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A SMALL deputation from the Parliamentary Bills Committee, consisting of Dr. Carter of Liverpool, Surgeon-General Ewart of Brighton, and Mr. Ernest Hart, Chairman of the Committee, waited upon the Lord Advocate in the House of Commons on Thursday, and put before him in detail the objections entertained to the notification and other sanitary clauses of the Sanitary and Police Burghs Bill of Scotland. The interview was prolonged, and detailed documentary evidence and suggestions for amendment were put before the Lord Advocate, which will be submitted by him to the Committee, and of which copies will be forwarded to the members of the Select Committee and to other parliamentary persons.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

THE annual election of Members of Council was held at the College on Thursday last. The poll lasted from two o'clock till five, during which time 277 Fellows recorded their votes. Immediately after the close of the poll, the votes were counted, when it was found that the following was the result of the election :

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| 1. Mr. George Lawson, Middlesex Hospital... | 158, | with 2 plumpers. |
| Mr. Arthur E Durham Guy's Hospital...       | 154  | „ 8 „            |
| 3. Mr. Thomas Smith, St. Bartholomew's „    | 152  | „ 6 „            |
| 4. Mr. Berkeley Hill, University College „  | 127  | „ 3 „            |
| 5. Mr. William Allingham, St. Mark's „      | 108  | „ 8 „            |
| 6. Mr. O. Pemberton, Birmingham General „   | 103  | „ 6 „            |
| 7. Mr. Frederick Gant, Royal Free „         | 77   | „ 2 „            |
| 8. Mr. George Cowell, Westminster „         | 55   | „ 5 „            |
| 9. Mr. Richard Barwell, Charing Cross „     | 51   | „ 1 „            |

There being five vacancies, Messrs. Lawson, Durham, Smith, Berkeley Hill, and Allingham were declared duly elected. On this result, we shall make only one observation, and that is, that it proves more clearly than ever the necessity for immediately bringing into operation the decision in favour of voting-papers, which will give the Fellows at large a fair opportunity of expressing their views, and recording their votes alongside of the London Fellows. This election rings the death-knell of the old system.

### MEDICAL SICKNESS, ANNUITY, AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee of the Medical Sickness, Annuity, and Life Assurance Society was held on Wednesday, June 25th, at 38, Wimpole Street, W. There were present Mr. Ernest Hart (in the chair), Dr. Ord, Mr. Sibley, Dr. Clibborn, Mr. Richard Wallace, Mr. Major Greenwood, Mr. Brindley James, and Mr. Radley (Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that 490 members had been enrolled, and that the total receipts to date amounted to £1,499. It was decided, on the recommendation of the Chairman, to place £1,000 to deposit account.

The subject of the appointment of arbitrators and trustees was discussed, and the arrangements made for auditing the accounts were confirmed.

A letter was read from Dr. Lapraik, offering to bring the objects and merits of the Society before a meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch to be held on the 26th.

It was decided to arrange a date for the holding of the meeting at Belfast, and to report it to the next meeting.

**PRESENTATION.**—A numerous gathering of friends, colleagues, and former pupils of Mr. Francis Hird, F.R.C.S., took place on April 8th at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, on the occasion of a presentation to him of a testimonial upon his retirement from the office of Dean, in recognition of his valuable services to the Medical School, extending over a period of forty-five years. Professor Huxley, P.R.S., presided, supported by Sir Joseph Fayrer and Sir Guyer Hunter, all of whom were former pupils of Mr. Hird at Charing Cross Hospital. The testimonial consisted of a service of plate, and an illuminated address on vellum.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### COUNCIL.

#### NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council-Room of Exeter Hall on Wednesday, the 9th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

161A, Strand, London, June 21st, 1883.

#### NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1884: ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 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., 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.*

#### GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Scientific Grants Committee of the British Medical Association desire to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences, that they are empowered to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted at the next annual meeting should be made without delay to the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 161A, Strand, W.C. Applications must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed.

Reports of work done by the assistance of Association grants belong to the Association.

Instruments purchased by means of grants must be returned to the General Secretary on the conclusion of the research in furtherance of which the grant was made.

#### 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.       | vii. Puerperal Pyrexia.                    |
| ii. Chorea.               | viii. Paroxysmal hæmoglobinuria.           |
| iii. Acute Rheumatism.    | x. Habits of Aged Persons.                 |
| iv. Diphtheria, clinical. | xi. Albuminuria in the Apparently Healthy. |
| iv. Diphtheria, sanitary. |  |
| v. Syphilis, acquired.    |  |
| va. „ inherited.          |  |

A report based upon an analysis of more than 1,060 reported cases of pneumonia will appear in the forthcoming issue of the *Record* early in July.

The Committee hope that cases will still be communicated as opportunity may occur, with a view to a further report upon the subject in the future.

An inquiry is now issued concerning the general condition, habits, and circumstances, past and present, and the family history of persons who have attained or passed the age of 80 years.

The replies to this inquiry will be most valuable when given by a medical man; but the questions have been so arranged, that, with the exception of some on the last page, they may be answered by another person. *Partial information will be gladly received.*

There is also now issued an inquiry as to the occurrence of albuminuria in apparently healthy persons.

Copies of these forms and memoranda are in the hands of all the local secretaries, and will be forwarded to any one who is willing to fill up one or more of the forms, on application by post card or otherwise to the "Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee," 161A, Strand, London, W.C., to whom all applications and correspondence should be addressed.

July, 1884.

**NOTICE.**—The *Life-History Album* prepared by the Collective Investigation Committee is now ready, and can be ordered of all booksellers, price 3s. 6d.



The second volume of the *Collective Investigation Record* will be almost immediately issued. It is requested that, in order to prevent delay, those who desire copies, but have not as yet made application, will at once forward orders (with remittance) to the General Secretary, 161a, Strand, London, W.C.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH BRANCH.**—Meetings are held on the first Friday in every month, at half-past nine, after dinner at eight o'clock. Gentlemen wishing to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretaries, Surgeons SHIRLEY DEAKIN and W. A. MORRIS, 8, City Road, Allahabad.

**NORTHERN COUNTIES (SCOTLAND) BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Elgin, on Wednesday, July 9th; Dr. D. McIntyre, of Fort William, President-elect. Members desirous of bringing forward any communication are requested to intimate the same at once to J. W. NORRIS MACKAY, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Elgin.—June 10th, 1884.

**ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.**—The annual meeting will be held in the Rooms, No. 198, Union Street, Aberdeen, on Saturday, July 12th, at 1.30 P.M.—ROBERT J. GARDEN, JOHN URQUHART, Honorary Secretaries.

**WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.**—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Lion Hotel, Wiveliscombe, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at 3 o'clock. George R. Norris, Esq., President-elect, will take the chair on its being vacated by Dr. Adams.—Business: Minutes; Report of Council; Treasurer's Report; Election of Officers; Place of Meeting and President-elect for 1885; President's Address; Papers and Communications.—Mr. Collard of Abbotsfield will kindly allow his collection of pictures to be viewed by those who may like to make an excursion to his residence and grounds, which are about half a mile from the Lion. Dinner at 6 o'clock; 5s. 6d. a head, exclusive of wine.—W. M. KELLY, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCHES.

A COMBINED meeting of these Branches was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Tuesday, June 17th, under the presidency of Mr. T. TURNER of Hereford.

**Annual Meetings.**—The annual meeting of the Gloucestershire Branch was held at 3.20 P.M., and the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Branch at 3.45 P.M., to elect officers and Council for the ensuing year.

At 4 P.M., the combined meeting was held, and the President delivered an address.

**Communications.**—The following communications were made.

1. Dr. W. Strange: The Injurious Effects of Fuss and Unrest in the Treatment of Disease.
2. Dr. S. S. Roden: A Peculiar Case of Whitlow, followed by Diphtheritic Paralysis.
3. Mr. G. A. Cardew: A Case of Melæna following Injury.
4. Mr. Cardew: A Specimen of Peat-dust prepared for Surgical Purposes.

**The Medical Sickness, Annuity, and Life Assurance Society.**—The Secretary of the Medical Sickness, Annuity, and Life Assurance Society, who attended by invitation, to explain its working, after giving a brief account of the origin of the Society, described the plan under which, on the recognised and sound basis of purely mutual assurance, it was proposed to enable the members to secure payments in times of sickness, annuities in old age, and certain sums at death. There had, he said, been some discussion as to why annuities had been included in the plan. The provision of annuities in old age hardly needed any defence or advocacy; but in this case there was an additional reason—namely, the extreme danger of undertaking to make sickness-payments in old age. There were no collected experiences on which to found rates for such contracts that were at all trustworthy; and, in addition, the averages at the higher ages ceased to be fairly regular or recurrent, and thus in such cases there was an ever present danger of any assumptions, when made, being vitiated. It had, however, been urged that it was a hardship to compel a man to take an annuity; and the committee, admitting there was some force in this, had determined to accept members for sick-pay only up to 65, who desired it. It must, however, be clearly understood that, in such cases, all claims ceased when the age of 65 was reached; and the committee thought that, in the greater number of cases, the system of annuity and sickness-pay combined was far the sounder and more beneficial method. With reference to the rates, it was impossible to fix those without some authoritative data; and this left the committee no choice but to adopt one of the only two experiences of any great extent that had been collected and tabulated—the Oddfellows' or the Foresters'. The latter had been chosen, as the latest, and perhaps most carefully digested. How far these assumptions would apply to the lives of pro-

fessional men, it was impossible to say. He thought, however, there was no doubt the Society was on the safe side. If this were so to an over large extent, then, in a very few years, rearrangements could be made, and the amount paid in excess would be refunded on an equitable and scientific basis. The plan was, not to sell certain assurances at certain prices and retain the whole or part of the profits, but to create what was practically a guarantee-fund against certain contingencies. If these arose in a smaller proportion, the contributors, and none other, would have the full benefit of that fact. In addition, the amount of money which would be absorbed in management-expenses was unusually small; he thought, eventually, not more than 7 per cent. The committee believed all that was required from the already numerous members was steadiness and patience for a comparatively short time; and, as a result, the Society would be placed in a sound position, on a basis of equity and careful management that would ensure approval.

**Dinner.**—The members dined together at the same place, at 5.30 P.M.

### NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Thursday, June 19th. Dr. MACONCHY (Downpatrick), Vice-President, occupied the chair, and there were twenty-five other members present. The President, Sir William Miller (Derry), was unavoidably absent.

**Report of Council.**—The Honorary Secretary read the report of Council.

"Your Council, in presenting the sixth annual report, have much pleasure in congratulating the members on its increasing prosperity.

"At the last annual meeting, there were 151 members. Since then, we regret to state, two have died (Dr. Forsyth of Culmore, Londonderry, and Dr. Taylor of Downpatrick), and one has resigned; while, on the other hand, 77 new members have been elected, which, with the five members elected at the Council to-day, make a total of 230 members in the Branch—now the largest in Ireland.

"Four meetings of the Branch were held during the year, including the last annual meeting; three of these were held in Belfast, and one in Omagh.

"Several important and original papers were read at these meetings, and a number of cases of interest and pathological specimens were exhibited. Amongst the contributors were: Dr. Byers, Dr. St. George, Dr. Spedding, Dr. Bernard, Dr. Dill, Dr. Maconchy, Dr. Gray (Armagh), Mr. Fagan, Dr. Cuming, Dr. John Moore, Dr. Vesey (Rostrevor), Dr. J. W. Brown, Dr. Lindsay, Dr. Thompson (Omagh), and Professor Dill.

