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## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## COUNCIL.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 8th day of July next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

161A, Strand, June 11th, 1885.

## NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1885.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

ANY qualified medical practitioner not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

Meetings of the Council will be held on July 8th, and October 14th, 1885. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary, not later than twenty-one days before each meeting, namely, June 17th, and September 24th, 1885.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the secretary of the Branch. No member can be elected by a Branch Council unless his name has been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which he seeks election.

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.

INQUIRIES are in progress on the subjects of

CHOREA, DIPHTHERIA,  
ACUTE RHEUMATISM, OLD AGE,  
CANCER OF THE BREAST.

Memoranda on the above, and forms for recording individual cases, may be had on application.

It is requested that returns in Chorea and Acute Rheumatism be sent in at as early a date as possible, as the Reports on these subjects are in preparation. The greater part of the "Old Age" form may be filled in by a non-medical person, if necessary.

The Committee are also glad to receive reports of cases of the following conditions, memoranda and forms for which are prepared.

PAROXYSMAL HEMOGLOBINURIA.  
ALBUMINURIA IN THE APPARENTLY HEALTHY.  
SLEEP-WALKING. ACUTE GOUT.

The "Sleep-walking" form may be filled in by a non-medical person, if necessary.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.—The Committee will be glad to receive reports of cases illustrative of the points mentioned in the JOURNAL of January 31st, 1885 (p. 249). Separate copies of the article and questions alluded to will be forwarded on application.

THE CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE.—A schedule of inquiry upon this subject has been prepared by the Committee, and was issued with the JOURNAL of May 9th. Replies are requested on the schedule issued with the JOURNAL of May 9th.

Additional copies of the schedule may be had at once on application.

Returns on ACUTE PNEUMONIA are still received.

THE ETIOLOGY OF PHTHISIS.—Continuation of inquiry. The Committee will be glad to receive the names of gentlemen willing to engage in joint investigation of any of the following points in relation to the origin of cases of Phthisis;—(a) The influence of residence and occupation; (b) the previous state of the patients' thoracic organs and general health; (c) heredity and communication. Full particulars will be sent on application.

Application for forms, memoranda, or further information, may be made to any of the Honorary Local Secretaries, or to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, 161A, Strand, W.C.

## BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH INDIAN BRANCH.—Meetings are held in the Central Museum, Madras, on the first Saturday in the month, at 9 P.M. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary.—J. MAITLAND, M.B., Honorary Secretary, Madras.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Leicester, on Thursday, July 9th. Notice of papers, etc., to be sent to the undersigned.—LEWIS W. MARSHALL, M.D., Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, 2, East Circus Street, Nottingham.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the North of England Branch will be held at Hexham, on Thursday, July 16th.—DAVID DRUMMOND, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Wrexham, on Tuesday, July 7th, at 12 o'clock, to transact the usual business of the Branch. The President, Mr. J. Lloyd-Roberts, M.B., will deliver his address, and the following papers and communications have been promised. 1. Dr. Stephen Mackenzie (London): Some Points concerning Acute Rheumatism requiring Investigation. 2. Dr. Isambard Owen: Collective Investigation. 3. Mr. Richard Jones, M.B. (Festiniog): Hydatids of the Liver. 4. Dr. Samuel Griffith (Portmadoc): Abscess of Brain. 5. Dr. F. Imlach (Liverpool): The Early Surgical Treatment of Uterine Tumours. 6. Mr. Damer Harrison (Liverpool): Injuries to Nerves. 7. Mr. O. S. Williams (Holyhead): An Unusual Case of Erysipelas. The annual dinner at 3.30 P.M.—W. JONES-MORRIS, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Thursday, July 9th, at four o'clock P.M. The annual dinner will take place the same evening, at seven o'clock P.M. Members intending to be present at the dinner are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.—ALEXANDER DEMPSEY, Honorary Secretary.

NORTHERN COUNTIES (SCOTLAND) BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Inverness, on Wednesday, July 8th. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary.—J. W. NORRIS MACKAY, M.D., Elgin.

## METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE thirty-third annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, June 23rd. The chair was taken by the President, CHARLES MACNAMARA, Esq., who afterwards resigned it to the President-elect, WALTER DICKSON, M.D.

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

"The Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch have the pleasure of presenting the thirty-third Annual Report.

"At the last annual meeting, the number of members on the list was 911. Since that time, the deaths of 15 members have been reported, and the names of 37 have been removed on account of resignation and other causes. On the other hand, 59 new members have been elected, leaving the number at present 918.

"The members whose deaths have been reported are: Mr. W. H. Ayling, Dr. E. Buchanan Baxter, Mr. T. Burtonshaw, Dr. H. Cuola-han, Dr. Herbert Davies, Mr. John Liddle, Dr. J. Livingston, Mr. J. W. Mackenna, Dr. F. A. Mahomed, Mr. John Mann, Dr. Parkinson Oates, Mr. C. E. Prince, Mr. J. Netten Radcliffe, Mr. Francis Toulmin, and Sir Erasmus Wilson. The death of Dr. Mahomed, from enteric fever, at the early age of 36, deprived the Association and Branch of a zealous and talented worker, and the medical profession of one of the most promising of the rising physicians of the day. The work of Dr. Mahomed as one of the chief promoters of Collective Investigation of Disease is well known to all. Besides this, he was an active member of the Council of the Branch for some years, and was last year chosen to represent the Branch in the Council of the Association, having previously been a member of the Committee of

Council. On hearing of the death of Dr. Mahomed, your Council instructed the President to send a letter of sympathy to his widow. Of the remaining members, none at any time took an active part in the affairs of the Branch. Several of the names, however, are widely known. Among them are those of Dr. Herbert Davies, formerly Physician to the London Hospital; Dr. Buchanan Baxter, lately Professor of *Materia Medica* in King's College; Mr. John Liddle, many years medical officer of health for Whitechapel; Mr. Netten Radcliffe, distinguished for his work in sanitary statistics; and Sir Erasmus Wilson, the eminent authority on diseases of the skin, and a munificent benefactor to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the University of Aberdeen, and other institutions. Mr. John Mann and Mr. Francis Toulmin had each attained a great age in the pursuit of their calling as general practitioners.

"The unanimous election, at the last annual meeting of the Association, of Mr. Macnamara, the President of the Branch, to the honourable office of Treasurer of the Association, must have been a source of much gratification to the members of the Branch, as it was to your Council. Mr. Macnamara having thus become a permanent member of the Council of the Association, it is no longer necessary for the Branch to elect him as one of the representative members. Your Council suggest that the vacancies in the list of representatives caused by Mr. Macnamara's appointment as Treasurer, and by the death of Dr. Mahomed, should be filled by the election of Mr. H. T. Butlin and Mr. Frederick Wallace. Your Council have been unable hitherto to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Mahomed, in consequence of the absence of any provision, in the by-laws of the British Medical Association, for the filling of accidental vacancies in the Council. It is intended, however, to amend this omission at the annual meeting of the Association.

"In consequence of Dr. Mahomed having become an *ex officio* member of the Council of the Branch, through his election as a representative in the Council of the Association, a vacancy was caused in the list of ordinary members of Council. Your Council filled this vacancy by the election of Dr. Charles Davidson.

