

to which reference is made in the paper, is either contemporary with Dr. Murrell's investigations, or of a later date.

4. The Subcommittee, after careful consideration of these facts, see no reason why the House Committee should withdraw from Dr. Murrell their confidence in his ability and humanity, and they trust that the unfortunate manner in which the paper was put together will be forgotten, while the value of his experiences will remain. In this connection the Subcommittee would call attention to the fact that, in consequence of this experience, the "official" dose of nitrite of sodium, hitherto appearing in the standard text-books of therapeutics as twenty grains, has since been reduced to two grains, and a permanent source of danger has thus been averted.

5. The Subcommittee, while arriving at the foregoing conclusion, are far from agreeing with the view of those who would ascribe to ignorance or prejudice the public attention directed towards Dr. Murrell's paper, and the adverse comments which it excited. They think, on the contrary, that it was a natural result of its publication in the *Lancet*, and was due to the terms employed in describing the experiences and the conditions under which they were obtained. Nor do they think the medical profession, and still less the governing body of a hospital depending upon the good opinion of the public at large for its support, would be disposed lightly to disregard such opinion, or otherwise alienate the goodwill and confidence at present reposed in them.

6. The Subcommittee recommend that a copy of this report be sent to the *Lancet* and other medical journals for publication, so that the public may be aware of the strict investigation instituted by the House Committee. They also recommend that regulations be strictly enforced that, in respect to the treatment of out-patients, who of necessity cannot be under constant clinical observation, no remedial agent, the properties and effects of which are not fully ascertained, shall be administered by the medical officers in charge.

RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, Chairman; OCTAVIUS STURGES, M.D.;
GEORGE COWELL, F.R.C.S.; A. DUPRÉ, Ph.D., F.R.S.; G.
HELMORE; C. ALFRED JONES; J. TROUTBECK, D.D.;
FRA. WHITAKER; LEWIS WINCKWORTH.

Westminster Hospital, November 24th, 1883.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.

AN extraordinary meeting of the College of Physicians was held on November 22nd, 1883.

On the proposition of the President, the Census Board was requested to investigate the circumstances attending the treatment of certain patients, as related in the *Lancet* of November 3rd, and to take such steps as they may think needful.

A letter was read from the Vicar of Hempstead Church, soliciting assistance towards its restoration.

A letter was read from the Vicar of St. John's, East Dulwich, asking a contribution for the Defence Fund of Messrs. Bower and Keates.

The resolution of which Dr. Moxon had given notice, was agreed to, namely:

"Considering the peculiar liability of medical practitioners to false criminal accusations, and the grave addition which the Public Prosecutor's position lends to the weight of a possibly false charge, it is desirable, in the interests of the public and the profession, that some means should be devised of correctly informing the Public Prosecutor on points of which a medically trained person alone can judge."

On the proposition of the treasurer, the sum of £5 was voted for the repair of the wall of Ongar Churchyard. A report was received from Messrs. Driver, on the condition of Ashlyn's farm.

A report of the Council was read and adopted.

Dr. Andrew Whyte Barclay was elected treasurer, *vice* Dr. F. J. Farre, who had resigned.

Dr. Sieveking, Dr. Wood, and Dr. Duckworth, were elected a Finance Committee.

On the proposition of the President, an honorarium of 200 guineas was voted unanimously to Dr. F. J. Farre, on his resignation of the office of treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Hygiene was adopted.

IN the current number of the *Archivio di Patologia Infantile*, published in Naples under the direction of Professor L. Somma, appears the concluding part of an original paper, begun in the July number, by Dr. W. H. Barlow of Manchester, "Sulla paralisi cerebrale (o spastica) dei bambini," rendered into Italian by Dr. V. Meyer, and communicated by desire of the editor.