"A memorial, in reference to the Bower and Keates case, was brought before the meeting of the Branch at Omagh, and was adopted and signed by the members present, and was transmitted for presentation to the Secretary of the Home Department.

"At a meeting of the Branch on April 24th, a letter from a Subcommittee of the Council of the Association was read, requesting the opinion of the Branch regarding the admission and retention of homeopaths as members of the Association, and the following resolution was adopted: 'That, while this Branch considers it very undesirable that professing homeopaths be admitted to the Association, they, at the same time, think that it would be unwise for the Association to take prominent action in such matters, believing it wiser to leave each case to be dealt with on its merits.'

"At a special meeting of Council, and subsequently at a general meeting of the Branch, the Medical Act Amendment Bill, now before Parliament, was brought under consideration; but, as there was a difference of opinion regarding it, no official action was taken.

"The great event of the past year, and one which has more or less overshadowed the general operations of the Branch, was the acceptance by the Association of our invitation to hold the fifty-second annual meeting in Belfast. Your Council are pleased to report that the arrangements for that meeting are now in an advanced stage of progress, and are of so satisfactory a nature as to warrant the belief that the annual meeting of the Association of 1884 will be as successful as any of its predecessors, and worthy of, and creditable to, the profession in Belfast and the North of Ireland. Your Council earnestly hope that the good feeling and *esprit de corps* manifested by the members of the Branch in the arrangements up to the present shall continue, and that no efforts will be spared to give the strangers who may visit the meeting a hearty and fitting reception.

"The financial statement for the year shows a balance on hand of £12 15s. 8d."

**Office-Bearers.**—The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year. **President:** James Cuming, M.D. (Belfast). **Vice-Presidents:** J. W. Browne, M.D. (Belfast), A. Kidd, M.D. (Ballymena).



*Members of Council—Town Members:* J. Fagan, Esq., Wm. Whitla, M.D., W. A. McKeown, M.D., J. B. Byers, M.D., R. J. Dill, M.D., John Moore, M.D., Robert Esler, M.D., J. W. T. Smith, M.D. *Country Members:* E. C. Thompson, M.B. (Omagh), W. Bernard, Esq. (Londonderry), G. Gray, M.D. (Castlewellan), J. K. Maconchy, M.B. (Downpatrick), J. M. Palmer, Esq. (Armagh), T. McLaughlin, Esq. (Londonderry), George St. George, Esq. (Lisburn), and A. Dunlop, M.D. (Hollywood). *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* Alexander Dempsey, M.D. (Belfast). *Representative on the Council of the Association:* Alexander Dempsey, M.D. *Representatives on the Parliamentary Bills Committee:* A. Kidd, M.D. (Ballymena), and J. W. Browne, M.D. (Belfast). *Committee for Collective Investigation:* W. Bernard, Esq. (Londonderry), J. W. Byers, M.D. (Belfast), R. Esler, M.D. (Belfast), and W. Whitla, M.D. (Belfast).

*Communications.*—Dr. McKEOWN (Belfast) read notes of a case in which he extracted a set of False Teeth from the Oesophagus.

#### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-second annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, June 24th, at 5.30 P.M. The chair was taken by the president for 1883-84, CHARLES J. HARE, M.D.

*Report of Council.*—Dr. HENRY, one of the honorary secretaries, read the following report.

"The Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch have to report that, at the last annual meeting, the number of members was 904. Since that time, 17 have died, 23 have resigned, and 47 new members have been elected, leaving the total number at present 911.

"The members whose deaths have been reported are: Dr. H. A. Aldred, Dr. Fairlie Clarke, Dr. C. S. Clouston, Dr. J. Hall Davis, Dr. Hilton Fagge, Mr. Alfred Higginson, Dr. James Hinds, Mr. A. B. Hopkins, Dr. W. W. Johnston, Mr. Ridgway Lloyd, Dr. J. McOscar, Dr. H. G. Orlebar, Mr. R. Phillips, Dr. R. H. Prior, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. Allen Thomson, and Mr. Loraine Weaver.

"The death of Dr. Stewart, who had faithfully and efficiently served the Branch for twenty-five years as secretary and member of Council, and had also taken an active part in the government of the parent Association, took place soon after the last annual meeting of the Branch. At the suggestion of your senior secretary, which was at once cordially adopted by Dr. Stewart's friends, the president and other officers of the Branch were invited to attend the funeral. A large number of members of the Council were also present at the cemetery when the burial took place. At the first subsequent meeting of the Council, in November, a resolution expressing regret at the death of Dr. Stewart was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to his friends. It will be remembered that, on Dr. Stewart's retirement from the secretaryship of the Branch, in 1874, a testimonial was presented to him in recognition of his long and valuable services, and of the esteem in which he was held. Of this, he presented £400 to the Association, in order to found a prize; and, by his will, he has added £200, thus raising the sum to £600.

"The sudden death of Dr. C. Hilton Fagge, while apparently in the prime of life, deprived the medical profession of one who gave the fairest promise of taking his place in the foremost rank of physicians. Not long ago, he was a member of the Council of the Branch for the ordinary term of three years; and gained the esteem and respect of all his colleagues. At their first meeting after his death, your Council directed the President to send to his widow a letter of condolence in their name.

"Your Council have heard with deep regret of the death, from typhoid fever, of Mr. Ridgway Lloyd of St. Alban's. When the Hertfordshire district of the Branch was established about a year ago, Mr. Lloyd was appointed honorary secretary for the district. He was a most regular attendant on the meetings of the Council during the year, and had gained the universal esteem of his colleagues. Your President has, by desire of the Council, sent a letter of condolence to his widow.

"Dr. William Fairlie Clarke was, before his retirement into country practice about eight years ago, well known as an able advocate of reform in the dwellings of the poor, and in the administration of medical charity. He had since continued to take an interest in these and kindred subjects affecting the professional and public welfare, and was, up to the time of his death, a valued member of the editorial staff of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

"Of the remaining members who have died, none had, at least for many years, taken any active part in the affairs of the Branch. Your Council may, however, call attention to two names on the list; that of Dr. J. Hall Davis, for many years one of the most respected obstetric physicians in London, and that of Dr. Allen Thomson, formerly Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow, an eminent authority

in anatomical science, and a man universally esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Alfred Higginson, who lately died, was the inventor of a well known and useful instrument which bears his name, Higginson's syringe.

"No general meetings of the Branch have been held during the year. The District Societies have continued their course of usefulness by holding meetings and discussing subjects of medical interest. The cordial thanks of the Council are due to those gentlemen who have ably, and with much sacrifice of time and labour, officiated as District Secretaries. Mr. F. Wallace, who has most efficiently acted for the last three years as Secretary of the East London and South Essex District, has retired from that office, and Dr. Joseph Hunt has been appointed in his stead. The secretaryship of the Hertfordshire District has, as already stated, been rendered vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Lloyd.

"The Medical Act Amendment Bill, now before Parliament, has been brought under the notice of your Council, and a petition in its favour has been signed by the President and the other members.

"At its first meeting after the vacation, your Council appointed a Collective Investigation Committee for the year, of which Mr. George Eastes is Secretary. A report from this Committee will be laid before you.

"Since the last meeting, important changes have been made in the by-laws of the British Medical Association. Formerly, each Branch sent representatives to the General Council, in the proportion of one to every twenty members; and from these twenty members the Committee of Council were elected, most usually on the recommendation of the existing Committee. By the new by-laws, the General Council and Committee of Council have been abolished; and a Council has been established, to consist of the President and certain other *ex officio* members, and of one representative from each Branch, together with an additional representative for each complete number of 200 members. The Metropolitan Counties Branch is entitled to send in all five representatives; and your Council have decided on recommending that, for the forthcoming year, the five gentlemen who became members of the Committee of Council last year, and have since acted as members of Council, and who have shown much interest in the welfare of the Association, should be asked to continue their valuable services; namely, Dr. Bridgwater, Mr. Macnamara, Dr. Mahomed, Mr. Sibley, and Dr. Grigg.

"Alterations in and addition to the laws of the Branch, in relation to the election of representatives and to other important matters, will be laid before you for consideration.

"The system of holding the annual meetings and dinner of the Branch in some one of the suburbs of London having for several years proved less successful than was at first anticipated, and considerable expense having been caused by the charges for dinner being in excess of the number of members attending, your Council have taken the matter into careful consideration, and have determined to hold the annual meeting and dinner for this year at the Holborn Restaurant. They have good reason to believe that the experiment will prove successful.

"Your Council would call attention to the fact that there are about 600 members of the Association residing within the area of the Branch who have not yet joined the Branch. It is most desirable—especially in view of the fact that the strength of the Branches in the governing body of the Association is in direct ratio to their numerical strength, that as many as possible of those who have hitherto held aloof—many, no doubt, from not having had the Branch brought with sufficient prominence to their notice—should be induced to join. Your Council invites the co-operation of the members of the Branch in carrying out this object, and in thus enabling the Branch to co-operate more efficiently with the country Branches in their common object, the promotion of the welfare of the British Medical Association, and therewith of the medical profession.

"The result of the voting for officers and Council of the Branch, and of representatives of the Branch in the Council of the Association, is as follows. *President:* Charles Macnamara, Esq. *President-elect:* Walter Dickson, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* Thomas Bridgwater, M.B., J. Braxton Hicks, M.D., F.R.S., Charles J. Hare, M.D., Walter Rivington, M.S. *Treasurer:* Walter Dickson, M.D. *Secretaries:* Alexander Henry, M.D., Wm. Chapman Grigg, M.D. *Ordinary Members of Council:* William Adams, Esq., W. Morrant Baker, Esq., J. Wickham Barnes, Esq., J. S. Bristowe, M.D., Henry T. Butlin, Esq., Sidney Coupland, M.D., Clement Godson, M.D., John T. Griffith, M.D., George E. Herman, M.B., Stephen Mackenzie, M.D., F. A. Mahomed, M.D., W. J. Mickle, M.D., A. B. R. Myers, Esq., W. M. Ord, M.D., C. H. Rogers-Harrison, Esq., Arthur E. Sansom, M.D., Sir Edwin Saunders, Frederick Wallace, Esq. *Representatives of the Branch in the Council of the Association:* Thomas Bridgwater, M.B.,

Charles Macnamara, Esq., F. A. Mahomed, M.D., Septimus W. Sibley, Esq., William C. Grigg, M.D."

Dr. DICKSON moved, Dr. BRETT seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the Report of Council now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes."

*Treasurer's Report.*—Dr. WALTER DICKSON, Treasurer, presented the balance-sheet for the year. The receipts, including a balance of £30 13s. from last year, amounted to £133 10s. 6d.; and the expenditure to £123 9s. 5d.; leaving a balance of £10 1s. 1d.

Dr. BRIDGWATER moved, "That the Treasurer's Report be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes; and that the thanks of the Branch be given to Dr. Dickson for his services as Treasurer." This was seconded, and unanimously carried.

*By-laws of the Branch.*—A series of additions to and alterations in the by-laws of the Branch were submitted to the meeting, on behalf of the Council, by Dr. HENRY, and were, with slight modifications, adopted. Among the additions were new laws providing for the manner of election of representatives in the Council of the Association, for the expulsion of members of the Branch found guilty of unprofessional conduct, and for raising the Branch subscription (on and after January 1st, 1885) to four shillings.

*Collective Investigation.*—Mr. EASTES, Secretary to the Collective Investigation Committee of the Branch, read a report on the work done during the year. Dr. HENRY moved, and Dr. BRIDGWATER seconded, the adoption of the report. The motion was carried.