"The provision in Law 10, which prohibits the representative in the Council of the Association who retires each year from being at once re-elected, appears to your Council to be calculated to place the representatives of this Branch at a disadvantage, in comparison with the representatives of other Branches, in regard to whom no such restriction exists. An alteration in the law will accordingly be proposed for your consideration.

"The District Societies have continued their useful course; and thanks are due to the Honorary Secretaries, and to those members who have read papers and originated discussions at the meetings. The vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Hertfordshire District, caused by the lamented death of Mr. Ridgway Lloyd, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Leslie Bates; and Dr. Hale White has been elected Secretary to the South London District, in place of Dr. Carlington, who has retired.

"Several matters of great professional and public interest have engaged the attention of your Council and of the Branch.

"At its first meeting in July last, your Council, at the suggestion of the President, appointed a subcommittee to consider what steps should be taken to facilitate the obtaining of degrees in medicine by London medical students, who at present labour under a great disadvantage in this respect, in comparison with students in other parts of the United Kingdom. The subcommittee held several meetings, and drew up an elaborate report, containing numerous statistical tables, which, after approval by your Council, was circulated among the members of the Branch; copies were also sent to the graduates of the University of London throughout the kingdom, and to the members of the Senate of the University. A largely attended general meeting of the Branch was held at the School of Mines on March 6th, to consider the subject; and a full report of the proceedings was published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of March 14th. In pursuance of one of the resolutions passed at the meeting, a deputation of members of the Branch had an interview with the Senate of the University on April 29th. The proceedings will be found reported in the *JOURNAL* of May 2nd. Your President has been officially informed by the Registrar of the University that the Senate have appointed a small subcommittee to consider the proposal made by this Branch, and has been asked to have a subcommittee of this Branch nominated, in order to meet the committee of the Senate in conference on July 1st. Your Council have accordingly appointed a subcommittee for that purpose. Your Council cannot turn from this subject without placing on record their high sense of the very valuable services of Dr. Gilbert Smith, the able and indefatigable secretary to the subcommittee appointed by the Council in July last, as

well as of the other members of the subcommittee, Dr. Bristowe, Dr. Bridgwater, Dr. Coupland, Mr. Rivington, Dr. Ord, Mr. E. Owen, and Dr. Curnow.

"Another subcommittee was, also at the suggestion of the President, appointed to consider whether it would be advisable to charge small fees to hospital out-patients. This subject was carefully considered by the subcommittee, who first drew up a preliminary report, which was circulated among many members. It contained the following questions. 1. Do you consider that the exaction of a small payment for medicine, with a careful registration of each applicant by the various hospitals, would be an advantage to the general practitioner? 2. Do you think it would induce many patients who now seek gratuitous advice at hospitals to consult medical practitioners for their ailments? 3. Do you consider that the bulk of the cases which seek relief at general or special hospitals and free dispensaries, would suffer from the exaction of a small payment for medicine? 4. Do you consider that the introduction of payments in the out-patient department of our hospitals, and the abolition of free dispensaries, would tend to promote the so called 'private dispensaries,' or do you think it would tend to the multiplication of provident dispensaries of a better class? In accordance with a suggestion by the subcommittee, which was approved by your Council, the subject was considered at meetings of the several districts in London, at which resolutions were passed, which are summarised in a second report which has been approved by your Council. It is therein recommended, as a result of the discussions on the subject, that "all hospitals should adopt the plan carried out at the London Hospital, of an inquiry into the circumstances of out-patients being entrusted to a paid officer of the hospital, and that governors should cease to grant out-patient letters unless to persons whom, from their personal knowledge, they know to be deserving, and in a condition to require hospital relief." A copy of the Report has been sent to each member of the Branch. In connection with this subject, the assiduous and useful labours of Dr. George Henty, Honorary Secretary to the North London District, who acted as honorary secretary to the subcommittee, deserve grateful acknowledgment.

"Your Council also appointed a subcommittee to examine the important subject of the dwellings of the poor in London, and nominated as secretary Dr. Mahomed, who had taken great interest in the matter, and who was chiefly instrumental in wishing the Council to take it into consideration. In consequence, however, of his lamented death, before anything could be done, the matter has fallen into abeyance.

"Your Council have also attentively examined the Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill now before Parliament. The subject was entrusted to a subcommittee, who suggested various improvements, which have been forwarded, with an explanatory letter, to the Lord Chancellor. In regard to this matter, the subcommittee has, with the consent of the Council, co-operated with the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the parent Association. Your Council desire to record their thanks for zealous and valuable work in this matter to Dr. Mickle, the secretary of the subcommittee, and for much useful assistance to the other members of the subcommittee, especially Dr. Savage of Bethlem Hospital, and Mr. Bristowe, barrister-at-law.

"Your Council have pleasure in reporting that the experiment made last year, of changing the time and place of the annual meeting and dinner, was attended with a highly satisfactory result. At the dinner, 161 were present; and the amount of money received from the sale of dinner-tickets was more than sufficient to meet the expenses.

"From this brief summary of proceedings, it will be evident that the Branch and its Council have been engaged in much useful work during the year. Although the results obtained have not yet been all that could have been desired, much has been done; and your Council must now leave it to the Branch and to their successors in office to carry out what they have begun, and thereby to increase the already recognised reputation of the Branch as an organisation useful not only to the Parent Association, but to the whole medical profession and the general public.

"The ballot for the election of officers and Council has resulted in the unanimous approval of the list proposed by your Council; namely: President: Walter Dickson, M.D. *President-elect*: John S. Bristowe, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents*: Charles J. Hare, M.D.; Walter Rivington, M.S.; C. Macnamara, Esq.; E. Hart Vinen, M.D. *Treasurer*: Septimus W. Sibley, Esq. *Secretaries*: A. Henry, M.D.; W. C. Grigg, M.D. *Eighteen Ordinary Members of Council* (the names to which an asterisk is prefixed are those of new members of Council): \*Charles A. Aikin, Esq.; W. Morrant Baker, Esq.; \*Thomas Barlow, M.D.; J. Wickham Barnes, Esq.; \*George P. Bate, M.D.; \*Thomas Bryant, Esq.; \*Thomas Buzzard, M.D.; \*Alfred Cooper, Esq.; Sidney Coupland, M.D.; Charles Davidson, M.D.; Clement



Godson, M.D.; John T. Griffith, M.D.; George E. Herman, M.B.; \*Berkeley Hill, Esq.; W. J. Mickle, M.D.; Arthur E. Sansom, M.D.; \*Thomas Thyne, M.D.; \*Hermann Weber, M.D. *Representatives of the Branch in the Council of the Association*: Thomas Bridgwater, M.B.; Henry T. Butlin, Esq.; William C. Grigg, M.D.; Septimus W. Sibley, Esq.; Frederick Wallace, Esq."

Mr. E. OWEN proposed: "That the report of Council now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes."

Mr. WALTER SMITH seconded the motion, and suggested that, in consideration of the increase in the membership of the Branch, the number of ordinary members of Council might be augmented.

The PRESIDENT thought that the proposal was good; but it was one which would require careful consideration.

The motion for the adoption of the Report was carried.

*The Council of the Branch.*—Mr. WALTER SMITH proposed:

"That it be an instruction to the Council to consider the question of enlarging the Council of the Branch."

Dr. GRIGG seconded the motion, which was carried.