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. | v. Syphilis, acquired. |
| II. Chorea. | va. " inherited. |
| III. Acute Rheumatism. | VI. Acute Gout. |
| IV. Diphtheria, clinical. | |

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 MEETING TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held on Friday, November 30th, at 8.30 P.M., at the house of Dr. Henty, 308, Camden Road. 1. There will be a discussion on Collective Investigation. 2. The Secretary will tender his resignation. 3. A new Secretary will be appointed.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: QUARTERLY MEETING.

The autumnal meeting was held at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, on Tuesday, November 20th; Mr. C. BULTEEL, President, in the chair.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were elected:—Mr. T. B. Carlyon, Redruth; Mr. Edward G. Barron, Plymouth; Mr. J. M. Quicke, Truro; Mr. F. G. H. Whitley, St. Agnes; Mr. A. L. Salmon, Truro; Mr. A. C. Roper, Exeter.

Death of Dr. Hudson.—After remarks by the President, Dr. Harris, Messrs. Sharp, Butlin, and others, it was resolved unanimously that a vote of condolence be sent to Mrs. Hudson.

Collective Investigation.—Mr. E. Scudamore Angore of Camborne was appointed Local Secretary for West Cornwall, in the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Hudson.

Communications.—The following papers were read.

Mr. Bulteel: 1. Dwellings for the Labouring Classes; 2. Wards for Paying Patients in the Royal Albert Hospital.

Mr. Whitworth: Cyanosis.

Mr. Leverton: Syphilitic Cases.

Mr. Bass: Thoracic Aneurysm.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

SECOND M.B. EXAMINATIONS IN 1884.—The following circular has been issued by the Senate. By grace of the Senate (November 15th, 1883), students who have passed the First M.B. Examination, under the regulations in force up to the end of the present year, will be required to pass an examination in Elementary Biology before admission to either part of the Second M.B. Examination, under the regulations which come into force on the first day of January 1884. The date of the examination in Elementary Biology will be so fixed that it may be taken in the same term as the Second M.B. Examination. A schedule defining the range of the examination has been published, and may be obtained at the Anatomical Schools.

Registrar-General's return. The rate in St. Petersburg was equal to 23.7, and showed a further decline from the rates in recent weeks; the 423 deaths included 16 from diphtheria and 9 from scarlet fever. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the mean death-rate was but 18.8, the lowest being 14.5 in Christiania; typhoid fever and diphtheria both caused 2 deaths in Copenhagen, and scarlet fever 4 in Stockholm. The rate in Paris was 22.3, the 762 deaths including 30 from typhoid fever, and 5 from small-pox. The 177 deaths in Brussels, of which 5 resulted from small-pox, were equal to a rate of 22.2. In Geneva, the rate was exceptionally high, and equal to 29.0. The mean rate in three of the principal Dutch cities—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague—was 28.3; the rate ranging from 30.5 in Amsterdam to 23.2 in the Hague; in Amsterdam 7 more deaths were referred to diphtheria, besides 28 to croup. The Registrar-General's table includes eight German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 24.0, and ranged from 21.4 and 21.8 in Hamburg and Vienna, to 25.4 and 31.7 in Dresden and Prague. Diphtheria showed fatal prevalence in most of these German cities, especially in Dresden; small-pox caused 19 more deaths in Prague. In three of the principal Italian cities, the rate averaged 20.5, and was 21.1 in Rome, 19.2 in Turin, and 21.5 in Venice; in Rome 6 deaths were referred to malarial fever and 3 to typhoid fever, and 5 fatal cases of typhoid fever were reported in Turin. The 120 deaths in Lisbon, including 3 from typhoid fever, were equal to a rate of 30.2. In American cities, the rate was 19.6 in Philadelphia, and 21.8 in Baltimore; typhoid fever caused 18 deaths in Philadelphia, and 4 in Baltimore.—From the weekly return of the 24th ult., it appears that the annual death-rate was recently equal to 21.8 in Bombay and 26.0 in Calcutta. Cholera caused 35 deaths in Calcutta, in which city "fever" fatality was nearly twice as great as in Bombay. According to the most recent weekly returns, the average annual death-rate in twenty-three large European cities was equal to 23.6 per 1000 of their aggregate population. This rate was 0.9 above the mean rate last week in twenty-eight of the largest English towns. In St. Petersburg, the rate was equal to 25.3, and the 450 deaths included 22 from diphtheria and 12 from scarlet fever. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the mean death-rate did not exceed 18.1, the highest rate being 18.3 in Stockholm, where the deaths included 4 fatal cases of scarlet fever. In Paris, the death-rate was 22.4, 38 deaths resulting from typhoid fever and 3 from small-pox. The 281 deaths in Brussels were equal to a rate of 24.7, and included 9 from small-pox. In Geneva, the 24 deaths were equal to a rate of 17.9. In the three principal Dutch cities—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague—the mean death-rate was 25.5; the highest rate was 28.7 in Amsterdam, where 13 more fatal cases of diphtheria were reported. The Registrar-General's table includes nine German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 24.7; it ranged from 18.3 and 21.4 in Hamburg and Buda-Pesth, to 23.1 and 29.8 in Dresden and Prague. Small-pox caused 26 deaths in Prague and 4 in Buda-Pesth; diphtheria showed fatal prevalence in Berlin, Dresden, and Trieste. In three of the principal Italian cities, the mean rate was 20.9, the highest rate being 22.6 in Venice; the 128 deaths in Rome included 10 from malarial fever. In Lisbon, the 118 deaths were equal to a rate of 30.8. The mean death-rate in four of the principal American cities was 20.1, the highest rate being 20.9 in New York. Typhoid fever caused 15 deaths in Philadelphia, and diphtheria showed more or less fatal prevalence in each of these American cities.