Dr. HARE then briefly addressed the members, thanking them for the support he had received during his year of office, and resigned the chair to his successor, CHARLES MACNAMARA, Esq.

*Vote of Thanks to the Retiring President.*—It was moved by Dr. J. T. GRIFFITH, seconded by Mr. NELSON HARDY, and carried unanimously:

"That the cordial thanks of the Branch be given to Dr. Hare for the able, courteous, and judicious manner in which he has performed the duties of President during the past year, and for his constant attention to the interests of the Branch."

*President's Address.*—The President, Mr. MACNAMARA, thanked the members for his election, and said that, at that late hour (it being dinner-time), he would not deliver the address which he had prepared. He had, however, sent the manuscript to the JOURNAL. (It is published at page 3.)

*The Medical Act Amendment Bill.*—Mr. BUTLIN proposed a resolution in favour of the Medical Act Amendment Bill, authorising the Council to obtain signatures and petitions in its support from all medical practitioners in the area of the Branch.—Mr. NELSON HARDY objected to the motion, as no notice of it had been given.—The PRESIDENT allowed the objection.

*The Royal College of Surgeons of England.*—Mr. NELSON HARDY moved, and it was seconded,

"That this Branch regrets that the resolutions, passed at the meeting of Fellows and Members held in the College of Surgeons on March 29th, have been ignored by the Council of the College; and this Branch cordially agrees with the spirit of these resolutions."

Dr. MAHOMED moved as an amendment:

"That the meeting do now adjourn."

This was carried by a large majority; and the meeting accordingly adjourned.

*Dinner.*—The members and their friends, the number in all being about 160, dined together at the Holborn Restaurant at 7 o'clock; Mr. Macnamara, President, in the chair. Dr. Foster, ex-president of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch, was present, and returned thanks on behalf of the Association. In the intervals between the after-dinner speeches, some excellent vocal music was given by Dr. F. T. Roberts and other gentlemen; and a very pleasant and satisfactory evening was spent.

#### SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual general meeting of this Branch was held at the Salop Infirmary, on Tuesday, June 24th, at 2 p.m.

*The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons and the Fellows.*—The retiring President, Dr. ANDREW, before vacating the chair, proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously carried.

"That the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch of the British Medical Association has heard, with regret, that the resolutions passed at the meeting held at the College of Surgeons of England, on March 29th, have been rejected by the Council, and hopes that the Council will reconsider the matter."

*Officers for the Coming Year.*—The President, Dr. BOWEN DAVIES, then took the chair; and, after proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President, proceeded to lay before the meeting the list of officers of the Branch nominated for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were declared duly elected, namely: *President-elect*: J. D. Harries, Esq., Shrewsbury. *Branch Council*: E. Andrew, M.D.; T. B. Barratt, Esq.; W. Eddowes, Esq.; S. T. Gwynn, M.D.; J. D. Harries, Esq.; J. R. Humphreys, Esq.; G. H. Keyworth, M.B.; W. H. Packer, M.D.; H. J. Rope, Esq.; J. Rider, Esq.; W. H. O. Sankey, M.D.; A. Strange, M.D. *Branch Representative on Council of Association*: A. Strange, M.D. *Honorary Secretary*: Edward Cureton, Esq.

*Report of Council.*—The Council had the satisfaction of reporting to the annual meeting the continued growth and prosperity of the Branch. There were two gentlemen seeking election to-day. In all, there were at present 96 attached members. The Branch Council had met four times during the past year. There had been two quarterly meetings: the first at Wellington, on November 13th, 1883, fifteen members being present; the second at Ludlow, on March 20th, when eleven members attended. In conclusion, the Council reported that the finances of the Branch were in a satisfactory condition, showing a balance of £31 13s. 7d.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Branch: Horace Debenham, Presteign, Radnorshire; F. G. Harvey, Dorrington, Salop.

*The Admission of Homeopaths.*—The question as to the admission or not of homeopaths into the British Medical Association was then brought forward, when a resolution in accordance with one passed by the Committee of Council was unanimously adopted.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT then read his address, the subject being "Llandrindod Wells as a Health-resort." After describing the situation and altitude of this watering-place, he briefly alluded to the various kinds of mineral springs found there, noting their medicinal properties, and alluding to the kind of cases most likely to derive benefit from their use. This address excited great interest among the members of the Branch who were present at the meeting.

*Radical Cure of Hernia.*—Dr. W. DOWSON showed, for Mr. W. EDDOWES, two cases upon which he had successfully performed the operation for the radical cure of hernia; he also showed several interesting pathological specimens from hospital-cases.

Dr. ANDREW read a paper on "Hints for a Future Sanatorium."

*Surgical Instruments and Drugs.*—A selection of instruments and appliances were shown by Weiss and Son; Maw, Son, and Thompson; and Ferris and Co., the latter firm also showing a beautiful selection of drugs and new preparations, as also did Messrs. Burgoyne and Co. Specimens of the new dressing, wood-wool, were also sent for inspection.

*Royal Medical Benevolent College.*—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, when a sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to be sent by the Branch, to be equally divided between the College and the Fund.

*Dinner.*—The members afterwards dined together at the Raven Hotel, when the usual loyal and other toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

#### EDINBURGH BRANCH; ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Branch was held at 5, St. Andrew's Square, on Tuesday, June 24th, at 4.30 p.m.; Professor ANNANDALE, President, in the chair.

The Secretary read the Abstract of By-laws concerning the election of representatives of Branches on the Council, passed at an adjourned annual meeting, August 17th, 1883.

*Homeopaths.*—The Secretary further read a communication from Messrs. Wheelhouse and Dix as to the admission and retention of homeopaths as members of the Association; and the meeting resolved to recommend that no homeopath should be admitted, but that it would be inadvisable to take steps for the expulsion of those who are already members.

*Representative in the Council of the Association.*—Professor Chiene was elected to represent the Branch on the Council of the Association.

*Branch Council.*—Drs. Gordon (Juniper Green), Spence (Burntisland), and Strachan (Dollar) were elected members of the Branch Council.

*Secretary.*—Dr. Underhill resigned the office of Secretary; and Dr. G. A. Gibson was elected in his stead. As this caused a vacancy on the Branch Council, Dr. W. Russell was elected to it.

## SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-ninth annual meeting of the above Branch was held in the Board Room of the Northampton General Infirmary on June 26th, 1884, under the presidency of GEORGE HARDAY, Esq. There were also present eighteen members and one visitor (Mr. S. Gamgee, of Birmingham).

A vote of thanks having been passed to Mr. R. H. Kinsey (ex-President) for his services during the past year, he introduced to the chair the President-elect, Mr. George Harday.

*Election of Officers.*—The minutes of the last autumnal and committee meetings were read and confirmed, the proposals of the latter being that Mr. W. H. Bull be President for 1885-86; that Dr. More and Mr. H. Terry be placed on the Committee of Management in the room of Mr. Bull and Mr. George Robinson; that Dr. J. M. Bryan be the representative of the Branch to the General Council; and that Mr. C. J. Evans be Honorary Secretary.

*Autumnal Meeting.*—It was resolved that the next autumnal meeting be held at Higham Ferrers.

*The late Mr. Kirby Smith.*—The President alluded in feeling terms to the sad death of the late Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. F. Kirby Smith, and the loss the Branch had sustained by his decease; and an unanimous vote of sympathy and condolence was accorded to his mother and widow, the Secretary being requested to convey the same to them in suitable terms.

*The Treasurer's Report* was presented, showing a balance against the Branch to a small amount.

*The Case of Mr. Knott.*—Mr. H. Terry referred to the case of Mr. Knott, of Blisworth, who recently failed in his application for a pensionership at the Medical Benevolent College, Epsom. Mr. Terry put it to the favourable consideration of the meeting, and was supported in his remarks by Mr. Watkins.

*President's Address.*—The PRESIDENT delivered his introductory address, taking for his subject the Anatomy of the Human Foot, alluding to the different coverings for the same, the various modes of measurement, etc., and illustrating his remarks by casts and preparations. A cordial vote of thanks to the President for his address was moved by Dr. BUSZARD, supported by Messrs. WATKINS and TERRY, and carried unanimously.

*The Treatment of Wounds.*—On the invitation of the President, Mr. SAMPSON GAMGEE, of Birmingham, now made some remarks on the treatment of wounds in general, antiseptically and otherwise, illustrating his remarks with, and exhibiting, his new antiseptic sponges, pads, and other appliances, with the aid of a subject. Mr. PERCIVAL and Dr. BUSZARD made some appreciative observations, and Mr. Gamgee replied; much interest being evinced by the members generally in the method of treatment adopted by Mr. Gamgee.

*Communications.*—The following communications were also made.

1. Mr. R. H. Kinsey read some Notes on Peritonitis, illustrating them by a case.

2. Mr. George H. Percival read Two Cases of Wood's Radical Cure of Hernia.

3. Mr. J. H. Hemming read two very interesting cases of Charbon, or Malignant Pustule, illustrating them by Mr. Morratt Baker's coloured plate recently appearing in the JOURNAL. A very interesting discussion followed, in which Mr. Gamgee, Dr. Buszard, and others took part.

4. Dr. Goldsmith read some Notes on Diphtheria, with cases, tending to show its identity with croup, and with special reference to its treatment. A prolonged and animated discussion ensued, in which most of the members joined, and Dr. Goldsmith replied.

*Homœopaths and the Association.*—A letter was read from Mr. Dix, of Hull, asking the opinion of the Branch on two points connected with the circular lately issued by Mr. Wheelhouse and himself, on the relation of homœopaths to the Association. The first point was, "The Admission of Homœopaths as Members of the Association." To this, a decided "No" was the answer. The second point was, "The Retention of those Homœopaths who are already Members." On this, there was evidently some difference of opinion, and no resolution was passed upon the question; but there was a pretty general feeling that homœopathy was dying out, and that it was best to let it alone, and not resuscitate it by renewed discussion and unwise interference.

*Medical Acts Amendment Bill.*—A petition in favour of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, now before Parliament, was laid upon the table, and signed by several members present. The Secretary was also authorised to send to each member of the Branch a copy of the same, for the attachment of his signature, at the suggestion of the Chairman of the Medical Reform Committee.

*Votes of Thanks.*—Votes of thanks were passed to the President for his conduct in the Chair, to the other officers, and to the readers of

papers, especially Mr. Gamgee; and an instructive and successful meeting was thus brought to a close.

*Dinner.*—The members afterwards dined together at Franklin's Restaurant, with Mr. Gamgee as visitor.

## SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fourteenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Infirmary, Cardiff, on Thursday, June 26th; Ebenezer Davies, Esq., Swansea, President; Alfred Sheen, M.D., Cardiff, President-elect. Nearly sixty members were present.

Mr. DAVIES, in resigning the chair, introduced the new President, Dr. SHEEN.

*Vote of Thanks to the Retiring President.*—On the motion of Mr. EVAN JONES, seconded by Mr. D. EDGAR JONES, it was resolved: "That the heartiest thanks of this Branch be, and are hereby, given to the retiring president for the genial and untiring discharge of his duties during his year of office."

*Report of Council.*—Mr. D. ARTHUR DAVIES, one of the honorary secretaries, read the following report.

