS, A. R., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the St. Pancras and Northern Dispensary, *vice* A. D. Willocks, M.R.C.S., resigned.

ETCHIS, W. R., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Wallasey Dispensary.

GLENDINNING, I., M.D., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Joint Counties Asylum, Abergavenny, *vice* D. M. McCulloch, M.D., resigned.

GORDON, R., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Weston-Super-Mare Hospital and Dispensary.

GREAVES, T., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Sheffield Public Hospital and Dispensary.

HELM, R. D., M.B., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Leith Hospital.

JOHNSTONE, A. M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Kidderminster Friendly Societies' Medical Association, *vice* T. B. Shaw, L.R.C.P., resigned.

LAWFORD, I. B., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, *vice* W. O. Maher, M.D., resigned.

LOCKWOOD, H., L.S.A., appointed Junior Assistant House-Surgeon to the Sheffield Public Hospital and Dispensary, *vice* T. Greaves, M.R.C.S., resigned.

MACKENZIE, G. Hunter, M.D., appointed Surgeon to the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Cambridge Street, Edinburgh.

MACNAUGHTON, D., L.F.P.S.G., appointed Medical Officer to the Parochial Board of Killeen and Kilchenzie, *vice* W. Gibson, M.D., resigned.

MALCOLM, John D., M.B. Ed., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the North-Western District (Hampstead Fever) Hospital, Haverstock Hill, N.W.

MOORE, G., M.D., appointed Superintendent Medical Officer to the Jersey Public Lunatic Asylum.

MURRAY, C. S., L.R.C.S.E., appointed Resident House-Surgeon to the Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Road.

NEALE, A. J., M.B., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Hulme Dispensary, Manchester.

NELIS, W. F., L.R.C.P., appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Joint Counties Asylum, Abergavenny, *vice* J. Glendinning, M.D., resigned.

ROSS, J. Maxwell, M.B., appointed Surgeon to the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Cambridge Street, Edinburgh.

STOKES, A. S., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Medical Officer to the Oundle Union.

STONHAM, T. G., M.D., appointed House-Surgeon to the Bolton Infirmary and Dispensary, *vice* C. Glasier, M.D., resigned.

THURSTON, E., L.R.C.P., appointed Curator of Anatomical Museum, King's College, *vice* Honenage Gibbes, M.D., resigned.

VINRACE, F., M.D., appointed House-Physician to the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, *vice* J. Oliver, M.B., resigned.

WALDY, J., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary, *vice* E. Hudson, M.R.C.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.

GAMGEE.—On September 29th, at Oaklands, Bowdon, Cheshire, the wife of Arthur Gamgee, M.D., F.R.S., of a daughter.

DEATH.

ADAM.—At Ardentigh, Port Bannatyne, Bute, on the 28th ult., aged 31 years, John Mitchell Adam, M.B., C.M., fifth son of the late James Adam, Fruit Merchant, Glasgow.

REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BODIES FROM THE STOMACH.—To the case of the *homme à la fourchette* and the extraction of a spoon from the stomach of another patient, described in the *Semaine Médicale*, October 5th, 1882, Dr. Hagens, of Dantzic, adds a third, recently described by him in several German medical journals. The operation, however, is not recent, for this third case was performed by Daniel Schwaben, "lithotomist and surgeon," at Dantzic, in the early part of the seventeenth century. A countryman, in endeavouring to produce vomiting for the relief of colic, was tickling his palate with a penknife, when he suddenly let go of the handle of that instrument, which was accidentally swallowed forthwith. Six weeks later, Schwaben made a very free incision through the abdominal walls and the anterior part of the stomach, and extracted the knife. The patient recovered, and was able, for several years afterwards, to work hard in the fields, never suffering from any local symptoms. The original manuscript description of this remarkable case is in the hands of Dr. Hagens. The surgeons of Dantzic and Königsberg appear to be the most dauntless pioneers of the desperate departments of operative surgery; last December we had occasion to refer to an unsuccessful case of excision of a phthisical lung by a surgeon practising in the former city.

