

acter. Simple, direct, and thorough in his intellectual qualities, he aimed always at banishing mystery. His methods and his instruments were alike devised with the object of facilitating thorough inspection, and easy and direct manipulation.

At the basis of much of his success in operating, and of that which others have achieved in following him, lies the application of this principle; and his instruments, of which Sims' speculum is a type, have done almost as much as his methods of operating and his skilful demonstrations to facilitate and advance a wide range of successful procedures which are now engrafted on the every day practice of gynaecologists. As a man, Dr. Sims was remarkable for an engaging sweetness of disposition, for a frank, affectionate, and sympathetic cordiality, which wove the ties of affection and esteem which bound him to innumerable friends in all quarters of the world. There were few cities in Europe, and perhaps none in America, in which he did not count, among the most eminent members of the profession, personal friends who reciprocated with him feelings of the warmest attachment. His nature was guileless, his sympathies were tender and strong, his handsome and finely cut features spoke of a quickly-moved, impulsive, generous and feeling nature. He was welcome everywhere, and as much at home, as simple, as warm hearted, as unaffected, and as sincere, in his bearing in courts and palaces as in the hospital and the homes of the poor. In New York he will long be remembered, not only as the pioneer of a new era in the surgery of women, and an enduring name of honour in American surgery, but as the founder of a Woman's Hospital, which has, in the hands of his successors, amply sustained the high reputation which he at once gave to it, and has been the scene of further achievements and advances in the art and practice of gynaecology. He died suddenly, in the full possession of his physical and intellectual powers, and in the midst of work, and almost on the day following a characteristic act of large and graceful hospitality. In the week preceding his death, he had welcomed Sir William Mac Cormac in New York by a great gathering of the profession there, characterised by the profuse and liberal hospitality which was a natural outcome of his warm-hearted disposition.

Of late years, his health had somewhat failed. He had suffered from severe pneumonia, at one time threatening his life, which had compelled him to pass the last winter in the south of Italy; and all his arrangements were completed for embarking for Europe again, to select a genial winter climate in the South. He was expected in London shortly, and one of his London friends had already arranged a dinner of welcome. There were many friends here whom he had already greeted in anticipation by letter, and who were hoping soon to grasp his hand. He was a familiar figure, and always a welcome guest, at the medical societies of London, and at the meetings of our Association. As an Honorary Fellow of the Obstetrical Societies of London and Edinburgh his presence and his share in their discussions were hailed with interest and satisfaction. He was a frequent contributor to our columns, and in these pages have appeared some of his latest, as well as many of his earlier and most valuable, contributions to surgical literature. Like many others, we mourn his loss with a sense of personal bereavement; for there were none who knew Marion Sims through the long years of his honoured, useful, and chequered career without feeling the charm of his personality, and loving him as much as they admired and respected him as a man. In him we all lose a teacher and a friend whose career had been long and memorable, and who can but ill be spared from amongst us.

THE ROGERS TESTIMONIAL.

THE following additional subscriptions to the fund for a testimonial to Dr. Joseph Rogers have been received. It should be understood that the subscription to this fund is not confined to Poor-law medical officers. The Treasurer is Mr. J. Wickham Barnes, 3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, E.C.; and subscriptions are received by the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Third List of Subscriptions.—Dr. Morell Mackenzie, £5 5s.; Septimus Sibley, Esq., Harley Street, £1 1s.; G. G. Whitwell, Esq., M.B., £1 1s.; Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Croydon, £1 1s.; Douglas M. Ross, Esq., M.B., Brighton, £1 1s.; Dr. Haward, Harley Street, £1 1s.; J. Grosvenor Mackinlay, Esq., Stratford Place, £1 1s.; Dr. Murray Lindsay, Mickleover, Derby, £1 1s.; Thomas Johnston, Esq., Belper, £1 1s.; J. R. White, Esq., Brentwood, 10s. 6d.; Dr. C. T. Aveling, Lower Clapton, £1 1s.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1884: ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS 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 each 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* as soon as possible. Cases are therefore urgently needed.

