

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1885:

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on January 14th, April 8th, July 8th, and October 14th, 1885. 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, namely, December 25th, 1884, and March 18th, June 17th, and September 24th, 1885, in accordance with the regulation for the election of members passed at the meeting of the Committee of Council of October 12th, 1881.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

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

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| I. Acute Pneumonia. | 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. |
| Va. Diphtheria, sanitary. | XII. Sleep-walking. |
| V. Syphilis, acquired. | |
| Va. " inherited. | |
| VI. Acute Gout. | |

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.

The Acute Gout card, which had been found too elaborate, has been made a great deal simpler, and is now re-issued.

Copies of these forms and memoranda are in the hands of all the local secretaries, and will be forwarded to anyone 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.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at the Calverley Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 3.30 P.M. Dinner at 5.30 P.M.; charge 6s., exclusive of wine. Dr. Johnson will preside. The following communications are promised: 1. Dr. Elliott: a, Notes of a case of Dislocation of the Elbow complicated with Fracture (patient shown); b, Notes of a case of Spinal Caries, with Double Psoas Abscess, successfully treated by Poroplastic Jacket; also a patient to be shown wearing a Plaster-of-Paris Jacket and Sayre's Jury-Mast. 2. Mr. Abbott: Epilepsy. 3. Mr. T. Jenner Verrall: A case of Splenic Leukæmia in a Child treated by Phosphorus. Notice of intended contributions should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, T. JENNER VERRALL, 85, Western Road, Brighton.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

A LARGELY attended meeting of the South London District, was held in the Governors' Court-Room, St. Thomas's Hospital, on November 19. Mr. MACNAMARA, President of the Branch, occupied the chair.

Hip-joint Disease.—Mr. Croft read a paper on Hip-joint Disease, and its early treatment. A discussion followed, in which the President, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Barwell took part.

Specimens.—Numerous Microscopical Specimens, illustrating tubercle and the tubercle-bacillus, were exhibited by Mr. Clutton, Mr. Battle, Drs. Hadden and Acland. Mr. Croft's modification of Thomas's splint, and Mr. Bryant's double-splint, duly applied to patients, were exhibited.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the reader of the paper, to the Chairman, and to the Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital for the use of the room.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

EGYPT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Egyptian Sanitary Service.

New changes will shortly take place in the Egyptian sanitary service. Dr. Hassan Pasha Mahmoud, it is announced to-day, has been compelled to resign, after an investigation into his official conduct, which has lasted seven weeks. To understand how this has come about, it is necessary to review the history of the medico-sanitary administration since the cholera, which affords another proof of the miserable failure of the Egyptian policy of our Government. Last February, after the cholera had ceased in Egypt, the sanitary service was radically reformed by the arbitrary abolition of the Board of Health, and its replacement by a newly appointed native director, Dr. Hassan Pasha Mahmoud, and an English Vice-Director, Dr. F. M. Sandwith. The Board of Health may not have been a perfect body, nor very enlightened in sanitary matters, but it was at least able to carry on the sanitary service without any very grave abuses, and was introducing sanitary reforms as fast as the finances and the Ministry permitted. The only excuse for its suppression would have been a policy of vigorous sanitary reform, such as all Europe was looking for, to prevent the possibility of the recurrence of such an epidemic as that of 1883.

Nine months have passed, and I fear the country is in no way a less fit nidus for the cholera-germs to multiply in when reintroduced, for these months have indeed shown that cholera is not endemic. It is true that Dr. Sandwith's energy and administrative ability have enabled him to reform some of the native hospitals, and the Cairo Lunatic Asylum. Further, a dry-earth system of sewage removal has been introduced at a Mosque in Mansourah, and also in public latrines and some other Government buildings. These reforms are at least indications of what might be done if Dr. Sandwith had the necessary support. But in the towns, cesspools, seldom or never emptied, continue to occupy the basement of each native house, and to ventilate their gases into its upper rooms, and to saturate the neighbouring soil, so that, practically, cities like Cairo are founded on an immense cesspool, rising and falling with the Nile. In the villages, ponds continue to be the common bathing-place, the common cesspool, and very often the common source of drinking water.