*Out-patients of Hospitals.*—A report drawn up by a subcommittee on this subject, which had been adopted by the Council, and circulated among the members of the Branch, was taken as read. It contained a summary of the proceedings at the meetings of the several districts of the Branch, held to consider the subject, and concluded with the following recommendation:

"That, in the opinion of this Council, all hospitals should adopt the plan carried out at the London Hospital, of an inquiry into the circumstances of out-patients being entrusted to a paid officer of the hospital; and that governors should cease to grant out-patient letters, unless to persons whom, from their personal knowledge, they know to be deserving, and in a condition to require hospital-relief."

Dr. VINEN proposed, Dr. NORMAN KERR seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the Report of the Council on Out-patients of Hospitals be adopted and entered on the minutes; and that the new Council be authorised to take such steps as may appear advisable for carrying into effect the recommendations contained in the Report."

*Treasurer's Report.*—Dr. DICKSON, Treasurer, presented the balance-sheet for the year. The receipts, including a balance of £10 1s. 1d. from last year, amounted to £165 16s. 7d.; and the expenditure to £160 14s. 6d.; leaving a balance of £5 2s. 1d.

Dr. BRIDGWATER proposed, Mr. ROGERS-HARRISON seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Treasurer's Report be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes; and that the best thanks of the Branch be given to Dr. Walter Dickson for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Treasurer during the last seven years."

Dr. DICKSON thanked the meeting for the vote, but said that much of the credit was due to the honorary secretary, Dr. Henry, who had undertaken the task of collecting the subscriptions.

*Alteration of Law.*—The PRESIDENT proposed, and Dr. GRIGG seconded, an alteration in the law of the Branch relating to the representatives in the Council of the Association; namely that, in place of the member retiring each year not being capable of re-election for one year, he should be at once re-eligible if thought advisable. The motion was carried.

*New President.*—Mr. MACNAMARA, after a few valedictory remarks, left the chair, which was taken by the new President, WALTER DICKSON, M.D.

*Vote of Thanks to Retiring President.*—Dr. HARE proposed, Dr. HENTY seconded, and it was carried by acclamation:

"That the cordial thanks of the Branch be given to Charles Macnamara, Esq., for his efficient and courteous conduct as President during the year; and especially for his able and judicious guidance and assistance in the consideration of those matters of professional importance which have been brought under the notice of the Branch."

Mr. MACNAMARA, in acknowledging the vote, said that he had acted from a sense of duty, and from a desire to increase the usefulness of the Branch. In doing this, he had always been loyally supported by the Council.

*President's Address.*—Dr. DICKSON delivered an address on the geographical distribution of disease, and the preservation of health, in various climates, founded on observations made during eighteen years' service as a medical officer in the Royal Navy.

Mr. SIBLEY proposed, Dr. FOTHERBY seconded, and it was resolved:

"That the cordial thanks of the Branch be given to Dr. Dickson for his able and interesting address."

*Dinner.*—The dinner, which took place at the Holborn Restaurant, was attended by upwards of 160 members and guests. The chair was

occupied by the President, Dr. Dickson; and among the guests was Dr. Crawford, Director-General of the Army Medical Department.

#### SOUTHERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on Thursday, June 18th; Dr. SINCLAIR COGHILL (President-elect) occupied the chair, and 40 members were present.

*The late Mr. Martin Coates.*—Dr. SINCLAIR COGHILL referred to the death of the President, the late Mr. Martin Coates, of Salisbury. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the members of the Southern Branch of the British Medical Association desire to express their deep regret at the death of the President, Mr. Martin Coates, and to record their sympathy with all the members of the family, also their appreciation of his long and honourable career and high reputation as a surgeon."

*President-elect: Annual Meeting in 1886.*—Dr. Kealy, of Gosport, was unanimously elected President-elect, and Gosport was fixed for the place of meeting in 1886.

*Officers and Council.*—The following gentlemen were appointed officers of the Branch for the ensuing year. *Vice-Presidents*: G. A. K. Lake, M.D.; H. B. Norman, Esq. *Members of Council*: F. R. P. Darke, Esq.; J. R. Kealy, M.D.; Brigade-Surgeon C. Mackinnon; J. Neal, M.D.; Fleet-Surgeon W. Reid, M.D., R.N.; R. Shiels, Esq. *Representative on the Parliamentary Bills Committee*: D. Nicolson, M.D. *Representatives on the Council of the Association*: T. W. Trend, M.D.; J. Ward Cousins, M.D. Dr. Ward Cousins was also re-elected Honorary Treasurer and Secretary of the Branch.

*Hydatid Disease of Lungs.*—Dr. R. ROBERTSON read notes of two cases of hydatid disease of the lungs, which, in their history and in the physical signs and symptoms present, resembled cases of pulmonary phthisis, for which they had been mistaken. They were recognised by the expectoration of portions of hydatid cysts (two specimens of which were shown), but were peculiar among cases of phthisis in the insignificant amount of cough and emaciation exhibited, and, in one of the cases, from the persistence of bloody sputa.—The President (Dr. Coghill), and Drs. Driver and Ward Cousins commented on the cases.

*Aneurysm of Aorta.*—Dr. ROBERTSON also showed a specimen of aneurysm of the arch of the aorta, which had caused collapse of the left lung by pressure on the left bronchus, and in which death had resulted from rupture into the bronchus. Notes of the case were read, and of a second case of aneurysm presenting similar symptoms which had been mistaken for lung-disease.—Considerable discussion followed, in which Drs. Driver, Green, Groves, Kealy, Trend, Fleet-Surgeon O'Malley, and the President, took part.

*Estimation of Urea.*—Mr. GREEN (Sandown) read a paper on the importance of estimating the amount of urea passed daily.

*Specimens, etc.*—Dr. F. J. Driver (Southsea) exhibited many microscopic sections.—Dr. Platts (Ryde) exhibited Hodge's new truss, recently described in the JOURNAL.—Dr. Ward Cousins made some remarks on the treatment of congenital hernia in children, and also exhibited a new washable truss.

*President's Address.*—The President gave a short address on Antiseptic Inhalation in Chest-Disease.

During the afternoon, the members visited the Royal National Hospital for Diseases of the Chest.

*Dinner.*—The annual dinner was held at the Crab and Lobster Hotel, under the presidency of Dr. Sinclair Coghill.

#### BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at Carlisle, June 26th, 1885; Dr. MUIR (Selkirk), President, in the chair. Twenty-five members and one visitor were present.

*New Members.*—The following new members were elected to the Branch: John Connel, M.D. (Peebles); R. W. Leeming, M.B., Kendal.

*Report of Council.*—The following report was read and adopted.

"A consideration of the present position of the Society enables the Council to report satisfactory progress. The number of members has increased, the financial condition is prosperous, and the work done bears favourable contrast with that of preceding years."

"There are now 120 members, 18 new members having been elected during the past year; one member has resigned, and four have left the district. With regret, the Council records the loss by death of Dr. W. A. F. Browne, who filled the office of President in 1875-76, and was formerly a very prominent member of the Branch."

"The income of the Branch has been £20 18s. 1d., namely, by balance from 1883, £5 4s. 8d.; and by subscriptions and interest,



£15 13s. 5d. The expenditure was £13 10s. 5d. The balance at the bank on December 31st, 1884, was £7 7s. 8d.