OBITUARY.

JOHN MACNAUGHT, M.D., F.R.C.P.ED.

WE have to record the recent death of a venerable and highly esteemed member of the medical profession and of the British Medical Association, Dr. John Macnaught, of Liverpool, who expired on the 3rd ultimo, at the residence of his son, Warwick Gardens, Kensington, London, whither he had moved in June of the present year. Dr. Macnaught was born in 1793; he took the degree of M.D. King's College, Aberdeen, and became Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1815. In the same year he sailed for Jamaica, landing on that island on the very day on which the battle of Waterloo was fought. Dr. Macnaught practised in Jamaica for twenty-five years, where by his high personal character and medical skill, he earned for himself a distinguished social and professional position. On his return to England, Dr. Macnaught, ever desirous of keeping in the van of the most recent scientific know-

ledge, recommenced, as it were, his student life, and attended numerous courses of lectures in the medical schools of London. He then settled down to practise as a physician in Liverpool, where, coming at his time of life as a stranger among strangers, he experienced unusual success. He rapidly acquired a good professional status in the city of his adoption, upholding always the honour and dignity of his art, and winning no less by his kindly disposition and courteous manners, than by his shrewdness and ability, the confidence of his patients and the esteem and respect of his medical brethren. The latter fact is demonstrated by his election in 1865 to the office of Vice-President of the Liverpool Medical Institution, and subsequently to that of President for a period of two years. Dr. Macnaught took a deep and affectionate interest in the School for the Indigent Blind in Liverpool, and for twenty-five years gave his assiduous and valuable services as honorary physician to that institution, in recognition of which he was presented by the members of the committee with a very handsome piece of plate on his retirement from office in 1874.

Dr. Macnaught was in many respects a remarkable man. To few members of the medical profession has been given the power, as well as the energy, to continue in actual practice as he did—though possessed of very ample private means—for the long period of sixty-five years. The fact is significant of his physical and intellectual activity, and of his ardent devotion to his calling. He retained his mental faculties clear and vigorous to the day of his death; and when, a few years ago, the impairment of his sight by cataract disabled him for the active duties of his profession, he continued to maintain a keen and lively interest in all matters relating to medicine, nothing affording him greater pleasure than to learn what was going on in the medical world, or to discuss scientific topics with some of his younger brethren, for whom his long experience, varied knowledge, and retentive memory rendered his company and conversation alike entertaining and instructive.