We have now to point out why Dr. Sandwith has succeeded in doing so little. It is because our home Government deemed it necessary to trammel him with a native director, drawing an additional £1,200 a year from the exchequer. Hassan Pasha was selected for this post by Mr. Clifford Lloyd, because he was known to be favourable to the English Government's views on quarantine and cholera; and, in spite of his having a bad character, even among his native professional brethren, for using his official position to promote his private ends, Mr. Clifford Lloyd no doubt thought that he would be able to prevent Hassan Pasha from abusing his position. And as long as Mr. Lloyd remained in place, reform made as good progress as finance allowed. But, when he went, the case altered. Dr. Sandwith had commenced by travelling through the country, seeing that hospitals were put to their proper uses, and that, in other ways, the medical service was well conducted. But he soon found that Hassan Pasha took occasion of his absence to make appointments and send orders, of which he disapproved. Accordingly, he was obliged to remain at head quarters, in Cairo, and it was decided that no order of the director should have force unless it were initiated by him. But as, unfortunately, two languages were used in the divan, and Dr. Sandwith knew no Arabic, the director still found means of playing his own game without the knowledge of his colleague. When, however, Dr. Sandwith began to find that inferior men were promoted above their superiors, and that officials were changed without any reason, that the director was treating prostitutes at his own house, and protecting them from public examination; when he had himself decided that all diseased women should be confined in hospital; when, too, stories came to his ears of sums of money and donkeys presented to the director by the favoured officials, he thought that it was time to have a change. He accordingly went to Mr. Egerton, who gave him due support, and demanded from the Khedive the dismissal of Hassan Pasha. But Hassan Pasha demanded an investigation, and so a committee, consisting of three native ministers, two Moslems and a Copt, was appointed to examine into Dr. Sandwith's charges. Two hundred and forty-three changes of officials had been made in seven months, and two hundred and ten on the proposition of Hassan Pasha. This number is not very much

above the number recorded in any year since 1877. The mortality from measles and enteric fever was heavier than usual, whilst that from whooping-cough and diphtheria was considerably below the average. There was no fatality from small-pox, although, when the disease appeared in the town, there seemed to be every possibility of its spreading rapidly. An empty and, as regards isolation, conveniently situated house was obtained, and fitted up as an infectious hospital; 20 cases were removed there, and all were discharged cured. That the borough stands in need of earnest and sustained work is obvious, from the fact that the general death-rate is 2.25, and the zymotic rate 1.5 per 1,000 above the average of the twenty-eight large towns, and that the mortality amongst children is excessive.

MR. NUNN.—The regulations of the Privy Council state that no person shall be vaccinated under contract elsewhere than at the station, "unless the vaccinator in the particular case be of opinion (which, if so, he is hereby required to note in his register) that, for some special reason, the person whom he purposes to vaccinate cannot properly be vaccinated at the station." The public vaccinator is the judge of what constitutes a special reason; but our correspondent does not definitely state that the public vaccinator, in the case quoted, had noted in his register that some special reason existed through which the persons vaccinated could not properly be vaccinated at the station.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations in anatomy and physiology for the Fellowship of the College, on the 24th instant, were reported to have acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass-examination.

Messrs. W. F. Taylor, student, of Kingston, Canada; H. D. Farnell, of University College; T. M. Porter, Liverpool School; J. C. Lamont, University of Edinburgh; and F. H. Taylor, of the London Hospital.

The following gentlemen passed on the 25th instant.

Messrs. G. Hastings and S. W. Owen, of Guy's Hospital; C. C. Harris, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; W. Williams, of St. Mary's Hospital; and A. J. Gregory, of the London Hospital.

Of the twenty-one candidates examined, eleven, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, were referred to their anatomical and physiological studies for six months.

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—The following Licentiates in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to membership pursuant to the provisions of the Supplemental Charter of 1878, have been duly enrolled Members of the College.

H. L. Smith, Lic. Med. 1869, Kirkwall, Orkney; T. F. Young, Lic. Med. 1877,

Boothle; F. J. Roberts, Lic. Med. 1878, Enniscorthy.

At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1884, the following candidates were successful.