"Three meetings were held during the year; the first at Hawick, being the annual, the second at Kendal, and the last at Galashiels. Twenty-one members attended the Hawick meeting, 13 assembled at Kendal, and at Galashiels 20 members and five visitors were present. Hawick and Galashiels had never been previously visited by the Branch, and the Council records with satisfaction that a large increase to the roll resulted from thus breaking new ground. A discussion on Pneumonia, opened by Dr. Lockie, of Carlisle, formed the principal subject at the Galashiels meeting.

"Collective investigation secretaries were appointed in October last; Dr. Green, of Kendal, for Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Dr. Hamilton, of Hawick, for the Scotch counties.

"During the year, two new medical societies have been formed, namely, the Carlisle Medical Society, and the West Cumberland Medical Society. The Council express an earnest hope that these Societies will ever work in harmony with the Branch, and that the closer drawing together of medical men in special districts throughout the wide area of the Border Counties Branch, will tend to promote the objects for which the Branch was established."

*The late Dr. W. A. F. Browne.*—The following resolution was carried *nem. con.*

"That this meeting desires the President to express its sincere sympathy with the family of the late Dr. W. A. F. Browne, President of the Branch in 1875-76, in the bereavement which they, as well as the Branch, have recently sustained by his death."

*Collective Investigation.*—Dr. HAMILTON (Hawick) said he had no report from the Scotch counties, but that Dr. Green (Kendal) had received 21 cards duly filled up.

*Officers and Council.*—The following were elected officers and Council for the ensuing year. *President:* John Eaton, M.D. (Cleator Moor). *Council:* H. Barnes, M.D.; W. Brown, Esq.; J. Brydon, M.D.; T. F. I'Anson, M.D.; S. Lockie, M.D.; H. Mitchell, M.D.; J. Smith, M.D.; R. Somerville, M.D.; B. R. A. Taylor, Esq. *Secretary:* H. A. Lediard, M.D. *Representative in the Council of the Association:* H. Barnes, M.D. *Representatives in the Parliamentary Bills Committee:* H. Barnes, M.D.; R. Tiffen, M.D. *Auditors:* J. A. Macdougall, M.D.; G. Murphy, Esq.

*Votes of Thanks.*—The retiring President, the Council, and other office-bearers received votes of thanks for their services.

*Places of Meeting.*—The following places were chosen for meetings. Autumn, Maryport; winter, Carlisle; spring, Dumfries; the annual meeting to be subsequently fixed by the Council.

*Presidential Address.*—Dr. Muir retired from the chair, and Mr. C. S. HALL (Carlisle) gave his presidential address "On Some Points Connected with Medical Education," and received a vote of thanks.

*The Thermometer.*—Dr. HADDON (Hawick) read a paper on the "Value of the Thermometer in Practice." In the discussion which followed, the following members took part; the President, Drs. Brydon, Hamilton, Lockie, Somerville, Sanderson, Muir, Taylor, Maclaren, Grange, Macdougall, and Campbell.

*Cases.*—Dr. BARNES showed two female patients; the one being a case of leucocythæmia, and the other a movable kidney, and read notes.

*Patent Medicines.*—Dr. MUIR read a paper on the working of the Patent Medicines Stamp Act, and a resolution in favour of a repeal of the Act was unanimously agreed to.

*Specimens, etc.*—Dr. Maclaren showed the following casts: a tongue and half a tongue removed for epithelial cancer; internal intestinal strangulation; a mass of omentum removed from a hernial sac; and a cæcum, appendix vermiformis, and portion of small bowel, passed by a child *per anum*.—Dr. Lediard showed two boys who had had operations for the radical cure of hernia, performed five years previously, after Wood's method; also a patient whose tongue had been excised with scissors.

*Dinner.*—The members and friends dined together afterwards, 29 sitting down; Mr. C. S. Hall in the chair, Dr. Eaton and Dr. Muir being vice-chairmen. The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent music and other toasts brought a highly successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

**REQUESTS AND DONATIONS.**—The Savernake Cottage Hospital, Marlborough, has received £100 under the will of Mrs. E. Malpass.—Mr. Hen. William Franklyn, of Droxford, bequeathed £50 each to the General Hospital, the Royal Infirmary, and the Hospital for Sick Children, all at Bristol.—Messrs. Crose and Blackwell have given £105 and Mr. W. Burdett-Coutts £100, to the building-fund of the new Great Northern Central Hospital.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch took place on June 23rd, at the Worcester Infirmary.

*Officers and Council.*—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year. *President:* T. Pike, M.D., Malvern. *President-Elect:* R. Thomason, Esq. *Honorary Secretaries:* G. W. Crowe, M.D., Worcester; H. C. Moore, Esq., Hereford. *Representative in the Council of the Association:* G. W. Crowe, M.D. *Representatives in the Parliamentary Bills Committee:* W. Strange, M.D.; G. W. Crowe, M.D. *The Council of the Branch* was re-elected, with Mr. Walter Moore (Stourport) in place of Dr. A. R. Smith (Hereford).

*President's Address.*—Dr. PIKE gave a short address on some of the relations between the Branches and their members.

*Tubal Gestation.*—Dr. THOMAS SAVAGE showed a tubal gestation, about eight weeks, in which a distended vein in the pampiniform plexus had burst, and filled the lower abdomen with blood, placing the patient very rapidly in *extremis*. The abdomen was opened, the blood scooped out, and the left broad ligament tied and cut away. A drainage-tube was inserted. The patient's condition was perfectly satisfactory on the sixth day.—Dr. Savage also showed a large myoma of the ovary.

*Uterine Myoma.*—Dr. SAVAGE read a paper on the surgical treatment of myoma of the uterus. He spoke against enucleation of tumours *per vaginam*, and described the conditions which indicated oophorectomy and hysterectomy. He advised recourse to the former operation, early in the history of the tumour, when it could be performed easily, and with almost absolute freedom from risk. The details of hysterectomy were pointed out, as also the dangers and the causes of death.—A discussion took place, in which Dr. Pike, Dr. Strange, and Mr. Lawson Tait took part. The latter spoke strongly in favour of early removal of the appendages in these cases, and against enucleation.

*Charcot's Disease.*—Dr. CROWE showed a patient with Charcot's disease of the hip-joint.

*Dinner.*—The members subsequently dined together at the Star Hotel.

## LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE forty-ninth annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, on Wednesday, June 24th, 1885. Dr. WATERS (Chester), having taken the chair, introduced Dr. BARRON (Southport) as his successor.

*President's Address.*—Dr. BARRON delivered a long and very interesting address, reviewing the medical and surgical work done by members of the Branch. At the conclusion of the address, Dr. BALHAZAR FOSTER, President of the Council of the Association, moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Barron for his address. This was seconded by Dr. WATKINS (Newton-le-Willows), and carried unanimously.

*Report of Council.*—Dr. GLASCOTT, the Honorary Secretary, read the following report of the Council.

"Your Council has the pleasure of again reporting that the condition of the Branch is in every respect a satisfactory one. During the past year, 69 new members have been elected to the Branch, 19 have resigned or left the district, and 11 have died, leaving 932 names on our roll of members. Amongst the deaths, we have to deplore the loss of two of the oldest members of the Branch—Dr. Noble and Dr. Whitehead; and, within the last few weeks, Dr. Thorburn, also of Manchester, has been removed from our midst.