John Macnaught has passed away at the ripe age of ninety years, leaving behind him the long record of an honourable and active lifetime, and a rare example of the oft-quoted words of Horace—*"Mens sana in corpore sano."*

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 22nd, 1883.

Foley, Charles Nicholas, Denbigh Place, S.W.
Hehir, Patrick, London Street, Paddington.
Smith, Edward John, Charing Cross Hospital.

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

Loftus, Arthur Smith, Charing Cross Hospital.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, the undermentioned candidates were successful:

For the Licence to practise Medicine and Midwifery.—J. J. Buggey, Kilkenny; A. Cole, Dublin; C. S. Cronin, Cork; R. J. D'Arcy, Kingstown, co. Dublin; C. H. P. D. Graves, Cookstown, co. Tyrone; M. J. McCartan, Ros-trevor.

For the Licence to practise Midwifery only.—J. MacMahon, M.D.R.U.I., Cork; J. Meek, M.D.R.U.I., Belfast; J. Mitchell, M.D.R.U.I., Desertmartin, co. Derry; W. L. Symes, L.K.Q.C.P., Dublin.

The following Licentiates in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to membership, pursuant to the Supplemental Charter of 1878, have been duly enrolled Members of the College, viz.:

T. G. Kerans, Lic. Med. 1869, Northwich, Cheshire; C. W. McCarthy, Lic. Med. 1872, Clonmel; J. W. Kennedy, Lic. Med. 1875, Lisburn; W. H. Owen, Lic. Med. 1877, Liverpool.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £265 per annum. Applications by December 11th.

BALLYMAHON UNION, ABBEYSHURLE DISPENSARY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, and Fees. Applications by 15th instant to G. H. Miller, Honorary Secretary, Lenamore, Edgeworthstown.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Acting Physician. Applications by December 5th.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Two Extra Acting Physicians. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications by December 5th.

CHESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Visiting Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by December 6th.

CHORLTON-UPON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY, Manchester.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications to Mr. Adam Fox, Honorary Secretary.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by December 17th.

CLAYTON HOSPITAL AND WAKEFIELD GENERAL DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by December 3rd.

CLIFFDEN UNION.—Medical Officer, Renoyale Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum, and fees. Applications, by December 6th, to Mr. J. O'Donnell, Honorary Secretary, Moyard, Clifden, Co. Galway.

COTON HILL LUNATIC HOSPITAL, Stafford.—Resident Medical Superintendent. Salary, £400 per annum. Applications to the "Committee of Visitors," by December 8th.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, Leicester Square.—Dental Surgeon. Applications by December 10th.

GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, Manchester.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by December 12th.

GESTO HOSPITAL, Edinbane, Skye.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £275 per annum. Applications to J. McLennan, Solicitor, Portree, by December 1st.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, 49, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury.—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by December 5th.

KINGTON UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications by December 3rd.

LEEDS AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—Surgeon. Salary, £180 per annum. Applications to C. H. Wilson, 12, Rugby Terrace, Rugby Road, Leeds, by December 4th.

LIVERPOOL NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Committee by December 14th.

LODDON AND CLAVERING UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £55 4s. per annum. Applications to J. C. Copeman, Clerk to the Guardians, Loddon, Norwich, by December 8th.

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

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.

PAROCHIAL BOARD OF INVERARY AND GLENARY AND LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE BURGH OF INVERARY.—Medical Officer. Joint Salary, £90 per annum. Applications to the Town Clerk, Inverary, by December 14th.

ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by December 10th.

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

ROYAL PIMLICO DISPENSARY, 101, Buckingham Palace Road.—Attending Medical Officer. Applications by December 3rd.

