

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. Cards will be received until further notice.

Applications should be addressed to

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

BRANCH MEETING TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above district will take place on Thursday evening, December 20th, at the Hackney Town Hall. The chair will be taken at 8.30 P.M. Dr. Cullimore will read a paper on some Disputed Points concerning the Infection and Contagion of Cholera. Dr. Dundas Grant: On the Treatment of *Apnea Neonati*.—FREDERICK WALLACE, Honorary Secretary, 96, Cazeau Road, Upper Clapton.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

THE second meeting of the South London District was held at the Royal Naval School, Greenwich, on the evening of November 28th. There was a very good attendance. Dr. STEPHEN MACKENZIE occupied the chair.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. Dr. A. L. Galabin read a paper on Transfusion of Blood for Puerperal Hemorrhage.
2. Mr. Lloyd Jones read a paper on A Case of Chyluria. This was illustrated by living specimens of the *Filaria sanguinis hominis*. The Chairman, who had special experience of the *Filaria*, made some important remarks on the result of his own observations.

Votes of thanks to the readers of the papers and the Chairman were carried, and the meeting adjourned.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH:
AUTUMN MEETING.

THE autumn meeting of this Branch was held at Newport, on November 15th: Present, Mr. EBEN DAVIES (Swansea), President, in the chair, and about twenty-five members.

New Members.—Mr. Roger D. Williams (Morriston), and Dr. Reid (Tenby), were elected members of the Association and Branch.

The Case of Dr. Joseph Rogers.—Dr. MILWARD (Cardiff) explained, in detail, the suspension of Dr. Rogers by the Westminster Board of Guardians. Universal indignation was expressed by the members at the treatment to which Dr. Rogers had been subjected, and the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

"That this Branch desires to offer to Dr. Rogers its sincere sympathy in the position in which he is placed by the action of the Westminster Board of Guardians, and to express an earnest hope that the inquiry now pending before the Local Government Board will result in his speedy reinstatement in his office."

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Rogers, and to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL and the *Lancet*."

Communications.—The following communications were made.

1. Dr. STEEL (Abergavenny) introduced a patient in whom he had removed a Scirrhus from the Breast, where subsequently numerous tubercles, some ulcerating, had appeared around the cicatrix. An unanimous opinion was expressed that these nodules were of a malignant nature.

2. Mr. MARSH (Newport) showed a male patient in whom he had, two years previously, Excised the Elbow, removing four inches of bone. The patient had now excellent movement of the limb, and an unusual amount of force.

3. Dr. THOMAS (Newport) showed a case of Disease of the Knee-joint, from injury, suppurating occurring in ten days, treated antiseptically, and recovering rapidly.

4. Mr. J. HANCOCKE WATHEN (Clifton) related a case of Lipoma of the Scalp of four years' growth, and showed the specimen. He laid stress upon the difficulty of diagnosis between sebaceous cyst and lipoma.

5. Dr. C. T. VACHELL (Cardiff) related a series of cases in which Erysipelas had followed Vaccination. On November 1st, a child aged three months, and an adult, were vaccinated with lymph obtained from London. On the eighth day, the arm of the adult was much swollen and red. On the same day, the child presented every appearance of having been successfully vaccinated, and five tubes were charged from it. On November 10th, five children were vaccinated from these tubes. On November 11th and 12th, all these cases were attacked with erysipelas of the arm vaccinated; and, on inquiry, it was found that the child from whom the vaccine was taken was attacked with erysipelas on November 9th.

6. Mr. G. A. DAVIES (Newport) showed a Tonsil removed for great hypertrophy.

Representation of the Branch on the Governing Body of the South Wales and Monmouthshire University at Cardiff.—The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That Dr. Edwards (Cardiff) and Dr. Talfourd Jones (Brecon) be requested to bring before the Council of the South Wales and Monmouthshire University at Cardiff the desirability of securing the representation of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the British Medical Association on the governing body of that institution."

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together at the King's Head Hotel.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.

THE eighty-ninth meeting of the above District was held at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on Thursday, November 15th, 1883; Dr. JOYCE of Cranbrook in the chair.

Previously to the meeting, Mr. Wachter, the medical officer, and Mr. Cross, the chairman, of the board of guardians, conducted the members over the new union infirmary, which contains sixty-two beds, and is warmed by Captain Galton's patent ventilating stoves.

Life-history Album.—Dr. HERRINGHAM, the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, explained "the life-history album," on which an interesting discussion followed.

Papers.—The following were read:

1. Dr. J. Herbert Stowers read a paper on Infantile Eczema.
2. Mr. Whitehead Reid showed cases of Infantile Eczema, Ichthyosis, and Porrigio.