Applications should be addressed to

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

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

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.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The first general meeting of the present session will be held at the Station Hotel, Stoke-upon-Trent, on Thursday, November 29th, at 4 P.M.—VINCENT JACKSON, General Secretary, Wolverhampton.—October 30th, 1883.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.—The first meeting of the Thames Valley Branch will be held in Richmond, at the Richmond Hospital, on Wednesday, November 28th.—A. ROBERT LAW, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at 2.30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20th, at the Infirmary, Taunton. Members intending to make communications are requested to give notice to S. REES PHILLIPS, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Wonford House, Exeter.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCHES.—The united meeting of the above-named Branches will be held under the Presidency of Dr. F. Cook of Cheltenham, Tuesday, November 20th, at half-past three o'clock, in the Board Room of the General Hospital, Cheltenham. Business:—1. President's Address: Dr. F. Cook. 2. The Physiological Unity of Surgical Therapeutics, to be followed by a practical demonstration of Wound and Fracture Treatment: J. Sampson Gamgee, Esq. 3. (a) The Etiology of Sporadic Puerperal Septicæmia; (b) Case of Delirium Tremens; death from Chloral Hydrate: Dr. Strange. 4. Cases in illustration of (a) the Diffusibility of the Infection of Diphtheria; (b) the Genesis of Enteric Fever; (c) the Relations of Measles and Scarlatina: Dr. Bond. 5. (a) A case of Compound Fracture of the Skull; Removal of the Bone and of Hernia Cerebri; Recovery (with patient); (b) Two cases of Fractured Patella treated by wiring the fragments: W. B. Shirley, Esq. 6. The treatment of Aneurysm by large doses of Iodide of Potassium (with notes and sphygmographic tracings): Dr. A. S. Currie. 7. Persistent Vomiting treated by small doses of Carbolic Acid: W. Smith Batten, Esq. 8. A Case of Tetanus with Recovery: E. Cripps, Esq. 9. Notes on an instance of Poisoning by Milk: Dr. T. A. Chapman. 10. A simple Apparatus for producing a constant Stream of Dry Air, filtered, warmed, and charged with Antiseptic Vapour, as a substitute for the Carbolic Spray: T. S. Ellis, Esq. 11. Sudden Death from Rupture of a Large Vein in the Neck during the act of Vomiting: Dr. Crowe. 12. A Summary of Cases of Fractures of the Leg and Thigh in the Cheltenham Hospital from 1878 to 1881: G. Arthur Cardew, Esq. The dinner will be at the Plough Hotel, at six o'clock punctually; tickets, including wine, 7s.; morning dress.—G. W. W. CROWE, RAYNER W. BATTEN, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The autumn meeting of the above district will be held at the Marine Hotel, Worthing, on Thursday, November 22nd, at 4 P.M., Dr. Kelly in the chair. The following gentlemen have promised to read papers. Dr. Kelly, on House-Drainage; and Dr. Uthoff. The dinner will be served at 6 P.M.—G. B. COLLET, Honorary Secretary, 5, The Steyne, Worthing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PYOSALPINX.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me to publish the following extract from a letter just received from Dr. Lusk, professor of surgery at the New York Hospital?

"As the first-fruit of my visit to Birmingham I have to report the removal of a tube distended with pus to such a degree that at first I could hardly believe it was not a portion of the large intestine. It was over two inches in diameter, and I was obliged to enlarge the abdominal wound to five inches before I could extract it. The operation was performed two weeks ago, and the patient appears to be relieved of the source of a great deal of suffering."

This letter goes to prove the points upon which I laid some stress at the last meeting of the Obstetrical Society, that these cases are not at all rare, that the patients are in constant danger of their lives, and that the disease can be dealt with only by abdominal section.—I am, etc.,

Birmingham, Nov. 18.

LAWSON TAIT.

NITRITE OF SODIUM.