"The Council of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch herewith presents you with its fourteenth annual report. Since the last annual meeting at Swansea, two other meetings have been held, one at Newport and the other at Llanelly. The number of members is now 176, as compared with 170 last year. Fourteen new members have been elected, but several old ones have resigned or left the district; and we have to regret the loss of two by death, namely, Mr. Thomas Evans of Cardiff, who died suddenly last October at a patient's bedside, and Mr. W. L. Jones of Llanegwad, who was recently found dead in the road, whilst on his way to visit a patient. We have also to express our deep sympathies with Mr. Pearson R. Cresswell, of Dowlais, a former president, in the recent sad loss of his wife. A resolution of condolence with him will be proposed for your acceptance.

"The Medical Act Amendment Bill has been re-introduced to Parliament this session, and, whilst securing a conjoint scheme of examination and direct representation of the profession on the Medical Council, it is pleasing to note that its penal clauses are sufficiently stringent to prevent the practice for gain of chemists and druggists and other unqualified persons. A petition in favour of this Bill will be placed before you for signature; also a resolution.

"*Medical Benevolent Fund.*—The plan started by you some two years ago for the benefit of this fund continues to prove successful, nearly every member of the Branch subscribes five shillings a year, and since this time last year £30 6s. has been remitted to the treasurer of this fund.

"The Medical Sickness, Annuity, and Life Assurance Society has come into existence during the past year. Started under the most favourable auspices, it promises to become a permanent success, and a great boon to the profession. It is to be hoped that medical men in large numbers, especially the younger ones, will lose no time in joining this Society.

"As you are aware, the constitution of the Executive body of the Association has been altered, and it is necessary that our Branch rules should be revised to bring them in accordance with the altered articles and by-laws of the Association. Our revised rules will be placed before you presently for your consideration.

"*Invitation to the Association to hold its Annual Meeting at Cardiff in 1885.*—Similar resolutions to those passed last year on this matter will be submitted for your approval. It is certain that the invitation, when given at the annual meeting at Belfast next month, will be accepted: it therefore behoves us to see that the guarantee-fund is such as to enable us to entertain the Association in a suitable manner. £1,000 is the sum suggested, and, of this sum, £576 has been promised. Every effort must be made forthwith to increase this sum to the amount required, and to get the money paid in.

"A statement of account is appended herewith, by which it will be seen that there is a balance in hand of £19 13s. 8d.

"The places of meeting for the ensuing year will be: autumn, Abergavenny; spring, Pontypridd; annual, Swansea."

On the motion of Dr. T. D. GRIFFITHS, seconded by Mr. WARD, the report was approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

*Invitation to the Association to hold its Annual Meeting at Cardiff in 1885.*—It was moved by Dr. W. TAYLOR, seconded by Dr. STEEL, and resolved:

"That the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch invite the British Medical Association to hold its annual general meeting in 1885 at Cardiff, assuring it of a cordial welcome; and that Dr.

Edwards, of Cardiff, be nominated for election as President of the Association for that year."

*Deputation to Annual Meeting at Belfast.*—It was moved by Dr. A. DAVIES, seconded by Mr. J. RUSSELL, and resolved:

"That the following members, with power to add to their number, attend the annual meeting at Belfast, at the end of July next, as a deputation from this Branch, to invite the Association to hold its annual meeting next year at Cardiff: Messrs. W. T. Edwards, T. D. Griffiths, Jabez Thomas, R. G. Price, Evan Jones, H. N. Davies, J. G. Hall, H. A. Latimer, W. Williams, and A. Sheen."

*Resolution of Condolence with Mr. Cresswell.*—The PRESIDENT moved, Mr. WEBSTER seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the members of this Branch in annual meeting assembled beg to offer their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy with Mr. Cresswell, of Dowlais, in the severe affliction he has recently sustained by the death of his estimable wife, whose services in aid of her husband's professional work among the sick and injured at Dowlais deserve our warmest recognition. They cannot but know that this loss is one which is deeply felt by the public, as well as by himself and his children."

*Petition in favour of the Government Medical Bill.*—Dr. A. DAVIES moved, Mr. W. PRICE, M.B., seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the Secretaries forward for signature a copy of a petition in favour of the Government Medical Bill to every registered member of the profession residing in the district embraced by the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the British Medical Association on a prepaid form of reply."

The petition was placed on the table for signature.

*Election of Officers.*—The following were elected. *President-elect*: George A. Brown, Esq., Tredegar. *Members of Council*: A. Davies, M.D., W. Taylor, M.D., Jabez Thomas, Esq., S. H. Steel, M.B., Evan Jones, Esq. *Honorary Secretaries*: A. Sheen, M.D., D. Arthur Davies, M.B. *Representative on the Council of the Association*: A. Sheen, M.D.

*Revision of Rules.*—The rules of the Branch were amended in accordance with the articles and by-laws of the Association.

*President's Address.*—The President, Dr. SHEEN, delivered an address on "The Doctor in some of his various Relations."

*Vote of Thanks.*—A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the President for his excellent and most interesting address on the motion of Dr. T. D. GRIFFITHS, seconded by Dr. M. G. EVANS.

*Papers.*—The following were read.

1. Mr. H. A. Latimer (Swansea): Removal of Portions of an Elastic Catheter from the Bladder by an Incision into the Membranous Portion of the Urethra. Specimens shown.

2. Dr. Taylor (Cardiff): Notes on some Ancient Surgical Instruments in the Museum at Naples.

3. Dr. A. G. Thomas (Newport): Case of Sacro-iliac Disease (successfully treated. Patient shown.

4. Mr. J. A. Rawlings (Swansea): Notes on a case of Neurasthæmia successfully treated.

5. Mr. S. H. Steel, M.B. (Abergavenny): Remarks on the Fee for Life-Assurance Reports.

It was moved by Mr. STEEL, seconded by Mr. EBEN DAVIES, and resolved:

"That this Branch views with disapproval the acceptance of a smaller fee than one guinea for a report on a proposal of a life for assurance for a larger sum than £200."

6. Mr. H. N. Davies (Cymer) showed Tracheotomy-tubes with Suction-apparatus attached.

7. The President showed a patient, aged 9, in whom he had removed a portion of the Upper Jaw some months ago for rapidly growing Sarcoma, in which there had been no return of the disease; also a patient, aged 5, with Pott's curvature in process of cure, with a plaster-of-Paris jacket on, which she had worn for five months.

8. Mr. P. H. Griffiths, House-Surgeon to the Cardiff Infirmary, exhibited under the microscope various forms of Bacilli, etc.

A paper by the President on two cases of Intestinal Obstruction was postponed for want of time.

Messrs. Ferris and Co., of Bristol, exhibited new drugs and instruments.

*Dinner.*—The members and visitors, to the number of about fifty, afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel.

**VACCINATION.**—Mr. Sydney Haines, of Stansted District, Bishop Stortford Union, has received for the seventh time the Government award for successful vaccination, amounting on this occasion to £18 15s.

## BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

### FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Belfast, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 29th, 30th, 31st, and August 1st, 1884.

*President*: A. T. H. WATERS, M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

*President-elect*: JAMES CUMING, M.D., F.K.Q.C.P., Professor of Medicine in Queen's College, and Physician to the Royal Hospital, Belfast.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by WILLIAM M. ORD, M.D., Physician and Lecturer on Medicine to St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

An Address in Physiology will be delivered by PETER REDFERN, M.D., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in Queen's College, Belfast.

An Address in Obstetric Medicine will be delivered by GEORGE H. KIDD, M.D., Consulting Obstetric Surgeon to the Richmond and Hardwick Hospitals, Dublin.

**SECTION A. MEDICINE.**—*President*: J. W. T. Smith, M.D., Belfast. *Vice-Presidents*: G. F. Duffey, M.D., Dublin; Alexander Davidson, M.D., Liverpool. *Secretaries*: Richard Ross, M.D., 7, Wellington Place, Belfast; Thomas Barlow, M.D., 10, Montague Street, Russell Square, London.

**SECTION B. SURGERY.**—*President*: Sir William MacCormac, F.R.C.S., London. *Vice-Presidents*: J. K. Maconchy, M.B., Downpatrick; J. W. Browne, M.D., Belfast; John Chiene, F.R.C.S. Ed., Edinburgh. *Secretaries*: John Fagan, F.R.C.S.I., 1, Glengall Place, Belfast; Bennett May, F.R.C.S. Eng., 16, Temple Row, Birmingham.

**SECTION C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.**—*President*: Clement Godson, M.D., London. *Vice-Presidents*: Sir William Miller, M.B., Londonderry; William Stephenson, M.D., Aberdeen. *Secretaries*: W. Walter, M.D., 20, St. John Street, Manchester; Brice Smyth, M.B., 13, College Square East, Belfast.

**SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.**—*President*: Charles Cameron, M.D., M.P., Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents*: John F. Hodges, M.D., Belfast; David Davies, M.R.C.S. Eng., Bristol. *Secretaries*: H. S. Purdon, M.D., 60, Pakenham Place, Belfast; Shirley Murphy, M.R.C.S. Eng., 158, Camden Road, London, N.W.

**SECTION E. OPHTHALMOLOGY.**—*President*: W. A. McKeown, M.D., Belfast. *Vice-Presidents*: W. A. Brailey, M.D., London; Edgar Browne, M.R.C.S. Eng., Liverpool. *Secretaries*: Joseph Nelson, M.D., Glengall Place, Belfast; R. N. Hartley, M.B., 38, Cookridge Street, Leeds.

**SECTION F. PHYSIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY.**—*President*: W. S. Greenfield, M.D., Edinburgh; *Vice-Presidents*: J. J. Charles, M.D., Cork; D. C. McVail, M.B., Glasgow. *Secretaries*: A. H. Young, F.R.C.S., 96, Mosley Street, Manchester; T. Sinclair, M.D., 15, College Square East, Belfast; R. J. Anderson, M.D., Galway.

**SECTION G. PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS.**—*President*: Thomas John MacLagan, M.D., London. *Vice-Presidents*: Matthew Hay, M.D., Aberdeen; W. Whitla, M.D., Belfast; Walter G. Smith, M.D., Dublin. *Secretaries*: George Gray, M.D., Castlewellan, County Down; W. Murrell, M.D., 38, Weymouth Street, London.

**SECTION H. PSYCHOLOGY.**—*President*: G. H. Savage, M.D., London. *Vice-Presidents*: Daniel Hack Tuke, M.D., London; Isaac Ashe, M.D., Dundrum. *Secretaries*: A. S. Merrick, M.D., District Hospital for Insane, Belfast; S. Rees Phillips, M.D., Wonford House, Exeter.

*Local Secretaries*: John Moore, M.D., 2, Carlisle Terrace, Belfast; Alexander Dempsey, M.D., 26, Clifton Street, Belfast; John W. Byers, M.D., Lower Crescent, Belfast.

*Treasurer*: William Whitla, M.D., Belfast.

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH, 1884.

2 P.M.—Meeting of Council.

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

8 P.M.—General Meeting. President's Address, and any business adjourned from meeting at 3 o'clock. Tea and coffee after the meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH, 1884.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council.

11.0 A.M.—Second General Meeting. Address in Medicine.

2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

8 P.M.—A *Conversazione* will be given in Queen's College, by the President of the Association, and the Executive Committee.

THURSDAY, JULY 31st, 1884.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council.  
 11 A.M.—Third General Meeting. Address in Physiology.  
 2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.  
 6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner, which will be held in the Examination Hall, Queen's College.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1884.

- 10 A.M.—Address in Obstetric Medicine.  
 11 A.M.—Sectional Meetings.  
 2 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting.  
 8 P.M.—Reception by the Mayor of Belfast, in the Ulster Hall.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 1884.