3. Dr. Gogarty read a paper on Gout in Diagnosis; and, in the discussion that followed, some valuable remarks were made on the rheumatic offspring of gouty ancestors, and the tendency of these diseases to "sport back."

Next Meeting.—It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Ashford, on March 13th, 1884, under the presidency of Dr. Wilks, when Dr. Joyce's subjects for discussion will be again brought forward.

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together at the Royal Fountain Hotel.¹

¹ It came out casually at this meeting that the report of a diphtheria-epidemic in Canterbury was without foundation; the five cases that had occurred were confined to one house, and the disease had not spread. There is no diphtheria now (November 26th).

VERY CHARACTERISTIC.—"You will find in our museum," said Professor Wendell Holmes, in his recent address to the Harvard students, "specimens of human integument, showing its constituent parts in different races; among the rest, that of the Ethiopian, with its cuticle or false skin turned back, to show that God gave him a true skin beneath it as white as our own."

the sanitary authority of St. George the Martyr appear to be anxious to do their duty; not long ago, they spent a large sum of money in erecting a mortuary for the use of the parish; they have taken steps which have led to the clearance of several overcrowded areas; and only last week they obtained a conviction in a case where the first legal steps were taken some months ago, and before the publication of this pamphlet. We are informed that they have now under consideration the best way of dealing with several other limited areas. Unfortunately, the various Acts, such as the Artisans' Dwellings Act, and Torrens' Act, are not as easy to work as might be desired; the powers of the Metropolitan Board of Works are strictly limited, and the question of cost is always an element of difficulty; besides, the mere pulling down of houses is not a solution. There are courts in the neighbourhood we are referring to, though not in St. George the Martyr's parish, which are thoroughly bad, and ought to come down; their demolition has, we believe, been recommended by the sanitary authorities, but endless difficulties arise; the Metropolitan Board, it is said, cannot deal with them, because the areas are too small, so that everything is left to the parish authorities; what wonder if they have some hesitation in putting fresh burdens on the shoulders of the already overburdened ratepayers!

REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

BUILTH RURAL DISTRICT.—An unsatisfactory feature of the death-rate of this district during 1882 is the increased fatality amongst infants. Out of 119 deaths from all causes, 27 were those of children who had not completed the first twelvemonth of their existence. No fewer than eleven deaths were certified as from convulsions, and seven of these were only a few weeks old, and before dentition had set in. Mr. Herring attributes this mortality to that fruitful source of sickness and death amongst infants—improper feeding. Scarletina was present in various portions of the district, and, of eleven cases, three proved fatal.

MEDICAL OFFICERS AND RELIEVING OFFICERS.

"A LATE Union Medical Officer" advises "M.R.C.P." to try the following plan, which he found most successful whilst holding an union appointment in Devonshire. He wrote to the relieving officer, as well as to the board of guardians, to the effect that if in any case nourishment or stimulants which he had ordered, or rather suggested, were refused, and the patient died, he should take care that an inquest would be held, and that, most probably, they would be held responsible. This had the desired effect; the relieving officer being told by the board in future to carry out the orders. He hopes that, in time, the Poor-law may be so altered that medical men, and not relieving officers (often most ignorant and overbearing men), shall have the power of definitely ordering nourishment, etc., for recognised pauper patients.

SIR.—Dr. Driver's advice to medical officers, concerning relieving officers, is very good. But suppose the medical officer had only just secured his appointment after a close contest with two or three opponents, any one of whom would be only too glad to occupy his shoes, and, perhaps, even to help to render them vacant by fomenting disturbances; how would it work then?—Yours truly,

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MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—M.B. Examination for Honours. Medicine.

First Class.

S. H. C. Martin, B.Sc. (Scholarship and Gold Medal), University College.
R. F. Fox (Gold Medal), London Hospital.
W. D. Halliburton, B.Sc., University College.
E. W. von Tunzelmann, University College.
J. H. Champ, Guy's Hospital.

Second Class.

J. Collier, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary.
P. F. Moline, University College.
S. Worthington, Guy's Hospital.
R. H. S. Spicer, B.Sc., St. Mary's Hospital.
F. F. Caiger, St. Thomas's Hospital.
W. H. Horrocks, B.Sc., Owens College.
J. A. P. Price, Guy's Hospital.
J. T. Rogerson, Owens and University Colleges.

Third Class.

W. T. Brooks, King's College.
E. W. Roughton, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
R. Black, London Hospital.
J. M. Beverley, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary.
C. B. Voisey, Owens College, Manchester Royal Infirmary, and St. Mary's Hospital.
W. Hull, St. Thomas's Hospital.
R. Sisley, St. George's Hospital.
St. Clair Thomson, King's College.