"During the past year, efforts have been made to remove restrictions on the mode of nomination of members of the Branch Council and representative members in the Council of the Association; and, after repeated discussions at Council meetings held early in the year, a revision of certain of the rules was undertaken, and a special general meeting of the Branch was held at Chester in May last, at which the following important resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That the mode of nomination and election of the ordinary members of the Council be adopted in the case of representative members of the Branch in the Council of the Association.' Previously to the passing of this resolution, the representative members could only be nominated by the Council.

"In October last, probably the largest intermediate meeting ever held of this Branch met at Cheadle, on the kind invitation of the visiting physician and the medical superintendent of the asylum.

"Your Council has the pleasure of announcing that we have this day received a cordial invitation to hold a Branch meeting at Ashton-

under-Lyne, in the autumn of this year, and that a very hearty invitation has also been received from the members of the Branch at Lancaster, for us to hold our next annual meeting there. The invitation will be formally placed before you in the course of this meeting for your acceptance.

"Your Council has to regret the resignation of the post of local secretary for Lancaster, by Dr. William Hall, who has for many years held the post with advantage to the Branch. The name of Mr. William Hall, junior, will be submitted to you for election to the post.

"The financial condition of the Branch is good, the balance in hand at the end of the year 1884 being £127 12s. 9d., against £115 10s. 3d. the year before."

Dr. WATERS moved that the report and balance-sheet be adopted.

Mr. LUND (Manchester) seconded the proposition, which was carried.

*Annual Meeting, 1886.*—Dr. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (Lancaster) moved that the next annual meeting of the Branch be held at Lancaster, and extended a cordial invitation to the Branch, on the part of the members belonging to that ancient town.—Dr. SHUTTLEWORTH (Lancaster) seconded the motion, which was carried.

*President-Elect.*—Dr. JOHNSON proposed that Dr. Harker, of Carnforth, near Lancaster, be appointed president-elect for next year.—Mr. LUND (Manchester) seconded the proposition, which was unanimously passed.

*Vice-Presidents.*—On the motion of Dr. BARRON, seconded by Dr. WATKINS, of Newton-le-Willows; Dr. Davidson, of Liverpool; and Dr. Shuttleworth, of Lancaster, were elected vice-presidents.

*Honorary Secretary and Local Secretaries.*—The honorary secretary, Dr. C. E. Glascott, was re-elected. Mr. William Hall, of Lancaster; Mr. C. E. Steele, of Liverpool; Mr. J. E. Garner, of Preston; Dr. J. M. H. Martin, of Blackburn; Mr. J. Taylor, of Chester; and Mr. D. de Vere Hunt, of Bolton, were nominated the local secretaries.

*Representatives in the Council of the Association.*—The following were elected: G. B. Barron, M.D.; Alex. Davidson, M.D.; Charles E. Glascott, M.D.; Daniel J. Leech, M.D.; James Taylor, Esq.

*Council of the Branch.*—The following were elected: W. Alexander, M.D., Liverpool; F. J. Bailey, Liverpool; J. A. Ball, M.B., Heaton Norris; J. Barr, M.D., Liverpool; P. Braidwood, M.D., Birkenhead; S. Buckley, M.B., Manchester; J. E. Burton, Liverpool; J. S. Bury, M.D., Manchester; A. F. H. Cameron, Liverpool; W. Carter, M.D., Liverpool; J. A. Coutts, M.D., Waterfoot; C. J. Cullingworth, M.D., Manchester; W. M. Campbell, M.D., Liverpool; J. Corns, M.D., Oldham; J. Dreschfeld, M.D., Manchester; T. B. Eames, Stoneclough; A. M. Edge, M.D., Manchester; J. Farrar, Morecambe; H. M. Fernie, Macclesfield; W. H. Fitzpatrick, M.D., Liverpool; J. E. Garner, M.B., Preston; T. R. Glynn, M.D., Liverpool; F. M. Granger, Chester; A. Godson, M.B., Cheadle; W. Hall, Jun., Lancaster; J. Hardie, M.D., Manchester; De Vere Hunt, Bolton; A. Hamilton, Ashton; Leslie Jones, M.D., Manchester; A. Jamieson, M.D., St. Helens; T. Jones, M.B., Manchester; J. Lambert, M.D., Birkenhead; H. Colley March, M.D., Rochdale; E. H. Monks, Southport; G. W. Mould, Cheadle; Chauncey Puzey, Liverpool; E. Rayner, M.D., Stockport; D. Lloyd Roberts, M.D., Manchester; T. L. Rogers, M.D., Rainhill; J. Ross, M.D., Manchester; G. E. Shuttleworth, M.D., Lancaster; Starkey T. Smith, M.B., Warrington; C. E. Steele, Liverpool; G. Thomson, M.D., Oldham; C. Thorp, Todmorden; E. Waters, M.D., Chester; J. W. Watkins, M.D., Newton-le-Willows; F. P. Weaver, M.D., Frodsham; W. Whitehead, Manchester; G. A. Woods, Southport.

*Alteration in the Laws.*—Dr. CULLINGWORTH (Manchester) proposed, "That members present at the annual meeting shall have the power to substitute the names of any eligible members they please for those printed on the balloting paper, whether nominated by the Council or otherwise."—The proposition was seconded by Dr. J. BARR (Liverpool); it provoked a lively discussion, and was ultimately carried by a large majority.

*Communications.*—The following medical and surgical communications were presented to the meeting:

1. Robert S. Archer, M.B.: Case of Epigastric Abscess.

2. J. Brassey Brierley, M.D.: The Progress and Advantages of the Medical Sickness, etc., Assurance Society.

3. Reginald Harrison, Esq.: On the Treatment of Urethral Stricture by Internal and External Urethrotomy combined.

4. Francis Imlach, M.D.: 1. Calculus removed by Nephrolithotomy; 2. Ovary and Tube from a Recent Case of Pelvic Hematocele; 3. Pyosalpinx removed from a Diabetic Patient; 4. Prolapsed Ovaries from a patient with Suicidal Tendencies.

5. A. Emrys-Jones, M.D.: Notes on the Use of Iodoform in Eye-disease.

6. Wm. Walter, M.D.: Large Fibroma of the Uterus removed by Abdominal Section.

*Luncheon* was provided by the members of the Branch resident in Southport, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, from 12.30 to 2 p.m.

*Dinner.*—Seventy members of the Branch sat down to dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel, at 5.30 p.m. Amongst the guests were Dr. Balthazar Foster, President of Council; Dr. Pilkington, the Mayor of Southport; and the Rev. F. R. Pearson.

#### YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SPRING MEETING.

The spring meeting of the Branch was held at Doncaster on April 29th: the President (Mr. KNAGGS) in the chair.

*The late Dr. Tibbits.*—The following resolution was passed unanimously.

"That the Yorkshire Branch of the British Medical Association wish to express their great sympathy with Mrs. Tibbits and her family in the grievous loss they have sustained in the death of Dr. Tibbits."

*Papers, etc.*—The following were read.

1. Mr. McGill related a case of Nephrectomy.

2. Dr. Dyson related a case of Hemoglobinuria.

3. Mr. Charles Atkin read a paper on Acute Arthritis in Infants.

## BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

### FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-third Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Cardiff, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1885.

*President:* JAMES CUMING, M.D., F.R.C.S., Professor of Medicine in Queen's College, and Physician to the Royal Hospital, Belfast.