## Excursions.

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The following excursions will take place on Saturday, August 2nd.  
 1. An excursion to the Giant's Causeway, by special train to Portrush, thence by electric tramway to Bushmills (a distance of six miles), calling at Dunluce Castle on the way. Carriages will convey the visitors from Bushmills to the Causeway, where luncheon will be provided at the hotel. On the return journey, there will be tea at the Northern Counties' Hotel, Portrush. 2. An excursion to Larne and Garron Tower. By train from Belfast to Larne, thence by conveyances to Garron Tower (a distance of eighteen miles), along the most picturesque scenery of the northern coast, passing through the villages of Glenarm and Carnlough. Luncheon will be provided at Garron Tower, and on the return journey there will be tea at the Olderfleet Hotel, Larne. 3. An excursion to Newcastle, County Down. By train from Belfast to Newcastle, where visitors will have an opportunity of visiting this celebrated seaside resort, and the magnificent scenery around; including Donard Lodge, Slieve Donard (the highest of the Mourne mountains), Tollymore Park, and Castletwellan. Luncheon and tea will be provided. 4. Circular trip to Warrenpoint *via* Newcastle and Rostrevor. By train from Belfast to Newcastle, thence by cars to Rostrevor, a drive of twenty miles along the sea-coast of County Down. From Rostrevor, tramcars convey visitors to Warrenpoint, thence by train to Belfast or Dublin.

On the mornings of Wednesday and Thursday, there will be short excursions, by which members will have an opportunity of visiting places of interest in the immediate neighbourhood of Belfast. Trip to the Dominion steamship *Vancouver*. By invitation of Messrs. Plinn, Main, and Montgomery, a steamer will leave the Queen's Quay, Belfast, at 7 A.M., on Friday, August 1st, and proceed down the Lough to Carrickfergus Roads to the steamship *Vancouver*, where breakfast will be provided for 150 members, and an opportunity will be given to visit the newest ship of the Dominion fleet.

The Secretary of the Excursion Committee is Robert Esler, M.D., Pakenham Place, Belfast.

## ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The eighteenth annual exhibition of objects of interest in connection with medicine, surgery, and the allied sciences, will take place in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Gardens, Belfast (floor-space, over 5,000 square feet), and in the Queen's College, Belfast (floor-space, nearly 4,000 square feet), during July 29th, 30th, and 31st, and August 1st, 1884.

The committee who have been appointed to take charge of the arrangements will be happy to receive as under.

Subsection A.—1. Preparations, diagrams, casts and models of anatomical and pathological objects, microscopes and microscopic preparations (Dr. Lindsay).

Subsection B.—2. Surgical and medical instruments and appliances, thermometers, and other instruments for scientific investigation (Dr. Scott Core).

Subsection C.—3. Foods, drugs, chemicals, and pharmaceutical preparations (Dr. Bingham).

Literary and Sanitary Subsection D.—4. New medical books. 5. Ambulances, carriages, and other means of locomotion for the use of medical practitioners. 6. Sanitary appliances, including drawings, models, and apparatus, illustrative of the ventilation of hospitals, public buildings, and private dwellings. 7. Plans and models of hospitals, public buildings, and private dwellings, constructed upon the most improved hygienic principles. 8. Recent improvements in hospital furniture. (Dr. Henry O'Neill, General Secretary, 5, College Square East, Belfast, to whom all communications with reference to the Annual Museum are to be addressed, prepaid.)

It is intended that the surgical instruments, sanitary appliances, etc., shall be genuine novelties or improvements on those in common use.

The pathological specimens will be arranged in departments.

*Exhibition of Instruments and Apparatus.*—It is intended to arrange for the exhibition of complete series of instruments, electro-thera-

peutic apparatus, instruments for physical diagnosis, and appliances relating to sanitary science and public health. Facilities will also be afforded, when requested, for the display of instruments in action, or for special explanation by the exhibitors of apparatus.

*Catalogue.*—It is intended to print a catalogue of the exhibits contained in the museum, and lithograph plan. The Committee request that descriptions, etc., be sent in as early as possible—not later than July 7th, 1884.

*Communications, objects intended for exhibition, etc., to be addressed (prepaid) to the Secretary of the Museum Committee, Dr. HENRY O'NEILL, 5, College Square East, Belfast.*

During the week preceding the meeting, all articles should be sent direct to the Queen's College, Belfast, and addressed to the care of the Curator of the Museum of the British Medical Association.

All expenses of carriage to be prepaid, and all risk to be borne by the exhibitors; but the Committee will exercise every care of the articles entrusted to them. A card bearing the name and address of the exhibitor, with the name of the instruments, etc., to be enclosed in each package ready to be fixed on the outside of the exhibit.

The following discussions and papers are promised up to the present time. Members desirous of reading papers or joining in the discussions are earnestly requested to communicate without delay with the Secretaries of the respective Sections, as the date of the annual meeting is a week earlier than usual.

## SECTION A.—MEDICINE.

In the Section of Medicine, the following subjects have been chosen for special discussion.

1. Albuminuria: a Practical Summary of its Causes and its Consequences, its Diagnosis and its Treatment. Introduced by Dr. George Johnson. Dr. G. A. Woods and Dr. W. R. Thomas will take part in this discussion.

2. The Causative Relations of Phthisis. Introduced by Dr. Douglas Powell. The following have promised to speak: Professor Gairdner, Dr. Clifford Allbutt, and Dr. Balthazar Foster.

3. Rheumatoid Arthritis. Introduced by Dr. Dyce Duckworth. The following have promised to speak: Dr. Buzzard, Dr. B. Foster, Mr. J. Hutchinson, Dr. Brachet (Aix les Bains), and Dr. Myrtle.

The following papers have been promised.

- COUSINS, J. Ward, M.D. Antiseptic Inhalation and a New Antiseptic Inhaler.  
 DUTTON, T., M.D. On the Treatment of Gastric Ulcer by Nutrient Enemata.  
 MADDEN, T. More, M.D. Alcoholism in Childhood and Youth.

## SECTION B.—SURGERY.

There will be a discussion on Sayre's Plaster Jacket, to be opened by Professor Lewis Sayre (New York), who will give demonstrations.

1. Partial Suspension, and the application of the Plaster-of-Paris Jacket for Pott's Disease. 2. Partial Self-suspension, and the Application of the Plaster Corset for Lateral Curvature.

The following papers have been announced.

- BARTLETT, T. H., Esq. Operative Treatment of Empyema.  
 CATCHART, Charles W., Esq. The Mechanism of the Downward Displacement of the Shoulder following Fracture of the Shaft of the Clavicle.  
 CHIENE, John, Esq. Treatment of Wounds.  
 COOPER, Alfred, Esq. On Syphilis.  
 COULSON, Walter, Esq. Treatment of Stricture of Urethra by Internal Urethrotomy, with a Review of the Different Methods of Performing the Operation.  
 COUSINS, J. Ward, M.D. 1. New Method of Performing Incision of the Chest. 2. A New Aspirator. 3. Notes on Rhinoplasty, with Photographs.  
 DALY, — M.D. (Pittsburgh, U.S.A.) On an Extensive Burn involving the Knee-joint, removal of Half the Head of the Tibia and Four Inches of the Head of the Fibula, leaving Knee-joint Cavity Open in Half its Extent for a Period of Six Months. Recovery, with Solid Ankylosed Knee and a Useful Limb.  
 ESLER, Robert, M.D. Oakum as a Surgical Dressing.  
 FAGAN, John, Esq. Gastrostomy: its Merits as a means of treating Stricture of the Oesophagus, and the best mode of performing the Operation.  
 KEETLEY, C. B., Esq. Buried Sutures, with remarks on the importance of Suturing separately, Perosteum to Periosteum, Muscle to Muscle, Deep Fascia to Deep Fascia, and Skin to Skin, after Deep Incisions of all kinds.  
 LUND, Edward, Esq. On Torsion in its Application to the Treatment of Hemorrhoids.  
 MACNAMARA, C., Esq. Notes on a Successful Case of Gastrostomy for Stricture of the Oesophagus.  
 MAKINS, G. H., Esq. Successful Suture of Small Intestine in a Case of Fæcal Fistula.  
 NORTON, A. T., Esq. Ganglionic Disease of Joints.  
 PRELPS, A. M., Esq. The Treatment of Certain Forms of Talipes Equino-varus by Open Incision and Fixed Extension.  
 ROBSON, A. W. Mayo, Esq. On the Treatment of Spina Bifida.  
 ROECKEL, W. J., Esq. The Etiology of Internal Hemorrhoids.  
 ROTH, Bernard, Esq. The Surgical and Orthopædic Treatment of Infantile Paralysis.  
 SMITH, Noble, Esq. The Diagnosis of Disease of the Vertebral Column.  
 WARDEN, Charles, M.D. 1. On Bone-setters, and their Treatment of Cases. 2. On Osteotomy.



WATSON, W. Spencer, Esq. The Use of the Galvanic Cautery in the Treatment of Intranasal Diseases; with exhibition of a new instrument in illustration.  
 WHITEHEAD, Walter, Esq. Two Hundred Consecutive Cases of Hemorrhoids Successfully Removed by Excision.  
 WRIGHT, G. A., M.B. A Note upon the Effects of Bone-lesions upon the Rate of Growth of Limbs.

#### SECTION C.—OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.

The following special discussions will take place.

1. The Pathology and Treatment of Extra-uterine Foetation. This discussion will be introduced by Mr. Lawson Tait. The following gentlemen have signified their intention to take part in this discussion: Dr. Elder and Dr. W. L. Reid.

2. The Treatment of Intra-uterine Disease, with special reference to the best mode of making Applications to the Intra-uterine Surface. Dr. Atthill will introduce this discussion. The following gentlemen have signified their intention of taking part in this discussion: Dr. Fancourt Barnes and Dr. W. L. Reid.

The following papers are announced.

BARNES, Fancourt, M.D. How often is Craniotomy justifiable in the same Subject?  
 CROOM, J. Hailiday, M.D. 1. The Special Advantages of Axis-traction Forceps in the Cavity and at the Outlet. 2. Early Lochia.  
 ELDER, George, M.D. On Alexander's Operation of Shortening the Round Ligaments for the Relief of Retroflexion and Prolapse of the Uterus.  
 ESLER, R., M.D. On Phlegmasia Dolens.  
 MADDEN, T. More, M.D. 1. On the Treatment of Intra-uterine Disease. 2. The Treatment of Sterility.  
 REID, W. L., M.D. On the Operation (Alexander-Adams) of Shortening the Round Ligaments for Uterine Displacements, with three cases.  
 SMYLY, W. I., M.D. Expression of the Placenta.

#### SECTION D.—PUBLIC MEDICINE.

The following topics for papers have been suggested as likely to lead to useful and interesting discussions.

1. Prevention of Epidemics.  
 2. Inspection of Meat Markets; with special reference to the Causation of Disease in Man by the Consumption of Diseased Meat.  
 3. Over-pressure in Schools; with special reference to the record of clinically observed facts.

The following papers have been announced.