For the Licence to practise Medicine and Midwifery. — R. Abraham, Aughnacloy, co. Tyrone; J. M. C. Cole, Clones, co. Monaghan; E. Crowley, Bandon, co. Cork; I. P. Doyle, Dublin; J. J. Gaynor, Roxborough, co. Roscommon; D. Kenny, Ballyconran, co. Wexford; P. J. Kiernan, Dysart, co. Westmeath; A. McCall, London; J. McGuinness, Dublin; J. L. Rowlett, Dublin.

For the Licence to practise Midwifery only. — T. Frizell, M.D.R.U.I., Dungannon; C. Hayden, M.D.R.U.I., Carrick-on-Suir; M. M. Loudon, M.D.R.U.I., Myrol, co. Kerry; M. McAnlay, M.D.R.U.I., Castlewellsan, co. Down; H. S. Morrison, M.D.R.U.I., Garvagh, co. Derry; W. A. Wadsworth, M.D.R.U.I., Brookeborough, co. Fermanagh.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 20th, 1884.

Gregory, Edward Thomas, Charing Cross Hospital.

Lees, William, University College.

Loftus, Arthur Smith, Charing Cross Hospital.

Mullis, George William, Guy's Hospital.

Orr, Joseph Orlando, Toronto University.

Shadwell, Harry Winstanley, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Thomas, Thomas William, University College.

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

Ford, Theodore Albert Vores, St. Thomas's Hospital.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge.—Resident House-Physician. Salary, £25 per annum. Applications by December 9th.

ATLEY UNION.—Medical Officer, Fountstown Dispensary. Salary £135 per annum and fees. Applications to R. Bagoh, Honorary Secretary, Fountstown Glebe, Kidare.

BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM.—Medical Officer of Health. Applications by December 6th.

CLINICAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Park Place, Manchester.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to Mr. Herbert Teague, 38, Barton Arcade, Manchester, by December 4th.

CLOGHER UNION.—Medical Officer. Ballygawley Dispensary. Salary, £100 per annum and fees. Application to David Smith, Honorary Secretary, The Manse, Ballygawley, to December 1st.

DARLINGTON HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100. Applications to H. F. Pease, Esq., on or before December 8th.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, AND LONDON SCHOOL OF DENTAL SURGERY, Leicester Square.—Demonstrator of Non-Cohesive Fillings. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by December 8th.

GATESHEAD DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £210 per annum. Applications to Mr. Joseph Jordan, 2, Side, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—County Analyst. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Clerk of the Peace, Shire Hall, Gloucester, by December 18th.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N.—House-Surgeon. Salary, 60 guineas per annum. Applications to the Secretary on or before November 29th.

HANTS COUNTY ASYLUM.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £600 per annum. Applications by December 14th.

HOLLOWAY AND NORTH ISLINGTON DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to Honorary Secretary before November 29th.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by December 18th.

KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON.—Chair of Materia Medica and Assistant-Physicianship of King's College Hospital. Applications to J. W. Cunningham.

ORMSKIRK UNION.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £250 per annum. Applications by December 17th.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Two Honorary Obstetric Officers. Applications to Secretary by December 6th.

RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, Oxford.—Honorary Physician. Applications by January 14th.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £104. Applications to Secretary on or before December 3rd.

SLIGO UNION.—Medical Officer. Collooney Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum and fees. Election on December 3rd.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Dental Surgeon and two Assistant Dental Surgeons. Applications by December 6th.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, Paddington, W.—Two Physicians. Applications by December 18th.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Brighton.—Dispenser. Salary £100 per annum. Applications by December 3rd.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE, South Australia.—Elder Professor of Anatomy. Salary, £800 per annum. Applications to Sir Arthur Blyth, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for South Australia, 3, Victoria Chambers, Westminster, S.W., by December 15th.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by December 18th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BROODEN, R. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Physician to Guy's Hospital.

CAIGER, F. Froard, M.B., B.S., etc., appointed House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

COOKES, W. Godwin, M.D., appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester.

FEMMER, Robert, M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the North Repps District, and Public Vaccinator to the Cromer District of the Eppingham Union.

ORFORD, J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

PLOWMAN, S., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Department for Diseases of the Skin and Ear at St. Thomas's Hospital.

ROBINSON, H. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

SALVAGE, J. V., M.S., M.B. Durham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

SUTTON, S. W., M.D., B.S., etc., appointed Ophthalmic Clinical Assistant to St. Thomas's Hospital.