*President-elect:* W. T. EDWARDS, M.D., F.R.C.S., Physician to the Glamorgan and Monmouth Infirmary, Cardiff.

An Address in Therapeutics will be delivered by W. Roberts, M.D., F.R.S.; Consulting Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by John Marshall, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., Professor of Surgery in University College, and Senior Surgeon to University College Hospital.

An Address in Public Medicine will be delivered by Thos. Jones Dyke, F.R.C.S., Medical Officer of Health, Merthyr Tydvil.

All Sections will be held in the Town Hall.

**SECTION A. MEDICINE.** Crown Court.—*President:* S. Wilks, M.D., F.R.S., London. *Vice-Presidents:* T. D. Griffiths, M.D., Swansea; Byrom Bramwell, M.D., Edinburgh. *Secretaries:* W. Price, M.B., Park Place, Cardiff; E. Markham Skeritt, M.D., Richmond Hill, Clifton.

**SECTION B. SURGERY.** Nisi Prius Court.—*President:* E. H. Bennett, M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin. *Vice-Presidents:* P. R. Cresswell, F.R.C.S., Dowlais; Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., London. *Secretaries:* G. A. Brown, M.R.C.S., Tredegar. Thomas Jones, F.R.C.S., 96, Mosley Street, Manchester.

**SECTION C. OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.** Mayor's Court.—*President:* Henry Gervis, M.D., London. *Vice-Presidents:* S. H. Steel, M.B., Abergavenny; W. C. Grigg, M.D., London. *Secretaries:* A. P. Fiddian, M.B., 6, Brighton Terrace, Cardiff; D. Berry Hart, M.D., 65, Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

**SECTION D. PUBLIC MEDICINE.** Assembly Room.—*President:* D. Davies, M.R.C.S., M.O.H., Bristol. *Vice-Presidents:* E. Davies, M.R.C.S., M.O.H., Swansea; J. Lloyd-Roberts, M.B., Denbigh. *Secretaries:* Edward Rice Morgan, M.R.C.S., Morriston, Swansea; Herbert M. Page, M.D., 16, Prospect Hill, Redditch.

**SECTION E. PSYCHOLOGY.** Ante-Room.—*President:* D. Yellowlees, M.D., Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents:* G. J. Hearder, M.D., Carmarthen; G. E. Shuttleworth, M.D., Lancaster. *Secretaries:* C. Pegge, M.R.C.S., Vernon House, Briton Ferry, Glamorgan; A. Strange, M.D., County Asylum, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury.

**SECTION F. OPHTHALMOLOGY AND OTOLGY.** Grand Jury Room.—*President:* Henry Power, M.B., F.R.C.S., London. *Vice-Presidents:* E. Woakes, M.D., London; D. C. Lloyd Owen, F.R.C.S., Birmingham. *Secretaries:* J. Milward, M.D., 54, Charles Street, Cardiff; A. Emrys-Jones, M.D., 10, St. John Street, Manchester.

**SECTION G. PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS.** Council Chamber.—*President:* T. R. Fraser, M.D., F.R.S., Edinburgh. *Vice-Presidents:* J. Talford Jones, M.B., Brecon; W. Murell,

M.D., 38, Weymouth Street, London. *Secretaries:* Evan Jones, M.R.C.S., Ty Mawr, Aberdare; J. H. Wathen, L.R.C.P., Coburg Villa, Richmond Hill, Clifton.

*Local Secretary:* Alfred Sheen, M.D., Halswell House, Cardiff

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH, 1885.

2.30 P.M.—Meeting of 1884-85 Council. Council Chamber, Town Hall.

3.30 P.M.—General Meeting. Report of Council and other business. Adjourn at 5 P.M. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

8 P.M.—General Meeting. President's Address, and any business adjourned from meeting at 3.30 o'clock. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 1885.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1885-86 Council. Council Chamber, Town Hall.

11.0 A.M.—Second General Meeting. Address in Therapeutics. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

5 to 7 P.M.—Garden Party by the High Sheriff of Glamorgan and Mrs. Hill.

8 P.M.—A *Conversazione* will be given by the President of the Association and the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch. Park Hall, Park Place.

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 1885.

9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council. Council Chamber, Town Hall.

11 A.M.—Third General Meeting. Address in Surgery. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner. Park Hall, Park Place.

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 1885.

10 A.M.—Address in Public Medicine. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

11 A.M.—Sectional Meetings.

2 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting. Assembly Room, Town Hall.

3.30 P.M.—Music and Refreshments at the Windsor Gardens, Penrith, by invitation of Lord Windsor.

8 P.M.—Reception by the Mayor of Cardiff. Park Hall, Park Place.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 1885.

#### EXCURSIONS.

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.

The following subjects have been chosen for special discussion.

1. The Clinical Aspect of Glycosuria. Introduced by F. W. Pavy, M.D. Dr. J. Milner Fothergill, Professor P. W. Latham, Dr. C. H. Ralfe, and Dr. G. H. Savage, will take part in the debate on this subject; and Dr. E. Markham Skerrett will contribute a paper on Acute Febrile Glycosuria.

2. The Treatment of Acute Rheumatism. Introduced by J. S. Bristowe, M.D. Dr. Sidney Coupland, Professor P. W. Latham, Dr. G. B. Barron, Dr. C. H. Ralfe, and Dr. E. Markham Skerrett, will speak in the discussion.

The following papers have been promised.

BRAMWELL, BYRON, M.D. 1. On Right-Sided Endocarditis. 2. (A) Demonstrations of Ulcerative Endocarditis; (B) Microscopical Sections and Drawings of (a) Cardiac Vegetations; (b) Kidneys; (c) Spleen; (d) Skin; (e) Choroid Coat of the Eye; (f) Membranes of the Brain; (g) Brain showing Micrococci.

COUPLAND, SIDNEY, M.D. On Gangrene of the Lung.

DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. 1. The Treatment of Syphilis, and the alleged Prevention of Tertiary. 2. On the Hygienic Treatment of Phthisis.

FOTHERGILL, J. Milner, M.D. When a Patient Dies of Exhaustion, of what does he Die?

GRIFFITHS, T. D., M.D. The Causes of the Localisation of Tubercle in the Apex of the Left Lung.

HARPER, H., M.D. 1. Extraordinary Coma in a Child. 2. Abnormally Shaped Skull.

HARRISON, A. J., M.B. A New Method of Treating Tinea Tonsurans.

MYRTLE, J. A., M.B. Cutaneous Eruptions traceable to Central and Local Nerve-Influences.

RABAGLIATI, A. C. F., M.D. A Criticism of the New Nomenclature of Disease.

SHEEN, A., M.D. Some Points in the Treatment of Enteric Fever.

SKERRET, E. Markham, M.D. Cases illustrative of Rupture of the Pulmonary Air-Vesicles.

SMITH, R. Shingleton, M.D. On Intra-Pulmonary Injections.

STEPHENS, LOCKHART, ESQ. 1. A Case of Simple Stenosis of the Œsophagus, with specimen. 2. A Rare Form of Congenital Heart-Disease.

TATHAM, J., M.D. The Registration of Cases as carried out at the Hospital for Chest Diseases and Consumption, Brompton, and the Investigations proposed to be specially worked out.

#### SECTION B.—SURGERY.

The following discussions will take place.