Obstetric Medicine.

First Class.

S. Rabbeth (Scholarship and Gold Medal), King's College.
E. W. Roughton (Gold Medal), St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
J. H. Champ, Guy's Hospital.

Second Class.

St. Clair Thomson, King's College.
C. M. H. Jones, St. Mary's Hospital.
R. Sisley, St. George's Hospital.
W. Hind, Guy's Hospital.

Third Class.

C. F. Bailey, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
W. D. Halliburton, University College.
F. F. Caiger, St. Thomas's Hospital.
T. W. Shore, B.Sc., St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
R. F. Fox, London Hospital.

Forensic Medicine.

First Class.

J. Collier (Scholarship and Gold Medal), Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary.
J. M. Beverley (Gold Medal), Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary.
J. A. F. Price, Guy's Hospital.
J. H. Targett, Guy's Hospital.
J. H. Champ, Guy's Hospital.

Second Class.

R. H. S. Spicer, St. Mary's Hospital.
S. Worthington, Guy's Hospital.
W. Hind, Guy's Hospital.

Third Class.

S. H. C. Martin, University College.
C. H. L. Meyer, Guy's Hospital.
E. Tomlinson, London School of Medicine for Women and Royal Free Hospital.
R. F. Fox, London Hospital.

N.B.—The bracket denotes equality of merit.

B.S. Examination. Pass List.

First Division.

F. F. Caiger, St. Thomas's Hospital.
L. A. Dunn, Guy's Hospital.
S. H. C. Martin, B.Sc., University College.
C. H. L. Meyer, Guy's Hospital.
T. Wilson, University College.

Second Division.

G. H. Barling, St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Birmingham.
W. Hind, Guy's Hospital.
J. T. Rogerson, Owens and University Colleges.
A. G. Salmon, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
I. Searth, Owens College and London Hospital.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having undergone the necessary examinations at the half-yearly meetings of the Court of Examiners on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th ultimo, were reported to have acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Court, and, at a meeting of the Council, on the 13th instant, were admitted Fellows of the College, viz.:

Messrs. F. Marshall, L.S.A., Stafford, diploma of membership dated April 24, 1877; J. T. J. Morrison, B.A. & M.A. Cantab., Trinity Square, S.E., January 24, 1879; A. M. Sheld, L.R.C.P. Lond., Cambridge, July 24, 1879; J. Whitehouse, L.R.C.P. Ed., Smethwick, July 22, 1879; W. B. Platt, M.D. Harvard, Baltimore, April 19, 1881; R. F. Rand, M.B. Ed., Constantinople; J. E. Square, L.R.C.P. Lond., Plymouth, November 15, 1881; and D'Arcy Power, M.A. and M.B. Oxon., Great Cumberland Place, W., January 18, 1882.

At the same meeting, Mr. D. D. Day, M.B. Lond., Norwich, who passed the examination on May 20th, 1880, having reached the legal age of twenty-five years, was also admitted a Fellow; another candidate also passed who will receive his diploma when twenty-five years of age; and eight candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court, were referred to their professional studies for twelve months. The examinations for the present year are now brought to a close.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 6th, 1883.

Bennett, Frank Albert, Queen's College, Birmingham.
Griffin, John Hubert, Woburn Place, W.C.
Llewellyn, John, Mount Place, London Hospital, E.
Parsons, Charles John, Muxter, near Newport, Salop.

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

Brooks, William Harrison, London Hospital.
Jaynes, Frederick John, Middlesex Hospital.
Naghten, Matthew Barnwell, Dublin School of Medicine.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

BALLYMAHON UNION, ABBEYSHERLLE DISPENSARY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, and Fees. Applications by 18th instant to G. H. Miller, Honorary Secretary, Lenamore, Edgeworthstown.

BATH GENERAL OR MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by December 20th.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by January 15th.

CAMBRIDGE UNION.—Two Medical Officers. Salary, £50 per annum each. Applications by December 18th.

CHORLTON-UPON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to Mr. Adam Fox.

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.

CORK UNION.—Medical Officer to Workhouse. Salary, £100 per annum. Election on December 20th.

COSFORD UNION, Boxford District.—Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by December 22nd.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by January 5th.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by December 21st.

LEEDS FEVER HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer and Secretary. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by December 24th.

LEOMINSTER UNION.—Medical Officer for the Bodenham District. Salary, £20 per annum. Applications by December 18th.

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

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by January 14th.