WHITE, E. Wood, B.A., M.B., B.Ch. Univ. Dub., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, *vice* Edwin Chesshire, F.R.C.S., resigned.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTH.

WINDLE.—On November 19th, at Ivy House, Ovenden, near Halifax, the wife of John T. Windle, M.B., C.M. (Aberdeen), of a son.

DEATH.

LILBURN.—On the 24th instant, at St. Moritz, James Thomas B.A. Cambridge, late of King's College Hospital, only son of Dr. Lilburne, B.N., aged 26.

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, 8 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 8 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. T., 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. 8; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
LONDON .—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.
MIDDLESEX .—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S .—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.
ST. GEORGE'S .—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.
ST. MARY'S .—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., M. Th., 9.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9.30; Ear, W. S., 9.30; Throat, M. Th., 9.30; Skin, Tu. F., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 9.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30.
ST. THOMAS'S .—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, Tu. 12.30; Skin, Th., 12.30; Throat, Tu., 12.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE .—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.
WESTMINSTER .—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY .—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. 1. Mr. Boyce Barrow: A Case of Gastrostomy (with specimen). 2. Mr. John H. Morgan: Cyst of the Neck.—Odontological Society of Great Britain, 1 P.M. Casual communications by Messrs. J. C. McAdam, Stour Bennett, W. Coffin, and Dr. St. George Elliott. Paper by Mr. A. Bland Sutton, On Comparative Dental Pathology.
TUESDAY .—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Pye-Smith: Cystic Disease of Cerebellum, Kidney, and Pancreas. Dr. Lanchester: Intussusception in an Adult Male. Dr. Carrington: Simple Ulceration between Trachea and Oesophagus; Atrophy of the Liver (card). Mr. Treves: Two Specimens of Tumour of Soft Palate; Epithelioma of Bladder, with Renal Calculus (card). Mr. Eve: Lympho-sarcoma of the Bladder. Mr. Poland: Congenital Hydrocele of the Spermatic Cord. Mr. Bowlby: Fistular Communication between Bladder and Rectum (card); Infiltrating Fibroma of Thyroid. Dr. Paddison: A Case of Charcot's Disease, with Sections of the Spinal Cord (card). Mr. Hudson will show a new and simple Ether-Microtome.
WEDNESDAY .—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens will be shown by Dr. Horrocks, Dr. Carter, and others. Adjourned discussion on Dr.

Graily Hewitt's paper On the Severe or so-called "Uncontrollable" Vomiting of Pregnancy, to be opened by Dr. Robert Barnes, and followed by Dr. Braxton Hicks. Dr. Potter: On a Case of Retained Product of Conception. Dr. McKeown: The Prevention of Ophthalmia Neonatorum and its Ravages.

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. T. Bryant: On the Mode of Death in Acute Intestinal Strangulation, and Chronic Intestinal Obstruction.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor 161A, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 161A, Strand, W.C., London.

In order to avoid delay, it is particularly requested that all letters on the editorial business of the JOURNAL should be addressed to the Editor at the office of the JOURNAL, and not to his private house.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the Manager, 161A, Strand, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication. CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

THE ASPIRATOR.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Jessett's letter in the JOURNAL of November 15th, allow me to say that I am not "aggrieved" at his remark that "it was not till 1869 the instrument attained anything like perfection;" but I certainly hope that Mr. Jessett, as well as the profession generally, will agree with me in acknowledging the aspirator to be an English, and not a French, invention, when I repeat that the "perfection" attributed to Dr. Dieulafoy, of Paris, in 1869, was precisely that which I had exhibited in 1868 to M. Robert, of Paris, who, the year after, made Dr. Dieulafoy's aspirator.—I am, etc.,
42, Park Street, Grosvenor Square.
PROTHEROE SMITH.

BACTERIA.