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.—Hospital for Women, 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 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.

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. W., 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., 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, Th., 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., 10.30.

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.

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Ballot for election of Secretary. Dr. Ferrier will read a communication on the Progress of Knowledge in the Physiology and Pathology of the Nervous System.

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Poland: Specimens. Mr. McCarthy: 1. Case of Aneurysm of the Sciotic Artery: 2. Cases of Imperforate Anus. Mr. Charters: J. Symonds: The Reliable Signs of Fracture of the Neck of the Femur.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Bastian: 1. On a Case of Rupture of a Large Aneurysm in the Left Corpus Striatum, with Intraventricular Hemorrhage, and Extreme Lowering of Rectal Temperature; 2. On a Case of Apoplexy in a Boy aged 15, with Intraventricular Hemorrhage, Convulsions, and Death in Four Hours. Dr. Althaus: On a Case of Syphilitic Tumours of the Cerebral Membranes. Mr. Golding-Bird: On a Case of Dislocation of the Jaw, reduced after Eighteen Weeks. Mr. G. R. Turner: On a Case of Wound of the Plantar Arch; Secondary Hemorrhage on the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Days following the Injury. *Living Specimens* (at 8 P.M.)—Mr. G. R. Turner: A Case of Aphemia following a Head-Injury.

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SIR,—I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks to the subscribers, the receipt of the following subscriptions to the above fund.

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—Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDER MITCHELL, M.D.

Burton House, Great Yarmouth, October 13th, 1883.

A. B. T.—1. Holmes's, Bryant's, or Erichsen's Text-Books of Surgery; Bellamy's *Surgical Anatomy*, Green's *Pathology*. For particulars concerning editions, we refer our correspondent to our advertisement columns, September 8th, 1883. 2. Any of the well-known surgical instrument makers in London can supply the apparatus in question.

THE POLITICAL POWERLESSNESS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

SIR,—The letter of "Whig Doctor" in the JOURNAL of September 20th, has raised a point which must be uppermost in the minds of all members of the profession who think of the questions of the day. Does the Association or profession think that a constituency will have anybody thrust upon them, without well knowing what the views of the candidate are? What line of policy does the profession intend to follow, or is the proposed member or members to represent a section of, instead of the whole body of medical men? Is it not well known that many medical men love to be hangers on of the rich and great, and are their mere tools, rejoicing in being the "family doctor," like their family grocer and butcher, and thought not much more of by many of those whom certain of the profession would worship. I have known of the doctor being contracted for by the year by titled people. Are those, then, the men we should look to, who, by keeping down others, seek to elevate themselves, and keep alive the fast dying Tory mummy. The question is, what line of policy will the profession as a whole pursue to make itself heard. We are always grumbling, yet doing nothing for our advancement. I would suggest that the political feeling of the members of the Association be ascertained by card or otherwise, the details of which I would leave to those anxious for parliamentary medical representation, before we are asked to subscribe to the benefit of the candidate or candidates who are to represent us in the country's Senate House.—Yours truly,

ANOTHER WHIG DOCTOR.

A MEMBER.—No doubt the preparation may prove of benefit in certain appropriate cases, but there is always a great objection to the administration of remedies the precise composition of which has not been made known.

PAYMENT OF FEES.

SIR,—I should feel obliged if you or any of your correspondents would advise me how to act under the following circumstances. I practise in a large country town, and am a private practitioner; I do not supply medicine, but only prescribe and attend patients. Among these, I have some, moving in the highest and most respectable society, but who unfortunately forget or neglect to give the well-earned honorarium; and this omission goes on occasionally for months, or it may be for five or six years. It is most disagreeable to ask a fee or to send in a bill like a tradesman. If you do the former, the future attendance might be lost, and in every way it would be unpleasant. If you would kindly suggest what would be the prudent course to take, it would confer on me a favour.—Your obedient servant.

A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

** As a general rule, a memorandum of the fees should be sent in every half-year, or at least each Christmas.