1. A discussion on Bladder-Tumours, their Diagnosis and Treatment, will be introduced by Mr. R. Harrison. The following gentlemen have expressed their intention to take part in the debate: Professor Guyon (Paris), Dr. Stein (New York), Messrs. Knowsley Thornton, Swinford Edwards, Walter Whitehead, F. T. Paul, Hugh R. Ker.

2. Mr. F. Treves will introduce the subject of Operative Interference in Intestinal Obstruction. The following gentlemen will join in the discussion: Messrs. Lawson Tait, Greig Smith, A. F. McGill, Alfred Eddowes, A. W. Mayo Robson.

The following papers are promised.

BALL, C. B., M.D. Melanotic Sarcoma of the Rectum.

BISHOP, E. Stanmore, Esq. Enterorraphy, with a Description of a New Form of Suture.

CABILL, T. E., Esq. The Latest Surgical Dressings.

FRANKS, KENDAL, M.D. The Application of Permanent Dressings in Antiseptic Surgery.

FRY, J. Farrant, Esq. Cure of Varices by Excision.

HUNT, DE VERE, Esq. Rupture of the Kidney; Football Accident and Recovery.

JAMES, J. Brindley, Esq. On the Treatment of Lumbago and Rheumatic Pains by his Percutor.

KETLEY, C. B., Esq. The Radical Cure of Hernia by Injection.

ROBSON, A. W. Mayo, Esq. Case of Enterectomy for Acute Intussusception; also a series of Surgical Cases illustrating the Use of the Eucalyptus-Air, and Dry Dressings.

ROTH, BERNARD, Esq. Two Hundred Consecutive Cases of Lateral Curvature of Spine treated without Mechanical Supports.

SHEEN, A., M.D. Strangulated Hernia, with Cases.

SNOW, H. Z., M.D. The Non-Hereditary of Cancer.

STEPHENS, LOCKHART, Esq. Suicidal Injury to the Stomach; Death from Internal Hemorrhage.

THOMAS, J. Davies, Esq. (South Australian Branch). Treatment of Pulmonary Hydatid Cysts by the Establishment of Large Openings into the Sac, and subsequent Free Drainage, based upon Thirty-two Cases.

#### SECTION C.—OBSTETRIC MEDICINE.

An Introductory Address is promised by the President.

The following papers are promised.

BARBOUR, A. H. Ireland, M.D. Anatomy of the Placental Site, with reference to the Third Stage of Labour and the First Days of the Puerperium.

HART, D. Berry, M.D. The Mechanism and Management of the Third Stage of Labour. The oxy-hydrogen-light will be used in illustration of the paper.

Dr. A. E. Aust Lawrence and Dr. Francis Imlach have promised to take part in the discussion on these papers.

MADDEN, T. More, M.D. On the Correlation of Topical and Constitutional Treatment in Gynaecological Practice.

PLAYFAIR, W. S., M.D. The Proper Sphere of Constitutional and Topical Treatment in certain forms of Uterine Diseases.

It is hoped that Dr. Clifford Allbutt will be able to take part in the discussion on these papers. Dr. A. E. Aust Lawrence has also promised to assist.

DAVIES, D. A., M.B. Short Notes of a Case of Chronic Inversion of the Uterus.

GRIFFITH, G. de G., Esq. The Arrest of *Post Partum* Hemorrhage.

IMLACH, FRANCIS, M.D. On Pregnancy in Double Uterus, with a Successful Case of Porro's Operation.

KERR, NORMAN, M.D. Hot-water Injections in *Post Partum* Hemorrhage.

LAWRENCE, A. E. Aust, M.D. On the Septic Origin of Pelvic Inflammations.

MADDEN, T. More, M.D. On Ovarian Displacements.

REID, W. L., M.D. The Duty of Consultant and Practitioner in Relation to Puerperal Fever.

Dr. Priestley is expected to take part in the discussions.

Dr. Simon Fitch (Halifax, Nova Scotia) has signified his intention of bringing before the Section his Gynaecological Inventions and Discoveries.

#### SECTION D.—PUBLIC MEDICINE.

The following papers are promised.

AITKEN, L., M.D., Rome. A communication on the result likely to be obtained from the recent meeting of the International Sanitary Conference on Cholera at Rome.

DAVIDSON, J. H., M.B. Summer Diarrhoea of Children.

DAVIES, J. V., Esq. The Natural Elements the most Reliable Disinfectants.

DRYSDALE, C. R., M.D. The Influence of Comfort in Lowering the Death-Rate.

GRIFFITH, G. de G., Esq. On Unity and Differentiation in Disease, and Unity of Poison in Diseases usually considered Separate and entirely Distinct; Evolution from one Unity or Common Origin, and of one Disease from another apparently quite Different.

JAMES, J. Brindley, Esq. Are Coroner's Juries Necessary?

LLOYD-ROBERTS, J., M.B. Epidemic Pneumonia.

MARTIN, J. Esq. Over-pressure in Schools and Home-Lessons.

MAUNSELL, J., M.D. The Various Schemes of Medical Aid with a view of their Adaptation to the Requirements of the Present Day.

PAINE, H. J., M.D. Cholera and other Zymotic Diseases in their Relationship to Sanitation; Practically Illustrated.

PRINGLE, R., M.D. Cholera.

SWETE, H., M.D. A Real Danger, where there is a Constant Service-Supply of Water, of Disseminating Enteric Fever. Illustrated by an Exhibit.

VACHER, F., Esq. Is Summer Diarrhoea of Children One Disease or Many?

WELCH, H., M.B. (Title not communicated.)

WRIGHT, S. H., M.D. Some Remarks on the Present Management of the Sanitary Medical Service, with Suggestions for its Improvement.

Mr. T. J. Dyke will deliver an address.

#### SECTION E.—PSYCHOLOGY.

The following papers are promised.

CAMPBELL, T. A., M.D. Treatment of Maniacal Excitement.

MICKLE, W. J., Esq. Brain-Disease of Traumatic Origin; Cases.

TUKE, D. Hack, M.D. Lunacy Legislation.

#### SECTION F.—OPHTHALMOLOGY AND OTOLGY.

##### OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Dr. Arthur Benson will open a discussion on Atrophy of the Optic Nerve other than Glaucomatous.

The following papers are announced.

ANDREW, Edwyn, M.D. Extirpation of the Eyeball.  
 BRAILEY, W. A., M.D. On Stretching of the Supra-trochlear Nerve.  
 HARTBRIDGE, G., Esq., The Direct Examination of the Cornea and Lens.  
 HEWETSON, H. B., Esq. 1. Antiseptic Precautions during Cataract and other Operations on the Eye, by means of Mr. Mayo Robson's Dry Eucalyptus Spray followed by Antiseptic Dressings. 2. The Treatment of Interstitial Keratitis by Syntectomy in the Acute and Semi-acute Stages without the Assistance of Specific Medicines or Counter-irritants.  
 MOLES, P. H., M.D. Evisceration of the Eyeball.  
 TAYLOR, C. Bell, M.D. 1. Precis of One Thousand Cases of Cataract-Extraction. 2. On the Treatment of Symbblepharon by Epidemic Grafts.  
 The following gentlemen will take part in the discussions: Edgar Browne, Esq.; Frederick Mason, Esq.; W. Charnley, Esq.; Professor McHardy; Frank Hodges, Esq.; Simeon Snell, Esq.

#### OTOLOGY.

Dr. F. M. Pierce will open a discussion on the Pathology and Treatment of Affections of the Ear termed Menière's Disease.