CAMERON, C. A., M.D. On Inspection of Meat Markets.  
 CULLIMORE, D. H., M.D. On Quarantine.  
 DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. The Superiority of Animal Vaccine.  
 ELLIS, Richard, Esq. Observations on the Hearing-power of School-Board Children.  
 HOPE, E. W., M.D. On the Latent Period, Infectiousness, and Mortality of Typhus Fever.  
 MAKUNA, M. D., Esq. 1. On Mortality in England and Wales during the last Three Decennials. 2. An Examination of the Theory of Aërial Dissemination of Small-pox Infection.  
 MARTIN, Johnson, Esq. Overpressure in Schools.  
 RUSSELL, J. B., M.D. Prevention of Epidemics.  
 STRACHAN, J., M.D. Overpressure in Schools.  
 SWEETING, R. D., Esq. Statistics of Scarlet Fever.  
 THUDICUM, J. L. W., M.D. Inspection of Meat Markets.  
 VACHER, Francis, Esq. On Inspection of Meat Markets.

#### SECTION E.—OPHTHALMOLOGY.

The following gentlemen, among others, have signified their intention of taking part in the work of this Section: Dr. Wolfe (Glasgow), Dr. Edwyn Andrew, Messrs. C. Macnamara, Frederick Mason, Simeon Snell, Gustavus Hartridge, etc.

A discussion on the following subject will be opened by Dr. Wolfe (Glasgow): Does the Position of the Section in Cataract Operations Influence Suppuration of the Cornea; if so, what part is played by Septic Infection?

Dr. Charles E. Fitzgerald will open a discussion on The Influence of Errors of Refraction on Affections of the Conjunctiva, Cornea, and Iris.

Dr. W. A. Brailey will open a discussion on the Explanation of the Advance of the Iris Periphery in the Late Stages of Glaucoma.

The following papers have been announced.

ANDREW, Edwyn, M.D. On the Use of the Cautery in Eye-practice.  
 BENSON, A. H., Esq., and LENTAIGNE, J. V., Esq. (joint communication). Further Investigations regarding the Nature of Jequiria Inflammation.  
 GRIFFITH, A. Hill, M.B. Death following Enucleation of the Eyeball.  
 EMRYS-JONES, A., M.D. The Dangers of Lead Probes in the Treatment of Lacrymal Obstructions.  
 JULER, H., Esq. The best methods of Diagnosing and Correcting the Errors of Refraction.  
 McKEOWN, David, M.D. 1. Restoration of Vision by Iridectomy in the case of a man aged 62, after Sixty Years' Blindness; good Colour-perception. 2. On the Treatment of a Case of Atrophy of the Optic Nerve by Large Doses of Strychnia and Pilocarpin combined.  
 STORY, J. B., M.B., and BAKER, Arthur, M.B. (joint communication). On the Influence of Syphilis upon the Development of the Teeth, and the Occurrence of Diffuse Interstitial Keratitis.

STORY, J. B., M.B. 1. The Minimum Knowledge of Ophthalmology to be exacted as a Qualification to Practise. 2. A Series of Cataract Operations.  
 TAYLOR, C. Bell, M.D. 1. Remarks on Four Cases of Sympathetic Ophthalmia, in which Sight was Restored by Repeated Operations. 2. On a New Knife for Cataract-operations. 3. Illustrations of the Formation of New Eyelids by Transplantation of Skin, with Pedicle and without Scar.  
 WOLFE, J. K., M.D. 1. On Subconjunctival Meridional Sclerotomy for the Cure of Detachment of the Retina. 2. Demonstration on Conjunctival Transplantation from the Rabbit to the Human Subject for the Cure of Symblepharon. (Cases shown).

#### SECTION F.—PHYSIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY.

The following subjects will be discussed.

1. Influence of Nervous System on Normal and Abnormal Nutrition. Discussion to be opened by Dr. Alexander. It is expected that Dr. Julius Althaus and Dr. Buzzard will take part in this discussion.  
 2. Pathology of Pulmonary Emphysema. Discussion to be opened by Dr. McVail. It is expected that Dr. Waters of Liverpool will take part in this discussion.

3. Physiology and Pathology of Lymph-transudation and Absorption. Discussion to be opened by Professor Charles, Cork.

The following papers are announced.

CHARLES, J. J., M.D. 1. The Excretion of Carbonic Acid. 2. The Pulmonary Circulation.  
 CHIENE, J., Esq. Remarks on the Advisability of Instituting Bacteriological Laboratories in connection with Hospital Wards.  
 KENNEDY, C., M.D.  
 LIVY, John, M.D. On the Eruption of the Permanent Teeth as a Test of Age.  
 MAGUIRE, R., M.D. 1. The Darkening in Colour of certain Urines on Exposure to the Air. 2. On the Micrococcus of Pneumonia.  
 PAUL, F., Esq. On the Pathology of Rodent Ulcer.  
 WOODHEAD, G. S., M.D.  
 YOUNG, A. H., Esq. A Demonstration of Micro-organisms.

#### SECTION G.—PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS.

The following arrangements have been made.

1. The President will deliver an introductory address, and will move a series of resolutions, supported by the Vice-Presidents, on the subject of the British Pharmacopœia.

2. A debate on Antipyretics will be opened by Dr. Alexander Collie and Professor Quinlan. Dr. Edward Drummond (Rome) will take part in this discussion. Dr. Dujardin-Beaumetz (Paris) will read a paper on a new Antipyretic.

3. Dr. Hughes Bennett and Dr. Stevenson will open a discussion on the Therapeutical Applications of Electricity; in the course of which different modes of Electrical Treatment will be illustrated.

4. Dr. Dudley Buxton and Dr. Stockman will give a series of demonstrations illustrating the action of certain Drugs on the Frog's Heart.

5. Dr. W. H. White will open a discussion on Aspiration as a Therapeutic Agent, to which Dr. Finny will reply.

6. There will be a special debate on Indian Drugs, in which it is hoped Sir Joseph Fayrer, Mr. Charles Macnamara, Dr. Waring, Dr. Ewart, and other distinguished authorities will take part.

7. Dr. Shoemaker (Philadelphia), a delegate from the American Medical Association, will give an explanation of the *modus operandi* of the New Oleates in certain Skin-diseases, to which Dr. Colcott Fox will reply.

The following papers are announced.

DOUGLAS-LITHGOW, R. A., Esq. Individuality as affecting Disease and its Treatment.  
 QUINLAN, F. J. B., M.D. On the Physiological Action of some Antiphlogistic Remedies.  
 SMITH, Walter G., M.D. The Relation of Chemistry to Prescribing.  
 SHOEMAKER, J. V., M.D. (Philadelphia, U.S.A.) Oleates; a further Investigation into their Nature and Action.

#### SECTION H.—PSYCHOLOGY.

In this Section, in addition to the usual papers, the following special subjects have been selected for discussion.

1. Employment of the Insane.  
 2. Varieties of General Paralysis.  
 3. Use of Alcohol in Asylums.  
 4. Moral Insanity and Imbecility.  
 5. Legal Prosecutions by Discharged Patients.  
 Professor Benedikt will demonstrate his methods of Craniometry.

The following papers have been announced.

TUKE, D. Hack, M.D. 1. Moral Insanity. 2. Alcoholic Beverages in British Asylums.

No communication shall occupy more than fifteen minutes, and no person shall be permitted to speak more than once, or for more than ten minutes, during the discussion thereon. A short abstract of each paper must be sent to the secretaries of the Section in which it is to be read, not later than July 23rd.



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

Mr. G. Brown, of London, and Mr. J. Brown, of Bacup, hereby give notice that, at the annual meeting to be held at Belfast on the 29th day of July next, they will move the following changes in the Laws of the Association.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Paragraph 3 (third line), to read "and he shall not be readmitted as a member for the period of three years, and then only after forwarding a petition signed by five members, testifying to his social and professional status, and by the votes of three-fourths of the members present."

#### COUNCIL.

Paragraph (d). Any member shall be eligible as such representative, if he be a member of the Association, though he be not resident within the area of the Branch nominating him as their member.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

Addition to the By-laws, viz.: "That any members sending communications or letters for publication in the JOURNAL, if the editorial staff shall suppress or shall wilfully misrepresent the same, such member shall have the right to appeal to the Committee of the Council, or to the Council of the Branch in which he may reside."

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

London, June 10th, 1884.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

*A Case of Chromidrosis.—Tuberculous Ulcer of the Fore-arm.—The Biskra Boil.—Pseudo-Meningitis of Deaf and Dumb.—A Congress of French Surgeons.—Scarlet Fever in Paris.—The Cholera at Toulon.*

M. LEROY DE MERICOURT, at a recent meeting of the Académie de Médecine, described a recent case of chromidrosis. A red spot was observed on the submaxillary region. On microscopic examination, it was found to be composed of red granulations; blood-corpuscles were absent. M. Léroy de Mericourt considers this case to be one of chromidrosis, not hæmatidrosis.

M. Hanot has made an interesting communication to the Société Médicale des Hôpitaux, concerning a tuberculous ulcer of the fore-arm. The external appearance of this ulcer was neither scrofulous nor tuberculous. It developed, four years ago, after a thecal abscess, complicated with lymphangitis, which finally ulcerated. Whether pulmonary tuberculosis was a prior or a subsequent condition, M. Hanot cannot state. He believes that tuberculous ulcers are more frequent than is generally supposed. The nature of this ulcer was ascertained by using Koch's method for detecting bacillus tuberculosis. The patient is seventy years old.

M. Duclaux has carefully examined a Biskra boil that M. Fournier gave him the opportunity of studying. A patient in that physician's ward, at the St. Louis Hospital, presented a typical Biskra boil, which he contracted whilst staying at Tunis. M. Duclaux made repeated examinations of the blood removed from the area occupied by the boil, and also from the circulatory organs, and he found that it invariably contained a coccus measuring one thousandth of a millimètre. Cultivation in sterilised veal broth produced zoogloea. Rabbits were inoculated with these micro-organisms, and Biskra boils appeared, either agminated, isolated, or confluent. The animal became thinner, and subcutaneous abscesses formed, but its appetite remained good, and eventually the animal regained its normal condition. Ten days after the inoculation, the boil was observed, and lasted a month. The specific micro-organisms were found in the pus. Different conditions were provoked according to the method of injection that was adopted, and the strength of the fluid that was employed. A hypodermic injection of a fluid of artificial cultivation, from twenty-four hours to three days old, produced extensive gangrene. If injected at the base of the ear, this organ fell off. A fluid of ten days' cultivation produced more limited gangrene. A fluid of thirty days' did not provoke gangrene, but a small tuberculous phlegmon. A fluid of two months' date proved perfectly innocuous. Venous injection of a fluid of twenty-four hours' date killed a rabbit in sixteen hours. At the necropsy, the lesions characteristic of pericarditis, hemorrhagic pleurisy, and pulmonary apoplexy, were found. A fluid of ten days'

culture injected into the veins of a rabbit caused its death in six days. The lesions found at the necropsy were hepatic and renal abscesses, and diffused collections of pus. A fluid of thirty days' date caused paraplegia a few days after the injection. The lesions were medullary meningitis, and suppuration in the dorsal vertebræ. A fluid of two months' date was perfectly innocuous. A few drops of this inert fluid, added to broth rendered sterile, furnished a fresh cultivation, which was excessively active. Used for venous injection, it killed a rabbit in sixteen hours; by hypodermic injection it produced extensive gangrene. M. Duclaux is now engaged in a series of experiments to determine whether, by inoculation with an inert fluid, the animals will be guaranteed against the effect of an active cultivation.