SIR,—As a recent paper by Dr. Ringer and myself on "Nitrite of Sodium as a Toxic Agent" has excited adverse criticism in the daily press, I venture to ask permission to say a few words by way of explanation. It has been said that we made experiments on our patients with the view of investigating the action of the drug. This is entirely untrue; and no experiments or experimental observations of any kind have been made on any one. The circumstances of the case are briefly these. In the early part of last year a paper appeared in a well known journal of therapeutics recommending nitrite of sodium as a remedy for epilepsy. It was stated that this drug was allied to nitroglycerine, but was superior to it, as its effects were more lasting. For some years I have used nitroglycerine with marked success in the treatment of many complaints, including angina pectoris, pseudo-angina, asthma, neuralgia, sick-headache, dysmenorrhœa, and the various forms of Bright's disease. When I heard of a remedy which was said to be superior to nitroglycerine, I hastened to give it a trial, for I was anxious that my patients should have the benefit of the latest discoveries in medical science. I was cautious, however, and gave it only in half the dose originally recommended, ten grains, that is, instead of twenty. The first patient who returned at the expiration of the week said that it had done him no good, and expressed an opinion that it was not strong enough. I then gave him fifteen grains, and this was the only case in which the dose was increased. The second patient, who had also taken ten grains, said it made him giddy and feel sick. He complained of other symptoms, which I thought could hardly be attributable to the drug, for I knew that it had been recommended in twice that dose, and I myself had just seen a man who had taken the ten grains three times a day for a week without the production of any symptom whatever. I asked the man how many doses he had taken, and he said only one. I urged him to try it again, but he declined, saying he had a "wife and family." A great deal has been made of this expression, but it was said jokingly, and without any intention of conveying the idea that it was a serious matter. As the other patients returned one by one and complained, I saw that the drug had really disagreed with them. This was the first intimation I had had from any source that nitrite of sodium possessed toxic properties. I at once reduced the dose first to five and then to three grains. It was at this stage that I communicated with Dr. Ringer. He thought the matter of such importance that he made two experiments on cats, forwarding me the results. I, in drawing up the paper, in deference to his seniority, placed these experiments first, but, in point of time, they were not made until long after I had observed the untoward effects of the drug on my patients. This is a plain, straightforward statement of facts. There has been nothing in the shape of experimentation; and I have prescribed nitrite of sodium only in those cases in which, from my previous experience with nitroglycerine, I was convinced that it would prove useful.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM MURRELL, M.D.

38, Weymouth Street, W., November 15th, 1883.

SIR,—It is much to be regretted that the recent investigation of Drs. Ringer and Murrell into the physiological action and dose of sodium nitrite should have been the means of eliciting hostile criticism from the lay press and public institutions. Of so potent an addition to our materia medica, too much cannot be known; and, in the interests of public safety, it was eminently desirable that the untoward effect of large doses of the pure drug should be prominently brought forward after careful investigation of the subject by competent observers. I feel anxious that wrong notions as to the dose of sodium nitrite should be corrected in all quarters, since to me, I believe, attaches the responsibility of introducing this agent to the notice of the profession in this country as a remedy. In the *Practitioner* for June 1882, I have described a case where I gave it in twenty-grain doses, with no ill-effects whatever. At that time, however, the drug was not in use as a medicine; and, though some was specially obtained at my request from a leading London firm, it was very largely adulterated with *nitrate*, and hence the harmlessness of scruple doses. I was not, however, aware of this impurity until some months afterwards, when Dr. Ralfe, who, at my suggestion, was using it at the London Hospital, discovered a most perplexing and dangerous variability of purity in a large number of specimens obtained from the principal makers, and to this circumstance is largely attributable the occasional ill effects following its administration, brought forward by Dr. Ralfe and Dr. Ramskill at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society in October 1882. It cannot be too widely known that it is unsafe to begin with a larger dose than two grains of Morson's sodium nitrite (less will often produce headache). Unfortunately, in the latest edition of Dr. Ringer's work on *Therapeutics*, the dose is given as 20 grains; and, as my name appears in connection with the statement, I am desirous of explaining that my conclusions were based upon the employment of what eventually proved to be a very impure specimen of the salt. To the mistakes of respectable wholesale firms is chiefly due the danger that has attended the ordinary use of sodium nitrite in medical practice; and it is of the greatest importance that the facts should be made known, and thus future misadventures avoided.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

W. T. LAW, M.D., F.R.C.S.

St. Leonard's-on-Sea, November 14th, 1883.