ROYAL PORTSMOUTH, PORTSEA, AND GOSPORT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by December 5th.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by December 4th.

SHERBURN HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Dispenser. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to Dr. Booth by December 1st.

SOUTH CHARITABLE INFIRMARY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL, Cork.—House-Surgeon, Apothecary, and Secretary. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by December 7th.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Additional Examiner in Medicine in the Department of Medical Jurisprudence. Applications to J. Christian by January 14th.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by December 10th.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by December 10th.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W. Honorary Surgeon. Applications by December 10th.

WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, 155, Marylebone Road, W.—Surgeon. Applications by December 1st.

YOUNG'S PARAFFIN LIGHT AND MINERAL OIL COMPANY, Limited.—Medical Practitioner. Salary, £300 per annum. Applications by December 1st.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ANDERSON, W. M., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the West London Hospital, *vice* H. Hendley, M.R.C.S., resigned.

BENSON, A. H., M.B., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the City of Dublin Hospital, *vice* J. H. L. Stoney, M.D., deceased.

BRICKNELL, E. S., L.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Fever Hospital, Queenstown, Cork.

BROWN, J., L.R.C.P. Lond., re-appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Bacup Urban Sanitary Authority.

BURKE, Hubert W., L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Resident Medical Officer of St. George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

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

COOPER, G. F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., reappointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

FOXWELL, A., M.B., L.R.C.P., reappointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

GREEN, C. D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

HOBGES, R. W., L.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Fever Hospital, Queenstown, Cork.

HOWARD, W., M.R.C.S., appointed District Medical Officer to the Downham Union.

JOHNSTON, F., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon's Assistant to the Liverpool Northern Hospital, *vice* W. Horrocks, M.R.C.S.

JONES, W. Wansbrough, M.B., M.R.C.S., reappointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

LIGHTFOOT, C. L., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough-on-Tees, *vice* S. Bateman, M.D., resigned.

LONGBOTTOM, W., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Assistant Medical Officer to the Workhouse at Fir Vale, Pitsmoor, to the Sheffield Union.

MAHON, Greenwood Henry, L.R.C.S.I., appointed House-Surgeon and Resident Medical Officer to the Monkstown Hospital, Co. Dublin.

MARLOW, F. W., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., reappointed Ophthalmic Assistant to St. Thomas's Hospital.

MARSH, P. M.B., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

MILLIGAN, R. A., M.R.C.S., appointed Registrar and Chloroformist to the Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., *vice* J. B. Lawford, M.D., resigned.

MILTON, H., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., reappointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

OLIVER, J., M.B., appointed Medical Officer and Registrar to the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Bloomsbury, *vice* N. Rushworth, M.R.C.S., resigned.

ORFORD, John, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Non-resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

OWEN, H., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Pimlico Dispensary, *vice* H. G. Orlebar, M.D., deceased.

PARRY-JONES, M., M.B., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

RED, D., M.B., appointed Medical Officer to the Wigganham District of the Downham Union.

ROBERTS, R., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the St. Asaph Union.

RUDGE, H. T., M.R.C.S., appointed Physician's Assistant to the Bristol General Hospital, *vice* J. B. Woolly, M.B., resigned.

RYGATE, B. R., M.B., appointed Medical Officer of Health to St. George-in-the-East, *vice* J. J. Rygate, M.B., resigned.

SAVILL, T. D., M.D. Lond., M.R.C.P., appointed Registrar and Pathologist to the West London Hospital.

SHEPPARD, W. J., M.B., M.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Accoucheur to St. Thomas's Hospital.

SMITH, C. Swaby, M.R.C.P. Ed., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the Copland-Sudbury Cottage Hospital; also Medical Officer to the Warehousemen, Travellers', and Clerks' Provident Association.

TAYLOR, H. G., L.R.C.S., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Durham County Asylum, *vice* C. M. Campbell, M.D., resigned.