NEW ROSS UNION.—Medical Officer, New Ross Dispensary. Salary, £115 per annum, and fees. Election on December 17th. Applications to P. J. Roche, Honorary Secretary, New Ross.

NEW ROSS UNION.—Medical Officer, Workhouse Infirmary. Salary, £40 per annum, and £10 as Consulting Sanitary Officer. Election on December 19th.

NEWTON ABBOT UNION, and the URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITIES OF DAWLISH AND WOLBOROUGH, in the County of Devon.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £350 per annum. Applications by December 18th.

OLDCASTLE UNION.—Medical Officer, Workhouse. Salary, £110 per annum, and £10 as Consulting Sanitary Officer. Election on December 31st.

PARISH OF ELIE.—Medical Officer. Applications to Mr. R. Birrell, Inspector of Poor, Elie, N.B.

PARISH OF KILCONQUHAR, COLINBURGH.—Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to Walter Davidson, Esq., Cairnie, Colinburgh, Fife.

PAROCHIAL BOARD OF INVERARY AND GLENARAT.—Medical Officer. Salary, £90 per annum. Applications to the Inspector of Poor, Inverary, by December 17th.

SHILLELAGH UNION.—Medical Officer, Shillelagh Dispensary. Salary, £115 per annum and fees. Applications to William Murphy, Honorary Secretary, Ballykilane, by December 19th.

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

WESTBOURNE PROVIDENT DISPENSARY AND MATERNITY, 29, Westbourne Park Crescent, Harrow Road.—Surgeon. Applications by December 17th.

WESTERN INFIRMARY, Glasgow.—Apothecary. Applications by December 31st.

WOBURN UNION.—District Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Aspley Guise District. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by December 20th.

WOBURN UNION.—Medical Officer for the Workhouse. Salary, £35 per annum. Applications by December 20th.

YORK DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications to S. W. North, Esq., 84, Micklegate, York, by December 26th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

AUDLAND, W. E., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Northampton General Infirmary, *vice* — Smith, resigned.

CHAFFEY, W. C., M.B., appointed Medical Registrar to the Hospital for Sick Children, *vice* A. Money, M.D., resigned.

CLARK, Annie E., M.K.Q.C.P.I., M.D., Berne, appointed Extra Acting-Physician to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

MIVART, F. St. George, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Surgeon to the Western General Dispensary, *vice* G. H. Hames, F.R.C.S., resigned.

PERKINS, Whitfield, M.R.C.S.E., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Sir George Bowles Hospital for Butleigh-cum-Baltonsbrough and six adjoining parishes.

RANKIN, A., M.B., appointed Out-door Accoucheur to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, *vice* J. Donald, jun., M.B., resigned.

RICHARDS, Thomas, M.B., appointed extra Acting-Physician to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

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.

PARSONS.—December 6th, at 13, Whitworth Road, South Norwood, the wife of H. Franklin Parsons, M.D., of a daughter.

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. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; 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., M. Th., 9.30; Eye, Tu. F. 9.30; Ear, W. S., 9.30; Throat, M. Th., 9.30; Skin, Tu. F., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 9.30; 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. Sir Andrew Clark: On Catheter-Fever.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Charlewood Turner: Quiet Necrosis. Dr. Wickham Legg: Melanosis after Melanotic Sarcoma of the Choroid. Mr. Godlee: Three Cases of Tubercular Disease of the Tongue (living). Mr. Symonds: Tubercular Ulceration of the Tongue. Mr. Jessett: Tubercular Ulceration of the Tongue. Dr. Goodhart: Tubercular Ulcers of the Base of the Epiglottis (card). Dr. Norman Moore: Three Examples of Pancreatic Disease. Mr. Bowly: Dermoid Cyst of the Finger.

WEDNESDAY.—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Dr. J. H. Z. Fiegel: On Sections of Diatoms.

THURSDAY.—Abernethian Society, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 8 P.M. Mr. Robert Jones: What Constitutes Insanity?

TRAPS FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

SIR,—I have been nearly thirty-eight years in my house. On an average, about three or four cases of bastard pregnancies a year used to call to inquire whether they were really so. By the aid of the admirable Rescue Society, I have been able to point a way of escape from the consequences of their folly. Now, on an average, two blooming young females call in each month, stating that they are pregnant, and require remedies, etc. I answer them by saying, "Bring a respectable married woman with you, and we will hear what you have to say." I need scarcely add they never do this. There must be a large staff of such girls, for the same woman never turns up again. I mean by "blooming females" such as are certainly not pregnant; no trace of sadness, or shame, or sickness; but bold, unabashed, as such visitors always appear to be. I write to ask some experienced members, in the plenitude of their knowledge, to tell what these women are.—Yours, etc.,

AN OLD MEMBER.