SIR,—In the course of a review of the tenth edition of Dr. Ringer's *Therapeutics*, appearing in the *JOURNAL* of November 10th, there occurs the remark: "On the succeeding page, a terrible mistake is made, nitrite of sodium being recommended on the authority of Matthew Hay, Mitchell, and Law, in angina pectoris, and epilepsy, in *twenty-grain* doses." If the reviewer had either consulted my paper, or perused more carefully the work of Dr. Ringer, he would have found that I never recommended so large a dose of the nitrite. I employed it in small doses; and was the first to point out the great impurity of ordinary preparations of the salt.

Yours faithfully,

MATTHEW HAY.

230, Union Street, Aberdeen.

COATS'S MANUAL OF PATHOLOGY.

SIR,—It is not customary nor desirable for authors to reply to criticisms of their works appearing in the public journals, but an exception may surely be made when matters of fact are in question. In the notice of my *Manual of Pathology* in your last week's issue, your reviewer, in illustration of his principal criticism, makes two statements, both of which I hope to show to be incorrect. He states (1) that I make out the whole pathology of tuberculosis to be expressed in the bacillus discovered by Koch; and (2) he goes on to state that, with the exception of a line and a half, in which it is stated "that it is only persons who have natural or acquired weaknesses that become the subjects of tuberculosis," that is the sum of my teaching.

As to the last mentioned statement, the quotation given is from p. 167; but at p. 165 there is nearly a paragraph devoted to the enunciation of the view that, "in order to the development of tuberculosis, there must be some existing condition of the body predisposing." The part of the book in which these quotations occur is that dealing with general diseases; and in this department the various local peculiarities did not call for prolonged consideration, these two references being judged sufficient to prevent the student inferring that the bacillus is everything. At pp. 543 to 546, where the causation of phthisis pulmonalis is treated of, the local peculiarities receive the greatest prominence, while the bacillus is scarcely more than mentioned.

Soon after the outbreak of the American civil war, Dr. Marion Sims removed to Europe and settled in the west-end of London; he practised extensively, and, at the beginning of 1866, his *Clinical Notes on Uterine Surgery, with Special Reference to the Sterile Condition* appeared, a work which, containing some remarkable views, created a great sensation in the profession. In 1868 he returned to New York, resuming his duties at the Woman's Hospital, interrupted for a time by the Franco-German war, till his resignation in 1874. In 1870 he was on a visit to his family at Paris, when the war broke out; and it was through the combined energies of himself and Sir William MacCormac, that the Anglo-American Ambulance was formed. Both its founders, together with Drs. Frank, Pratt, and May, Mr. Marcus Beck and others, were exposed to heavy fire at Sedan in September, 1870. After 1874 he moved about a great deal between New York, Paris, and London, practising extensively among his numerous patients in all these cities. As his professional fame increased, he was made an honorary member of numerous British and French medical societies. He also wrote and spoke much in public about many questions of medical interest outside the range of diseases peculiar to women, such as the discovery of anæsthesia, and the control of the spread of contagious disease by legislative measures. In 1878, at Paris, he performed cholecystotomy, an operation previously unknown to surgery, but which has been performed several times since. The case was fully recorded by the operator in the JOURNAL (vol. i, 1878, page 811). He further contributed to our pages (vol. ii, 1881, pages 925, 971) a paper on the Treatment of Gunshot Wounds of the Abdomen, in relation to Modern Peritoneal Surgery, in which he advocated a prompt opening of the abdominal cavity, cleansing of the peritoneum, and search for visceral wounds, in all future cases of gunshot-wound of the abdomen, where perforation of the intestine was suspected.

In the course of the winter before last, he was attacked by pneumonia, which nearly proved fatal. During his stay in London he was treated with great kindness, skill, and success by Dr. Ord of St. Thomas's Hospital. He gradually recovered, and, when in London last summer with his son, Dr. Harry Sims, he appeared to be in remarkably good health. He left London, for the last time, this August, and was intending to return here from New York, when he was suddenly attacked by angina, apparently a recurrence of his illness of two years' since, and died on November 13th, having nearly completed his seventy-first year.