Dr. Boucheron, in a memoir, addressed to the Académie des Sciences, on the pseudo-meningitis of the deaf and dumb, asserts that the phenomena exhibited by the deaf and dumb, such as difficulty in walking, nervous fits, and violent attacks of anger, are not due, as hitherto supposed, either to cerebro-spinal meningitis or to primary inflammation of the labyrinthine cavity of the ear, but to over-stimulation of the nerves of the labyrinth. Dr. Boucheron has propelled air through the Eustachian tube into the middle ear of young deaf and dumb patients. The symptoms enumerated above disappeared; they also manifested a slight auditory faculty. After aural catarrh, subsequent to measles, scarlet or typhoid fever, the Eustachian tube becomes obliterated, and the drum of the ear is empty. Thus the atmospheric pressure meets with no resistance, and pushes back the auditory ossicles into the labyrinth. The labyrinthine fluid, thus pressed against, communicates the pressure to the nerve-terminations of the labyrinthine nerves. According to Dr. Boucheron, these phenomena are the origin of many morbid conditions. If the nerves of the semicircular canals be pressed upon, the patient can neither stand, walk, nor hold up his head. Pressure on the auditory nerves provokes buzzing and deafness. If the nerves of the ear be pressed on, the impression is transmitted to the pneumogastric, spinal accessory, the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh cerebral nerves, the cervical, brachial, thoracic, dorsal, and lumbar spinal nerves. The results are vomiting and nausea; the head is thrown backwards; there are facial contortions, and grinding of the teeth, with spasmodic movements of the eyelids and arms. In pseudo-meningitis, the nerves are submitted to considerable pressure. In the simple form, where meningitic symptoms are absent, a deaf and dumb condition is often provoked. The remedy, according to Dr. Boucheron, is to introduce air into the middle ear as soon as the symptoms are exhibited.

M. Pozzi has submitted to the Société de Chirurgie the report drawn up by the commission appointed by that Society to consider the utility of a congress of French surgeons suggested by Dr. Demons. The report of the commission contains four propositions. The first is, that an annual congress of French surgeons, or French congress of surgery, or a congress of surgeons speaking the French language, should be held; this was accepted.

Dr. Auguste Ollivier, at a recent meeting of the Conseil d'Hygiène et de Salubrité de la Seine, read a memoir he has recently written on scarlet fever in Paris. He affirms that it increases, and it is highly necessary to oppose its march by prophylactic measures. MM. Brouardel, Hardy, and Besançon are named by the Conseil d'Hygiène et de Salubrité de la Seine as its representatives at the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography which will be held at the Hague on August 17th and 31st.

The Conseil Consultatif d'Hygiène met on Monday, at one o'clock; M. Hérisson, Minister of Commerce, presided. MM. Brouardel and Proust arrived the same morning at Paris, and were present at the meeting. Notwithstanding their minute and careful investigation at Toulon, they were unable to determine the origin of the epidemic. They visited the *Sarthe* and examined its records, which stated that during the epidemic at Saigon many of the crew perished from cholera contracted on land. The vessel was disinfected, and the woodwork scraped. No deaths occurred after April 2nd. MM. Brouardel and Proust sounded the part of the port known as the Petite-Darse, and report that, if the epidemic of cholera did not originate in Toulon, that city is nevertheless a dangerous seat of contagion. M. Brouardel visited all the unhealthy localities in Toulon. He was painfully impressed by the deplorably unhealthy condition of the most important marine arsenal of France. M. Fauvel defended his belief that the cholera at Toulon is not Asiatic; neither his colleagues nor the medical men in Var agree with him. A subcommittee has been appointed, to decide on the measures to be taken in case the epidemic spreads. The committee meets every day at the official residence of the Minister of Commerce, to decide on the measures the telegrams from Toulon render necessary. The subcommittee consists of MM.

## PAYMENT OF WITNESSES.

SIR,—Upon a letter from the relieving officer, I attended before the magistrates for an adjourned hearing, when a man was charged for neglect to his wife, whereby she became chargeable to the parish. I gave my evidence, and asked afterwards for my expenses. I was told there was no fund out of which they could be taken, although the magistrates gave an immediate "Yes" to my question. The place is nine miles from here. I told the clerk I was entitled to one guinea fee and threepence mileage. Ought not this to come out of the County Fund, in the same way as the police expenses? What remedy have I? I may add that I was given 5s. out of a private magistrates' fund—as if it were an act of charity to me.—Yours truly,  
T. FREDERICK PEARSE.  
Liphook, Hants.

\*.\* The story told in our correspondent's letter affords an apt illustration of the readiness with which members of the profession, and especially those of the Poor-law Service, will undertake duties without previously ascertaining whether they will be paid or not. In the case submitted to us, we hold that, before acceding to the request of the relieving officer to attend before the justices, and give evidence, it should have been learned whether the board of guardians had given authority to the relieving officer to require such attendance.

As the matter now stands, we would advise that the facts should be laid before the board of guardians, and formal application made for the payment of a fee. In the event of their refusal, application may be made to the relieving officer, who will probably refuse altogether. Our correspondent will be wiser on the next occasion.

## SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

SIR,—Would you kindly inform me if there be any book similar to the Sanitary Regulation of Bakehouses published on the Sale of Food and Drugs Act (1875), for the use of medical officers of health?—I am, etc.,  
MEDICUS.

\*.\* A book has just been published by Messrs. Knight and Co., of 90, Fleet Street, from the pen of a Local Government Board official, with the thinly veiled pseudonym of Thomas Herbert, which exactly answers our correspondent's description. It is entitled *The Law on Adulteration*, and is sold at five shillings.

M. O. H. appears to have misunderstood the reply to his previous letter. He asks whether a medical member of a sanitary authority is "justified" in giving evidence against the sanitary authority in a prosecution for nuisance, without previously communicating with the medical officer of health. It is obvious that such conduct requires justification, and unless it can be justified, we should condemn it as being contrary to good taste and proper professional feeling.

## MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

## THE BOWER AND KEATES CASE.

On Wednesday, July 2nd, Mr. Ebenezer Wood, the plaintiff in two actions at law against Messrs. Bower and Keates, the details of which must be well known to our readers, applied at the Queen's Bench Division of the Supreme Court of Judicature for a new trial. Mr. Arthur Charles, Q.C., and Mr. Charles Mathew appeared for the plaintiff, and Sir H. Giffard and Mr. George Lyon for the defendants. On the conclusion of the arguments, the Court held that, under all circumstances, the case should go down for a new trial.—Judgment accordingly.

## THE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS DURING EPIDEMICS.

SIR,—Referring to a notice which has appeared in our local paper, taken from a recent article in the JOURNAL, I shall esteem it a favour if you will be good enough to refer me to the legal authority which makes it "competent to any sanitary authority to require the total closure of a school" in cases of epidemics. At present, scarlatina is prevalent in a portion of this sanitary district, and I am unable to find that the Public Health Act, 1875, makes any provision for the compulsory closing of schools.—I am, yours truly,  
WM. PARR, M.B.  
Ormskirk, June, 1884.

\*.\* The power of a sanitary authority to enforce the closure of a school is contained in the Code of Regulations of the Education Department, Article 98 which prescribes as one of the general conditions requiring to be fulfilled by a public elementary school in order to obtain an annual Parliamentary grant, that "the managers must comply with any notice of the sanitary authority of the district in which the school is situated, requiring them for a specified time, with a view to preventing the spread of disease, either to close the school or to exclude the scholar from attendance, subject to an appeal to the [Education] Department, if the managers consider the notice to be unreasonable."

## VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will inform me the proper course to adopt under the following circumstances.

1. As Public Vaccinator, I am ordered to return all certificates of successful vaccination within seven days after inspection, "by post, to the vaccination officer, whose address is on the other side."

This I have done, but in some six or seven cases of children born outside my district, the certificates having gone to the places where the children were born, our vaccination officer refuses to allow my charge unless I furnish him with a certificate in these cases, and the clerk to the guardians has kept back my account until I complied.

The reason is that the vaccination officer receives sixpence for each certificate,

and he claims to be paid for children outside the district, and also for children born in the district but vaccinated away. Am I bound, in these cases, to give this extra certificate? Of course, if the vaccination officer did his duty and attended at the stations, there would be no difficulty about the matter.

2. I received an order to attend a rickety child, and found it suffering from green-stick fracture of the arm, the arm being bent at a considerable angle. About a fortnight afterwards this child had a similar fracture of the thigh. Now, am I justified in charging for both these fractures? The consolidated orders say, in the event of two or more fractures, or operations for which extra medical fees are payable, the surgeon shall only charge for the one fee, but I imagine, in this case, both fees are payable, as the fractures did not occur together.—I am, yours, etc.,  
POOR-LAW-YER.

\*.\* We do not know of any power to compel the Public Vaccinator to send a certificate to any person but the one whose name is at the back of the certificate, i.e., the vaccination officer of the district in which the child is born, or to the parents or friends of the child, should they demand it.

## A QUESTION OF MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR,—Recently I was asked by a medical friend to attend a child for him during his absence on a holiday. The child was dying, and I only had to attend a few days, but during that time the mother consulted me about herself. Of course, the attendance on the child I did as *locum tenens* for my friend. Am I entitled to charge the mother on my own account? I may mention that I have attended, on my own account, four different members of the family during the past seven or eight years, but none of them recently. The mother has since come to my house to see me, saying she found it so inconvenient having a doctor so far away as my friend lives.

He and I are on the very best of terms, and I wish to do what would be right. Another medical man in the neighbourhood has attended the family at different times. For the future, should I be requested to attend any of the family, am I at liberty to do so?—Yours truly,

\*.\* In accordance with the principle laid down in the following rule, extracted from the *Code of Medical Ethics*, p. 35, Rule 3: "When, during sickness, affliction, or absence from home, a practitioner entrusts his practice to a professional friend, the latter should not make any charge to the former, or to the patients, for his services, but should, in all things, be the *locum tenens* of the absentee," "Zed" should, in our opinion, regard the mother as a patient of the absent practitioner (who, had he then been in personal attendance on the child, would no doubt have been consulted by her), and credit the attendance to him. The fact that "Zed" had formerly, but not recently, attended different members of the family, would not, under the present circumstances, entitle him to take charge of the case on his own account; but if, at any future period, and for other than the same illness, she should send for or otherwise seek his advice, he would be justified in attending her as his own private patient.

## 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 30th ult. and 1st and 2nd instant, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass-examination.

Messrs. R. H. W. Johnston, J. W. Parr, A. W. Hughes, E. Morton, E. Antrobus, W. M. Eaton, and E. L. Lees, students of the University of Edinburgh; J. P. Cavenagh, and W. Hartford, of the Dublin School of Medicine; J. Coronel, Amsterdam, S. P. Alexander, of the University of Glasgow; C. E. Gooding, J. B. Loring, and G. B. Rowell, of McGill College, Montreal; C. Wisken, H. C. Sugden, J. R. S. Park, J. P. J. Gornoll, F. C. Andrew, W. H. Haslop, J. R. M. Brennan, W. Armstrong, and J. Elias, of the Manchester School; J. Bailey, E. M. Quinby, C. L. Warke, and R. Leigh, of the Liverpool Infirmary; R. E. Johnson, J. W. Holmes, and W. Dunbar, of the Sheffield School; C. G. May, of the University of Cambridge; F. W. Ramsay, of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne School; C. G. Hutchinson, W. J. C. B. Pitt, and W. H. Date, of the Birmingham School; and T. H. Godfrey, of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Thirty-three candidates were referred for three months, and four 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, June 26th, 1884.