SCHOOL ON THE SOUTH COAST.

COLIN G. CAMPBELL, Uppermill, Saddleworth, offers his best thanks to the many gentlemen who have so kindly replied to his inquiry published in the *JOURNAL* of December 1st.

DETERMINATION OF SEX.

SIR,—The explanation of "R. S." on determination of sex does not elucidate the reason why, week after week, without exception, there are more males born than females. If it were as he surmises, we would expect to find that the females would be in excess some weeks, and that the general balance for the whole year would be pretty nigh even; or that some years would show an excess of females. I know a lady with five girls, and who has never given birth to a male child. There must be a more obscure reason for this than "R. S." imagines.—Yours truly,

A. T.

L.R.C.P.(Ed.) should write to the Registrar of the College in question, and we should be glad to see the answer.

CAUTION: GUY'S MAN; IMPOSTOR.

SIR,—Having received one or two letters concerning my communication, which appeared in your columns last week, touching a man professing to be a Guy's man, Wilford by name, I think it might make the matter clearer if I state that the man who called on me giving that name has called on other Guy's men with a different tale and a different name. I do not suppose his real name is Wilford (although some have read my letter as if I did), but that he assumes the names of various Guy's men resident abroad in order to give colour to his tale. He does not beg, but he does what is equivalent to it.

The letter which you were good enough to publish last week was based upon inquiries I had made of those of my friends whom "Wilford" named as personally known to him, and as having advised his calling on me; but I had not then found to what an extent the deception was pushed.

I think this notice is as much due to the real Wilford—who, I presume, is still resident abroad—as to the Guy's men who may be deceived by the variously named mendicant; and I should have sent it to you earlier, had I not thought that the pressure of other matter had excluded my first letter from your columns.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR H. JONES.

32, Sheep Street, Northampton, December 11th, 1883.

DR. BROWNLESS, MELBOURNE.—We understand that, as the papers were only sent in from the Colonial Office on Thursday last, the election will not take place until January next.

THE SHOEING OF HORSES.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to an article in a late number of the *Veterinarian* on "Horses without Shoes," by Mr. Greene, of Northampton. For the benefit of those who hesitate to try a new plan of shoeing, I will relate my experience.

For the last three years, I have entirely discarded the old form of shoes for horses. During this time, I have had in my stable five horses, for periods varying from two and a half years to six months. Their ages, at the time of purchase, have been, in three cases, six years; in one, eight; and in another, about ten. First of all, on getting a new horse, I take off the shoes, sometimes weighing one pound each or more, and substitute light Charlier steel tips weighing about two ounces, which are let into the hoof by cutting a shallow groove in the hard outer horn. These allow the heel to rest on the ground, as they only circle the hoof to about two-thirds of its extent, and permit the natural expansion to take place when the foot is in this position. For a few days, perhaps, the horse will go a little tender on his feet, especially if the frog have been previously much out away, as is usually done by blacksmiths. The horse will soon become accustomed to the new order of things; and, if carefully put on, the tips will remain on quite as long as ordinary shoes. Meanwhile, the portion of hoof which is allowed to rest on the ground is gradually becoming harder, and the whole foot is slowly filling up with callous horn, except the heel, which remains a soft pad to lessen the shock of concussion. It takes almost a year for a hoof to assume this condition; but long ere that period has elapsed, it is possible to run the horse for short intervals without shoes at all. For instance, when a steel tip drops off at the end of, perhaps, six weeks, I allow the hoof to become worn down until tenderness is shown before putting on another. Under no circumstances should the frog be touched with the knife. At the end of ten or twelve months, it is quite possible to run a horse which has made a good hoof without any shoes. This I did last summer, for about four months, in the case of a horse seven years old, which I bought a year previously. I found, however, that when the roads became muddy in the autumn, he began to go tender, due, I think, to the increased friction and consequent wear of hoof on the wet roads, as compared with the dry roads in summer. In no case have I found lameness or any other than a good result to follow this method.

This plan of shoeing seems to me to have, amongst others, the following advantages: 1. Horses do not require to be so frequently shod; in summer, at least, it is possible to run a horse without shoes. 2. Horses shod in this way never have corns or tender feet, except just at first; the legs are saved the shock of the concussion of a heavy iron shoe on a hard road; the legs do not become swollen after a long run. 3. It is impossible for a hoof of this kind to take up snow in winter, or a stone when the roads are newly macadamised. This does away with the dread of slippery or snow-covered roads and the necessity for "frosting."—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE T. B. WATTERS.

Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, November 26th, 1883.

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