CH.M.—For information on the study of bacteria, their relations to disease, and their investigation, the best works for the beginner are Dr. Donald MacAlister's translation of Ziegler's *Text-book of Pathological Anatomy*, part i, and Dr. Klein's *Micro-organisms and Disease*. Both these works are published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

SIR,—Life is short, art is long. The sage aphorism of the Greek master is probably more true in our day than in his; therefore, such a subject as Euclid, I maintain, might well be removed from the number of compulsory subjects. Forming, as it does, no part of an intellectual stock-in-trade, it is irrelevant to the point to state that a youth who is unable to master the two books of Euclid is unfitted for the study of medicine. There is surely no innate difficulty connected with Euclid, other than the difficulty of concentrating one's thoughts on an unprofitable subject. The examination over, how many are there who recall their knowledge of Euclid with profit or pleasure?

"B.A." is rightly jealous of the character of examinations connected with medical education; but, while rejoicing in a knowledge of classics, it must be admitted that the day is past when the physician's attainments can be measured by his knowledge of Greek and Latin, and the patient is fortunate whose physician's knowledge of English History has given place to a profound knowledge of practical therapy. Thoroughness in a few subjects, rather than a smattering of many, would, I think, produce the best results in any extra-professional examination.

"B.A." knows of a candidate who passed the preliminary in five instalments. I would suggest that it is not always the case that the man who gets through the arts the easiest succeeds in medical studies best. Two candidates entered for the preliminary examination of the College of Surgeons in 1879, one of whom passed in all the subjects necessary for the Fellowship; the other was rejected for the Membership, and had been rejected once previously. This latter, however, has quite recently obtained the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, while the former, with splendid opportunities, continues his "medical studies," and anticipates his primary. The power of application in any man is not equal for all subjects.

In conclusion, I will add that the writer was the unsuccessful preliminary candidate in 1879, and is now the "rather" successful
M.R.C.S.

TEMPERANCE AMONG RAILWAY-SERVANTS.

SIR,—You state, in your issue of November 1st, that there are "facts to show that a great many pointsmen, and many other servants, who have worked to the verge of physical and mental exhaustion, would have been all the better, and possibly a few lost lives saved, if they had been moderate drinkers, instead of total abstainers." May I ask what these "facts" are, so opposed to the experience of all who have to perform feats of hard work and long continued endurance? "Temperance is not total abstinence" appears further on. "Temperance" is self-control, and that is shown in declining to indulge an animal propensity for that which the individual believes to be injurious; it is not so conspicuous in indulging the appetite, as far as one dares, in taking a drug whose physiological action is to diminish the power of self-control. If temperance is compatible with total abstinence from opium, why not from alcohol? To say that one is bad and the other good is to beg the question. Till this point is settled in a way opposed to the view of total abstainers, you have no right to say that the abstainer is not temperate.—I am, sir, yours truly,
J. JAMES RIDGE, Honorary Secretary British Medical Temperance Association.
Enfield.

PRURITUS ANI.

SIR,—I have always found decided benefit in the employment of a lotion which my old teacher, Dr. Atthill of Dublin, employs in pruritus vulvæ. The patient should sponge him or herself well with warm water, and should syringe some of the water up the rectum, should then soak well a pledget of cotton in the following lotion, and pass it well up the anus, leaving it there till he next defæcates, when it should be renewed. *R. Acidi carbolici gr. 20: tinct. opii ʒiv; acid. hydrocyan. dil. ʒij; glycerini ʒiv; aquam ad ʒiv.* By following the above directions faithfully, I can promise relief, and should "Scire Facias" find it successful in his hands, I should be glad if he would let me know the result through the medium of your JOURNAL. It is a most troublesome affection, which I have known, in some of my cases, to be accompanied by an irritative fever that has laid the patient very low indeed.—I am, etc., H. H.

FORDER'S HANSON.

SIR,—Will some members who have made use of "Forder's hansom" in country practice kindly communicate their experience in the JOURNAL? My fear is that, where the roads are steep, a very considerable weight would be thrown on the horse's back; also that, where high winds prevail, there might be a tendency to capsize. The weight in a hansom must needs be balanced so as to be about level when the carriage is on a level road, or nearly so. In what way can the pressure going down, or the "hang" in ascending steep hills, be best regulated? Any suggestion as to lighting a hansom would also much oblige.—I am, etc., BOREAS.

ERRATUM.—In the leading article entitled "The Failure of the University of London," November 22nd, fifteenth line from the top, page 1023, for "more than," read "almost."

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