Beaumont, Edgar, 30, Gipsy Hill, S.E.  
Hinds, Frank, Gondhurst, Kent.  
Lawson, Robert, Nuthank, St. Andrews, Fife, N.B.  
Lewis, Jenkyn, Llanon, Cardiganshire.  
Rees, Wm. Thos., Llanboidy, Carmarthenshire.  
Steinthal, Walter Oliver, 14, John Street, Hampstead.

At the recent examination for prizes in Botany, given annually to medical students by the Society of Apothecaries, the successful candidates were adjudged as follows:

1. Ernest Henry Starling, of Guy's Hospital, a Gold Medal.  
2. William Becroft Bottomley, of St. Mary's Hospital, a Silver Medal and Books.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN  
—Acting Physician. Applications by July 9th.

**BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.**—Resident Surgeon. Salary, 150*l.* per annum. Applications by July 22nd.

**BRISTOL DISPENSARY.**—Surgeon. Applications to Mr. E. Stock, 57, Queen Square, Bristol, by July 31st.

**BROWN ANIMAL SANATORY INSTITUTION.**—Professor Superintendent. Salary, 300*l.* per annum. Applications to the Registrar of the University of London, Burlington Gardens, W., by July 8th.

**CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM,** Parkside, Macclesfield.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, 120*l.* per annum. Applications by July 19th.

**COUNTY AND COUNTY OF THE BOROUGH OF CARMARTHEN INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, 100*l.* per annum. Applications to Mr. H. Howells, 11, Morley Street, Carmarthen, by July 12th.

**COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,** Snettton, Nottingham.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, 100*l.* per annum. Applications by July 9th.

**CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY,** Carlisle.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, 40*l.* per annum. Applications by July 8th.

**EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN,** Shadwell, E.—Assistant Physician. Applications by July 14th.

**GLASGOW EYE INFIRMARY.**—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, 75*l.* per annum. Applications by July 31st.

**GLIN UNION.**—Medical Officer. Tarbert No. 1 Dispensary District. Salary, 115*l.* per annum and fees. Applications by July 10th to William De Courcey, Assistant Hon. Sec., Tarbert, Co. Kerry.

**HEREFORD GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Dispenser. Salary, 40*l.* per annum. Applications by July 7th.

**KENSINGTON DISPENSARY.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, 125*l.* per annum. Applications to F. Leach, Esq., 26, Stanford Road, Kensington Square, by July 10th.

**KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, 50*l.* per annum. Applications by July 18th.

**LIVERPOOL ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL.**—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, 84*l.* per annum. Applications by July 10th.

**LIVERPOOL ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL.**—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, 63*l.* per annum. Applications by July 10th.

**PAROCHIAL BOARD OF THE PARISH OF KIRKMICHAEL,** Banffshire.—Salary, 100*l.* per annum. Applications to the Inspector by July 10th.

**ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST,** City Road, E.C.—Assistant Physician. Applications by July 26th.

**ROYAL SEA-BATHING INFIRMARY,** at Margate, for the Scrofulous Poor of all England.—Resident Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary at once.

**SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.**—Examiners in Medicine. Applications by July 12th.

**STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY,** Stafford.—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, 100*l.* per annum. Applications by July 24th.

**TOWER HAMLETS DISPENSARY,** White Horse Street, E.—Medical Officer. Salary, 100*l.* per annum. Applications by July 7th.

**TOWN OF CALCUTTA.**—Health Officer. Salary, Rs. 1,250 per month. Applications to the Secretary to the Municipality, Calcutta, by July 15th.

**WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL,** 153-5, Marylebone Road, W.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by July 19th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**BASS, Frederick, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.Lond.,** appointed Assistant Aural Surgeon to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Dispensary, *vice* George Chalmers, M.B., C.M. Edin., resigned.

**BOURNS, Newcome Whitelaw, M.D.Brussels, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Anaesthetist to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

**CARTER, D'Arcy, B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Assistant Surgeon to Sir Titus Salt's Hospital, Shipley.

**CLARKSON, James Booth, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed.,** late Medical Officer British Shipowner's Company's Service, appointed Surgeon-Superintendent Coolie Service, under the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

**JONES, J. T., L.R.C.P.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Flintshire Dispensary, *vice* R. M. Witham, M.B., resigned.

**LAWRENCE, Sidney C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond.,** appointed House-Physician to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

**PATERSON, D., M.B.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Infirmary and Dispensary, *vice* P. R. Griffiths, M.B., resigned.

**PEDLEY, R. D., M.R.C.S., L.D.S.,** appointed Dental Surgeon to the South London Medical Aid Institute.

### 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.

**GREATHEAD.**—At Graham's Town, South Africa, on May 23rd, the wife of T. B. Greathead, M.B. Edin., M.R.C.S.Lond., of a daughter.

**MACLEAN.**—On June 30th, at Greek Street, Stockport, the wife of Kenneth Maclean, F.R.C.S.E., of a son.

**SWEETING.**—On June 30th, at 5, Edith Villas, West Kensington, the wife of R. D. Sweeting, Medical Superintendent of the Western Fever and Small-pox Hospital, of a daughter.

#### DEATHS.

**DAYMAN.**—On the 1st June, at Brooklands, Millbrook, Southampton, Elizabeth Adams, the wife of Henry Dayman, F.R.C.S., and eldest daughter of the late J. W. Chadwick, Esq., of Long Ashton, Somerset.

**PARSONS.**—On June 30th, at Matham, Dawlish, Arthur Daniell Parsons, L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S.E., aged 36.

**WOOLDRIDGE.**—On June 24th, at Withlean, near Brighton, William Wooldridge, M.R.C.S. and L.S.A., aged 50.

### 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.

**WEDNESDAY.**—Epidemiological Society of London, 8 P.M. To elect office-bearers for the ensuing session. To receive the following reports: A General Report of the State of the Society; The Report of the Subcommittee appointed to investigate the Conditions affecting the Protection against Small-pox afforded by Vaccination. Papers.—Mr. R. D. Sweeting: The Revaccination of School-Children. Mr. C. E. Paget: Notes on the Death-rate from Small-pox in the City of Chester in 1774.

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In consequence of a large amount of space being occupied by Presidents' addresses and the reports of Branches, we are obliged to postpone the insertion of several articles which were intended for publication.

#### THE NEWSPAPERS AND MEDICAL TREATMENT OF CHOLERA.

We are sorry to see the first signs, in a letter to the *St. James's Gazette* from Dr. Domett Stone, of a threatening epidemic of letters to the daily papers by medical men on the medical treatment of cholera. Dr. Stone is opposed to the castor-oil treatment; but a daily paper, as he should be well aware, is not the proper place for pronouncing an opinion on a debated question of therapeutics. He knows that there are others, and men of eminence in the profession, who hold opposite opinions, but who will not descend into so unfit an arena to discuss a purely medical and professional question. He knows, too, that there are an abundance of recommended remedies and drugs, the effects of all of which are more or less disputed. To open the flood-gates of a medical discussion on the treatment of cholera in the daily papers is much to be deprecated, and the more so because the most experienced and competent practitioners will never rightly appear in such a place, and the least competent will be the most likely to rush into the lists.

We have received a copy of an extremely interesting and well arranged album containing twenty-eight photographic views of Belfast and County Antrim, published by Mr. Lawrence of Dublin. For the copy forwarded to us we are indebted to Dr. Henry O'Neill of Belfast.

#### GONORRHOEA AND RHEUMATISM.

SIR,—In the JOURNAL of June 14th, 1884, Dr. Raiton of Manchester has recorded a case of gonorrhoea which was associated with acute rheumatism and endocarditis. That gentleman believes that the gonorrhoea in the above case bore some "intimate causal relationship" to the rheumatic affection, and he has published that case with the view of showing that the statement of Rosenstein and Senator (*i.e.*, that endocarditis does not occur in the course of gonorrhoeal rheumatism) is inaccurate. After carefully studying the facts of Dr. Raiton's case, I have come to the conclusion that the evidence which has been adduced in that case is insufficient to show that there existed a causal relationship between the gonorrhoea and the rheumatic affection. My reasons for that opinion are as follows:

1. The discharge had almost entirely ceased on August 25th, but it was not until September 20th that the patient was attacked with a rheumatic affection of the joints.

2. The fever and pain began to abate on September 25th, but the gonorrhoea did not return before October 5th. If the discharge had returned coincidentally with the subsidence of the fever and pain, I would have been more inclined to believe that there was some connection between those complaints.

3. When the purulent discharge returned on October 5th, an injection was "assiduously" used, and on the 22nd day of the same month it had almost ceased without any return of the rheumatism. If Dr. Raiton believed that the rheumatism was excited by the suppression of the gonorrhoea, why did he run the risk of bringing on another attack by the "assiduous" use of an injection?

4. The rheumatic fever rapidly yielded to the influence of the salicylate of soda. Many authorities have proved the inutility of that drug in gonorrhoeal rheumatism.—I am, sir, yours truly,  
JNO. HOSACK FRASER, M.B.  
9, Old Square, Birmingham.

#### A CASE OF TRANCE.

SIR,—The railway porters from the London Bridge station brought to Guy's Hospital one afternoon a clergyman, aged 33, whom they found in a third class carriage at London Bridge, the other occupants of the carriage calling attention to him because of his illness.

On admission, he appeared quite unconscious; his eyelids were closed and quivering. It was impossible to open the mouth. The pupils reacted to light, and the cornea were sensitive. Several happened to see him on admission, the late Dr. Hilton Fagge among them, but no one was able to form any opinion as to his malady. It was, however, noticed, that when the sister of the ward raised his arms to pull off his shirt, the arms remained raised after the shirt was removed. This at once cleared up the case, which was thus shown to be one of trance, for in whatever extraordinary position the limbs were placed, they remained until some one replaced them. A Faradic battery was fetched, and as soon as the patient heard the noise, he put up his hand as if to motion us to take the instrument away; it was, however, applied to him, and he quickly came out of his trance. It was then soon found that he was insane, and careful examination showed him to be suffering from general paralysis. In his pocket was found a post-card addressed to his wife; it was crammed with writing, the subject matter of which was an incomprehensible muddle, but seemed chiefly to refer to the religious belief of the patient and his wife's supposed infidelity. She was telegraphed for, and from her we obtained the following family history. He had been in the Church nine years, and had worked very hard in his parish and at his studies. One of his children died of hydrocephalus, and one uncle of softening of the brain. Three years ago he began to be irritable, and for the last eighteen months he has had peculiar ideas, amongst other things, that some people wanted his living, and, in order to get it, would say evil things of him. About nine months ago, he was very dejected and wanted to buy a revolver, which he said was to shoot crows. For the last eight months he has had the idea that he has become a Dissenter, and that the Queen has followed him. For the last five months he has suffered from insomnia, and has been greatly impressed with his wife's unfaithfulness to him, and has therefore wished to leave her. He has cried much at times. He has frequently taken long and apparently purposeless journeys. He only stayed in the hospital a few days, but was removed to an asylum. He was noticed to have some trembling of the lips, and also some difficulty of speech. As trance, somnambulism, and allied conditions are to form one of the subjects for consideration by the Collective Investigation Committee, it seemed that the narration of this case might prove of some interest. Although those connected with hospitals very frequently have to see patients who are insensible, and a diagnosis has to be formed without any history whatever, it is but rarely that this insensibility is due to trance.—I am, etc.,  
W. HALE WHITE, M.D.

We have received further correspondence relating to the recent award of the Ethical Subcommittee of the Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch; but as it appears that the subject is still *sub judice*, we refrain from publishing the letters.

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