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 8th instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass examination, viz.:

Messrs. C. H. Wakeham, A. D. Owen, and W. B. Cosens, students of the London Hospital; F. A. E. Ford, W. J. A. Ayle, and J. H. Stacey, of St. Thomas's Hospital; B. Shadwell, S. E. Ward, and G. R. Williams, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. E. P. Sparrow and G. F. Ewens, of King's College; H. de B. Dwyer, G. S. Clarke, and G. A. Barr, of St. George's Hospital; P. J. Shopoff, of St. Mary's Hospital; and F. R. H. Potts, of Guy's Hospital.

Six candidates were referred for three months.

The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 12th instant, viz.:

Messrs. G. S. Carden, M.B. Edin., Bath, R. R. Giddings, M.B. Ed., Edinburgh, G. M. Reid, M.B. Ed., Melbourne, A. Macfadyen, M.B. Edin., Portobello, N.B., and J. M. Whyte, M.B. Edin., Nairn, N.B., of the University of Edinburgh; T. G. Alexander, M.B. Glas., Glasgow, and W. Stafford, M.B. Glas., Glasgow, of the University of Glasgow; F. H. Wigmore, L.S.A., Eccleston Street, S.W., J. H. Gilbertson, Hertford, M. Johnston, L.R.C.P. Ed., Bedford, and J. G. Wilson, L.S.A., Monmouth, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. A. Hutchinson, M.B. Dur., Stockton-on-Tees, and H. M. Fenwick, L.R.C.P. Ed., Newcastle, of the Newcastle-on-Tyne School of Medicine; B. Blower, L.R.C.P. Lond., Liverpool, and T. D. O. Barry, L.R.C.P. Ed., Liverpool, of the Liverpool School of Medicine; W. E. Ranson, L.S.A., Stafford, S. C. Lawrence, L.R.C.P. Lond., Bournemouth, and A. H. Hunt, L.S.A., Birmingham, of the Birmingham School of Medicine; N. Manders, L.R.C.P. Lond., Marlborough, of St. Mary's Hospital; H. Faulkner, L.R.C.P. Ed., Teddington, of University College; H. A. B. Davies, L.R.C.P. Ed., Swansea, of Guy's Hospital; H. Lockwood, L.S.A., Sheffield, and S. Ellis, L.S.A., Arundel, of King's College.

One gentleman was approved in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine, will be admitted a member of the College; and ten candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners, were referred to their professional studies for six months, including one who had an additional three months,

The following passed on the 13th instant, viz.:

Messrs. J. H. Brown, M.B. Ed., Whitby, R. Eassie, M.B. Ed., Lanark, and U. N. Mukerji, M.B. Ed., Calcutta, of the Edinburgh School; G. H. Graham, L.S.A., Anerley, S.E., H. W. Moor, L.R.C.P. Ed., Brighton, and D. T. Edmunds, L.R.C.P. Ed., Cranbrook, Kent, of Guy's Hospital; J. F. Steedman, L.S.A., Wellington, Salop, M. Smith, L.R.C.P. Ed., Weston-super-Mare, and H. W. Hooper, L.R.C.P. Lond., Sevenoaks, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; M. W. Williams, L.S.A., Tunbridge Wells, and A. E. Rook, L.R.C.P. Lond., Forest Hill, of the Middlesex Hospital; J. M. Cotton, M.B. Toronto, Toronto, of the Toronto School of Medicine; N. H. Turner, Redcliffe Gardens, of King's College; W. B. Tomson, M.B. Dur., Luton, Beds., of St. Thomas's Hospital; W. Blaxland, L.R.C.P. Lond., Sydney, N.S.W., of the London Hospital; and J. W. A. Wood, L.R.C.P. Ed., Manchester, of the Manchester School.

Seven gentlemen were approved in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine, will be admitted members of the College; and ten candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners, were referred to their professional studies—seven for six, two for three, and one for nine, months.