TEKNANT, G., M.B., appointed Assistant Physician to the Smedley's Hydro-pathic Establishment, Matlock Bridge, Derby, *vice* H. G. Wilson, M.B., resigned.

TOULMIN, W. C., L.R.C.P., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, etc., Dispensary, *vice* E. D. Hacon, F.R.C.S., resigned.

TURNER, Nathaniel Henry, M.R.C.S.E., appointed Ophthalmic Clinical Assistant to King's College Hospital.

UNDERWOOD, A. S., M.R.C.S., appointed Lecturer on Dental Anatomy and Physiology to the Dental Hospital of London, *vice* C. S. Tomes, M.R.C.S., resigned.

WILLIAMS, J. F., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Medical Officer and Dispenser to the St. Saviour's Union, Surrey, *vice* W. C. Steele, M.R.C.P., resigned.

YOUNG, W. C., F.I.C., appointed Public Analyst to St. George-in-the-East, *vice* J. J. Rygate, M.B., 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.

BIRTHS.

SYKES.—On November 25th, the wife of John F. J. Sykes, M.B., B.Sc., of a daughter.

TONGE-SMITH.—On November 27th, at 122, Ladbroke Grove, W., the wife of Winckworth Tonge-Smith, M.D., of a son. Irish and West Indian papers please copy.

DEATH.

CROMBIE.—On November 26th, at his residence, 1, Oakley Square, N.W., John M. Crombie, M.A., M.D., aged 39 years.

A NOVEL STRIKE.—It is rumoured that the wet-nurses (*nourrices*) in the pay of the Assistance Publique, intend to strike. They receive from 15 to 18 francs a month, but consider it insufficient, as private families pay at a higher rate. The director of the Assistance Publique has enumerated in this year's budget a sum of 150,000 francs for the benefit of wet-nurses. It is unknown whether this is a coincidence or a result.

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.

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, Tu. 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, 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.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Clutton: On a Case of Fistula in the Penile Portion of the Urethra, successfully treated by a Plastic Operation after opening the Urethra in the Perineum. Mr. Rose: A Case of Recurrent Femoral Aneurysm after Ligation of the External Iliac Artery: Excision of the Entire Sac: Recovery (living specimen). Mr. Royes Bell: On a New Method for Exposing the Knee-joint in order to remove Pulpary Degeneration of the Synovial Membrane. —Odontological Society of Great Britain, 40, Leicester Square, 8 P.M. Ordinary meeting: Dr. Joseph Walker (President) in the chair. Casual communications by Messrs. H. Weiss, Bland Sutton, Morton Smale, Dr. Elliott. Discussion on Mr. Henry Power's paper on the Relations between Diseases of the Eye and Diseases of the Teeth.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Norman Moore: Three Cases of Pancreatic Disease. Dr. S. West: Purulent Pericarditis. Mr. Symonds: Aneurysmal Dilatation of Radial Artery following Suppurative Arteritis. Dr. Mahomed: Cystic Disease of the Kidney and Hydronephrosis. Dr. Dawson Williams: On the Etiology of Tuberculosis. Mr. A. Barker: Tubercular Ulceration of Tongue. Dr. Charlewood Turner: Encysted Central Sequestrum of Tibia. Mr. Jessett: Medullary Sarcoma of the Skull in a Child. Dr. Lediard: Caries of the Vertebra in a Dog (card).

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens will be shown. Dr. Barnes: The Mechanism of Labour, especially with reference to Naegele's Obliquity and the Lumbo-sacral Curve. Dr. E. S. Tait: Observations on Puerperal Temperature.—Epidemiological Society of London, 7.15 P.M. Special general meeting. 8 P.M. Ordinary meeting. Sir W. R. E. Smart: Scurvy in its Bearings on Explorations by Sea.

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Broadbent: On Prognosis in Heart-disease.—Abernethian Society, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 8 P.M. Mr. Montagu Smith: The Ethics of Vivisection.—Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, 8 P.M. Lecture, by Dr. G. V. Poore, on Coffee and Tea. The chair will be taken by Sir Henry Thompson, F.R.C.S.

FRIDAY.—Medical Society of Charing Cross Hospital, 8 P.M. Mr. A. G. Dodson: Cremation.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

WATER-CLOSETS IN CONTINENTAL HOTELS.

SIR,—Would any sanitarian, having practical experience of the working of different forms of trapped and trapless closet-basins, say which form of basin they would recommend for a large Continental hotel, where there are many closets in series, one above the other, and where the soil-pipes, though properly ventilated, are unnecessarily wide, and the house-drains large and built of bricks, not made of glazed earthenware or cast-iron tubes, and thus difficult to flush, though there is plenty of water? As there are nearly sixty closets, the cost is of consequence.—I am, etc., M.D.

* * We are of opinion that trapless closets are not suitable for Continental cities, and that all closets should have a trap in connection with the basin. It was due to the institution of a French trapless closet, with corresponding drains of large sectional area, that typhoid fever arose in a large villa near Hyeres, on the Mediterranean. Mr. Eassie, who visited it, substituted some Doulton's valve-closets from their manufactory in Paris, and proper traps were interposed. He considers that the best kind of closet for use in a large Continental city, where so many closets would be used, would be those of O. D. Ward, of London, called the Household Water-closet, which obtained a medal at the Newcastle Sanitary Exhibition, 1882. At the Bristol General Hospital, where he has used a number, he had the syphons made in iron, with a ventilating-pipe for some, and cannot conceive anything better suited for the uses mentioned in the query. The soil-pipes in connection with all closets should be ventilated the full diameter, without cowls. Most closets, especially those of the valve order, are scarcely suitable for the south Continental cities, because, when they perform get out of order, the working parts require renewal, and the foreign plumbers are not accustomed to them. To work the Ward's Household Closet, if an ample flush be required, they should be used in connection with the direct-acting valveless waste-preventer, manufactured by A. T. Bean, of Westminster. He thinks that the closets should be provided with these flushing appliances, and then the unnecessarily large brick-drains, which are so frequent through the Continent, would be efficiently flushed. If there be plenty of water, it would be wise to fix at the head of each ramification of the drain a Bowes, Scott, and Read's (of Westminster) flushing tank, with Field's siphon.

AN ADVERTISEMENT.

SEVERAL correspondents have called our attention to the advertisement of a new company called "Sutherland's Rheumatism Manufacturing Company, Limited," of which the prospectus is now being advertised, the announced object being as follows:—"To acquire and provide for a greater extension of the established business of Sutherland's 'Rheumatism,' a patent medicine of special importance and repute. 'Rheumatism,' which is an internal remedy of perfectly innocuous character, has proved in innumerable cases—satisfactorily attested by the medical profession, by the clergy of all denominations, and by the general public—to be an infallible cure for sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, rheumatism, rheumatic gout, etc." The whole of the prospectus appears to be couched in the same style. Two of the directors are announced as follows:—"F. Robertson Haward, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., Ealing, W.; Byron Blewett, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., 120, Leadenhall Street, E.C." It is obviously contradictory to professional rule for medical men of regular standing to connect themselves with a company formed for the sale of a secret and patent medicine.

PERPLEXED attaches too much importance to the remedies of the Italian Court. Ladies are fond of amusing themselves with such things. When they are persistently put forward, it may, no doubt, be rather annoying; but it is best to pass the matter by with a smile.

SMOKE-CONSUMING GRATES.

WE are asked to add to the list of effective smoke-consuming grates the Nautilus grate, which gave very good results, as will be seen by the report of the Smoke Abatement Committee, and it is certainly a very pretty and effective grate. It is the invention of Mr. James B. Fetter, Yeovil, Somerset.