The following gentlemen passed on the 14th instant, viz.:

Messrs. S. Crawshaw, Wigan, and W. Carmichael, B.A. Lond., Manchester, of the Manchester School; J. V. Salvage, Lower Norwood, C. P. Walker, Blackheath, and S. B. A. Edsall, Brixton Road, of Guy's Hospital; S. C. Townsend, Burleigh Street, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; P. R. Stevens, Biggleswade, of St. George's Hospital; J. Swain, Melbourne Square, of the Westminster Hospital; J. E. Jeffers, Sydney, N.S.W., of University College; A. H. Syrie, Canterbury, of King's College.

Eight candidates who passed in Surgery at previous meetings of the Court, having subsequently obtained medical qualifications, were admitted Members, viz.:

Messrs. S. G. Milner, L.R.C.P. Ed., Dulwich Wood, and C. P. Leaver, L.R.C.P. Lond., Bayswater, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; P. J. Numerley, L.R.C.P. Lond., Fowls Square, of University College; R. L. Knagge, L.R.C.P. Lond., Putney, and W. Howard, L.R.C.P. Ed., Littlepool, of Guy's Hospital; J. H. Naylor, L.R.C.P. Ed., Drillington, of the Leeds School; D. B. Irving, L.R.C.P. Lond., Lockertie, N.B., of St. Thomas's Hospital; C. D. Greenwood, L.S.A., Clapham, of King's College.

Three candidates passed in Surgery. Ten were referred for six months, and three for three months.

At the anatomical and physiological examination for the diploma of membership of the Royal College of Surgeons, which was brought to a close on the 8th instant, ninety-four candidates presented themselves, of which number twenty-eight, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, were referred to their anatomical and physiological studies for three months, and three for six months. At the corresponding period last year, there were ninety candidates; sixty-seven passed, twenty-two were referred for three months, and one for six months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 8th, 1883.

Ellis, Sidney, Brecknock Road, N.W.
Hasell, Edward Suter, Spring Grove, Isleworth.
Long, Jno. Wm. Francis, Stamford Street, S.E.
Mackay, Henry, Normanton Road, Derby.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

BASFORD UNION RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £400 per annum. Applications by November 28th.
CHORLTON-UPON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY, Manchester.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications to Mr. Adam Fox, Honorary Secretary.
CLIFDEN UNION.—Medical Officer, Renoyle Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum, and fees. Applications, by December 6th, to Mr. J. O'Donnell, Honorary Secretary, Moyard, Clifden, Co. Galway.
COUNTIES ASYLUM, Ealands, Carlisle.—Second Medical Assistant. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to Dr. Campbell by November 24th.
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASYLUM.—Second Medical Assistant. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to Dr. Campbell, Garlands, Carlisle, by November 24th.
DENTAL HOSPITAL OF IRELAND, 29, York Street, Dublin.—Dental Surgeon. Applications to the Registrar by November 17th.
GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, Manchester.—Medical Officer for the Dispensary. Salary, £180 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Medical Board by November 27th.
GENERAL INFIRMARY, Leeds.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications to the House-Surgeon by November 24th.
GENERAL INFIRMARY, Northampton.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.
GESTO HOSPITAL, Edinbane, Skye.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £275 per annum. Applications to J. McLennan, Solicitor, Portree, by December 1st.
GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £93 per annum. Applications by November 19th.
GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to be sent forthwith.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, 49, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Medical Registrar. Honorarium, 50 guineas. Applications by November 21st.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, 49, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Surgeon. Applications by November 21st.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST AND THROAT, 26, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square.—Visiting Physician. Applications by November 27th.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £108 per annum. Applications by November 28th, to R. R. Greene, Esq., Secretary, 34, Moorfields, Liverpool.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL AND ASYLUM, Female Department, Westbourne Green, Harrow Road.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by November 24th.

LONDON HOSPITAL.—Surgical Registrar. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by December 17th.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by November 27th.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant and Registrar. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by November 27th.

NORTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Mount Vernon, Hampstead.—Resident Medical Officer and Registrar. Honorarium of 40 guineas per annum. Applications by December 10th.

NOTTINGHAM DISPENSARY.—Senior Resident Surgeon. Salary, £160 per annum. Applications by November 30th.

NOTTINGHAM DISPENSARY.—Two Junior Resident Surgeons. Salary, £140 per annum each. Applications by November 30th.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Honorary Dental Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary.

QUREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Honorary Physician. Applications by November 28th.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—Examiners in Anatomy and Physiology. Applications by November 24th.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by December 5th.

ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY, Southampton.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications to Dr. Broster, Honorary Secretary, Marland Place, Southampton.

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MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

FELDEN, W. E., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon and Secretary to the Chichester Infirmary.

KILLEN, J. M., M.D., appointed Medical Officer for the Larne Dispensary District, Larne Union, *vice* J. Kane, L.R.C.P., deceased.

LEWIS, C. J., M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Birmingham Ear and Throat Infirmary.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

PALMER.—On the 9th instant, at Barton-under-Needwood, the wife of Clement Palmer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CARMALT-JONES—ROXBURGH.—On the 10th November, at Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, by the Rev. Alfred Ainger, Reader of the Temple, assisted by the Rev. Henry Thompson, Vicar of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, T. W. Carmalt-Jones, M.A., F.R.C.S. Edin., of 6, Westbourne Street, Hyde Park, eldest son of the late Thomas Jones, Q.C., to Helen, eldest daughter of Sir Francis Roxburgh, Q.C.

NEWTON—MCNAUGHT.—On the 7th instant, at Cressington Park Church, Richard Arthur Newton, M.R.C.S., of Newhall Street, Birmingham, to Mary, youngest daughter of James McNaught, Esq., of Woodcroft, Cressington Park, Liverpool.

TIBBITS—RUSSELL—BOWMAN—DOWELL.—On November 10th, at St. George's, Hanover Square, by the Rev. W. H. L. Gilbert, M.A., assisted by the Rev. E. Capel Cure, M.A., Rector of St. George's, Herbert Tibbits, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., of Wimpole Street and Highgate, to Arabella, widow of the late Aubrey Russell, and eldest daughter of Charles Dowell; and, at the same time and place, William Bowman, of Lee Road, Blackheath, and Cullum Street, City, to Florence Louisa, youngest daughter of the above-named Charles Dowell. Indian and West Indian papers please copy.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—On the 10th instant, at 3, Hartfield Terrace, Eastbourne, and formerly of Beckenham, Kent, Charles Robert Brown, M.D., aged 37.

Hewson.—On the 10th inst., John Dale Hewson, Extra Lic. B. Coll. Phys., Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., and L.S.A. Lond., for thirty years the Medical Superintendent of the Coton Hill Institution for the Insane, Stafford.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—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.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—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.—Chelsea Hospital for Women, 2 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.

CHARGING 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.

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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.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Warner: On Posture as expressing the Condition of the Mind. Dr. Milner Fothergill: On Some Nervous Derangements of the Heart.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Durham: True Bone developed in Primary Tumours unconnected with the Osseous System: 1. In Epithelioma of Cicatrix; 2. In Adenoma of Breast. Dr. Hale White: Charcot, Joint-disease. Mr. Eve: 1. Pedunculated Adenocarcinoma of the Skin; 2. Hydatid Cyst in Muscle of Calf (card); 3. Sarcoma of Lower Jaw of Horse (card). Dr. Money: Necrosis of the Upper Jaw after Typhoid Fever. Dr. Heneage Gibbs and Mr. Sutton: Tuberculosis in Birds. Dr. West: 1. Suppurative Pericarditis in Pyæmia; 2. Stomach from a Case of Carbolic Acid Poisoning (card). Mr. Symonds: Suppurative Arteritis. Mr. Barker: Tongue with Extensive Tubercular Ulceration. Mr. Lunn: Fracture of Spine (card).

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Harveian Lectures by Dr. Broadbent: Subject—On Prognosis in Heart-disease.—Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, 8 P.M. Lecture, by Mr. George Murray on the Potato disease.—Abernethian Society, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 8 P.M. Mr. F. Andrewes: Ferments.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Thin: On Cases of Thickened Epidermis treated by Salicylic Plaster. Dr. Dawtrey Drewitt: On a Case of Myxœdema. Dr. Cayley: On a Case of Pneumothorax occurring in the Course of Typhoid Fever. Dr. S. West: On a Case of Complete Recovery from Idiopathic Pneumothorax, without Effusion of Fluid. Living Specimen (8 P.M.). Mr. Mansell-Moullin: Thrombosis of the Inferior Vena Cava.

HOW TO KEEP THE HYPODERMIC SYRINGE IN ORDER.

DR. WILLIAM H. MORSE of New York describes the following method of keeping the hypodermic syringe in order (in this *New York Medical Record*). "It is," he says, "the very best, the syringe being always ready and in good order, even if it has not been used for months. The method, besides being simple, is inexpensive. 'Unscrew the bowl of your syringe, take out the piston-rod, unscrew the lower piston-leather and take it off, then put in its place a small piece of chamois-skin, and replace the leather and screw it tight. Now trim the chamois to the size of the bowl, and replace the piston, and the work is done. You will observe that you have only placed a bit of chamois between the two piston-leathers. You now have a syringe which is in working order the moment water is introduced.'"

ERRATA.—In the JOURNAL of October 27th, page 850, col. 2, in the list of licences of the King and Queen's College of Physicians who have been enrolled as members under the supplemental charter, for "J. D. O'Connell," read "O'Connell J. Delahoyde." In Dr. W. Macfie Campbell's paper in last week's JOURNAL, page 880, col. 1, at line 4 of second paragraph, for "corresponding form," read "corresponding furrow."

THE HISTORY OF EPIDEMICS.

In reference to the letter of Enquirer (JOURNAL Nov. 10, p. 954), Dr. C. R. FRANCIS (Clapham Common) directs attention to *A History of Epidemic Pestilences from the Earliest Ages, 1495 years before the birth of Our Saviour, to 1848*, by E. Bascombe, M.D. Published by Churchill. He has found it of great service.

MR. J. FOSTER PALMER (8, Royal Avenue, S.W.) directs "Enquirer's" attention to a very comprehensive paper read last year at the Statistical Society. The paper is not yet published, but Mr. Palmer can give "Enquirer" further information if he would like to communicate with him.

PORTRAIT OF DR. JENNER.

SIR:—I have in my possession a mezzotint engraving of Dr. Edward Jenner, painted by J. Northcote, R.A., for the Plymouth and Plymouth Dock Medical Society, engraved by Say, and published by Thomas Palmer, August 1804. Can any of your readers inform me whether it is scarce, and what is its value? Is the Plymouth and Plymouth Dock Medical Society still in existence?—Yours, etc.,

CLUB-SURGEOONS.

SIR:—I consider F. H. T. made a great mistake in visiting a club-patient residing four miles beyond the prescribed limit. I make it a rule, in the rare cases in which I am asked to visit patients residing beyond the radius laid down in the club-rules, to stipulate for the payment of a moderate fee for each visit, and it has very seldom been objected to. If it be, I decline to attend the case. Whether, in consideration of the ignorance, or, possibly, the poverty of the patient, F. H. T. might think it worth his while to give a small donation towards the bill (£1 12s.) referred to, is a matter for his own consideration. There certainly can be no claim upon him,—I am, sir, yours truly, J. G.

HOME FOR AN IDIOT.

SIR:—A person has applied to me for information respecting an institution for the admission of an idiotic daughter, aged 13 years; she has, during the past five years, been at the Earlswood Asylum, but the friends cannot afford the expense of another election, and they have been consequently told that the patient must be taken away at the end of this month. The father has a large family (ten children) dependent upon himself, and he cannot offer any large sum for her maintenance. Could you, or any of the readers of the JOURNAL, oblige me with any information respecting any asylum where the case would be admitted for a small weekly payment? An answer in the coming week's JOURNAL will be esteemed a favour.—Yours,

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