Dr. Woakes will open a discussion on Syphilis a Factor in Ear-Disease.

The following paper has been promised.

HEWETSON, H. B., Esq. On the Immediate Improvement of Hearing following Division of Cicatrices in the Membrana Tympani.

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

The following arrangements have already been made in this Section:

1. The President will deliver his introductory address.
  2. Professor Leech will open a discussion on the Duration of the Action of Medicines.
  3. Dr. Talfourd Jones, Vice-President, will open a discussion on Hypodermatic Medication.
  4. Dr. E. Long Fox will open a discussion on the Action of Diuretics.
  5. The President, Professor Fraser, F.R.S., will open a discussion on the Action and Uses of Digitalis and its Substitutes.
- Dr. Stockman will demonstrate the Action of some members of the Digitalis Group.
- Professor Hay will contribute a paper on this subject.
- Dr. Talpade will take part in this discussion.
- Professor Hay will open a discussion on the Nitrites.
- A debate on Anæsthesia, General and Local, will be opened by Dr. Dudley Buxton, followed by Professor John Chiene and Dr. Milne Murray, Mr. Woodhouse Braine, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Marcus Gunn, and Dr. Redwood.

Dr. Carl Köller, of Vienna, and Dr. Dujardin-Beaumetz, of Paris, will attend and take part in the proceedings of this Section.

In connection with the debate on Anæsthesia, demonstrations of various anæsthetics and apparatus will be given.

Gentlemen are invited to take part in the proceedings of this Section by joining in the discussions arranged, or contributing papers. Early intimation is requested to be made to one of the Secretaries of the Section. Short abstracts of papers to be forwarded to the Secretaries not later than July 23rd.

The following papers have been promised.

AITKEN, Lauchlan, M.D. Subcutaneous Injection of Salts of Quinine and Ergotine.  
 CURRIE, A. S., M.D. The Antagonism between Ether and Chloroform and Ether and Amyl-Nitrite.  
 KERR, Norman, M.D. Ought Alcohol to be prescribed? and how?  
 MAKUNA, M.D., Esq. Short Notes on Extract of Quebracho.  
 RAWLINGS, J. A., Esq. Dietary of Infants.

The Section will be asked to consider a proposal of Dr. Balthazar Foster, made through the Collective Investigation Committee, that this Section should discuss New Remedies, and make a selection for further investigation, in conjunction with the Collective Investigation Committee.

*\*\* Members intending to visit Cardiff during the Meeting, are requested to send in their names, and stating if accompanied by ladies, as soon as possible, to the Honorary Secretary of the Reception Committee, Dr. Alfred Sheen, Halswell House, Cardiff.*

Members desirous of reading papers, cases, or other communications, are requested to forward the titles to the General Secretary, or to one of the Secretaries of the Section in which the paper is to be read, on or before July 21st.

#### EXCURSIONS.

In order to facilitate the arrangements for the excursions, members, in sending in their names, should state if intending to go any of the following excursions.

1. *Tintern Abbey and Raglan Castle.*—The party will leave the Great Western Railway Station, Cardiff, by special train at 10.30, reaching Chepstow at 11.30. Here carriages will be in readiness to drive to Chepstow Castle, and then to the foot of the Windcliff, a perpendicular mass of rocks rising 800 feet above the level of the river, and overhung with thickets; from the summit is obtained a magnificent view of the Wye, and parts of nine counties—namely, Monmouth, Gloucester, Wilts, Somerset, Devon, Glamorgan, Brecon, Hereford, and Worcester. Tintern will be reached at 1 p.m., when luncheon will be served at the Beaufort Arms Hotel. The Abbey will be visited after luncheon; and at 4.50 the special train will leave Tintern Station for Raglan, which will be reached at 5.40. Raglan Castle, one of the most picturesque ruins in Wales, will be visited, and afternoon-tea will be served on the lawn. The party will leave by special train at 7.20 p.m., and reach Cardiff at 8.20 p.m. If preferred, those returning home eastwards may stop at Newport, and catch the mail at 9.5. Arrangements will be made about luggage.

2. *Glastonbury Abbey and Wells Cathedral.*—The party will leave the Taff Vale Railway Station at 8.20 a.m., and proceed by steamship *Sherbro*, from the Pier Head at 8.40 a.m., reaching Burnham at 10.30 a.m. At 10.40, the party will leave by train for Glastonbury, which will be reached at 11.15 a.m. The ruins of the Abbey will be visited. In the cemetery, tradition says, are buried King Arthur and his Queen, Guinever, and Joseph of Arimathea. In the garden grows one of the oldest of the Holy-thorn trees, a graft from the miraculous staff of St. Joseph, which sprouted when thrust into the ground, and ever afterwards retained the power of flowering at Christmas. At 1 p.m., the party will leave by train for Wells, reaching that station at 1.16 p.m. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., at the Swan Hotel, Wells, after which the Cathedral will be visited. The west front of the Cathedral is one of the noblest Gothic *façades* in the kingdom, and is especially interesting for its sculptures, consisting of upwards of 300 statues. The ruined Bishop's Palace will also be seen, occupying, with its pleasure ground, upwards of fourteen acres. Afternoon tea will be provided at 5 p.m., at the Swan Hotel, and at 6 p.m. the return train will leave Wells; and the steamer will leave Burnham for Cardiff at 7.30 p.m., reaching there about 9.20 p.m.

3. *Caerphilly Castle and Dowlais Iron Works.*—By invitation of the Marquess of Bute, a special train will be arranged over the Taff Vale Railway, and down to Caerphilly Castle by the Rhymney Railway, where refreshments will be provided. By kind permission of G. T. Clark, Esq., the Dowlais Iron Works will be visited in this excursion. Caerphilly Castle is one of the largest and grandest old ruins in the kingdom. (The arrangements for this excursion are not yet complete.)

4. *Symonds Yat and the Speech House, Forest of Dean.*—Symonds Yat, near Monmouth, is an elevated cliff, standing 600 feet above the sea-level, and renowned for the singular view which it commands of the numerous and beautiful mazes of the river Wye. The Speech House is charmingly situated in the midst of the Forest of Dean, and is surrounded with forest-drives and open glades. The party will leave the Great Western Railway Station, Cardiff, by special train, at 10.30. At Newport, they will change into the ordinary train for Symonds Yat, which leaves at 11.5, and reaches Symonds Yat at 12.46. Luncheon at 1 p.m., at the Symonds Yat Refreshment House. Tea at 5.30, at Speech House. The party will walk a distance of two miles to Lydbrook Junction, in time to catch the 3.20 train for Speech House, which will be reached at 4 p.m. They will return at 6.24, *via* Lydney, reaching Cardiff at 8.10. Those returning home eastwards can stop at Chepstow for the mail at 9.51.

#### ANNUAL MUSEUM.

THE nineteenth annual exhibition of objects of interest in connection with medicine, surgery, and sanitary science, will take place in the Public Hall, Queen Street, Cardiff, during July 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, 1885. (Floor-space, 9,000 feet.)

The Museum will be divided into the following sections.

SECTION A.—Preparations, diagrams, casts, and models of anatomical and pathological objects, microscopes and microscopical preparations. (Secretary, W. M. Hier Evans, Esq.)

SECTION B.—Surgical and medical instruments and appliances; other instruments for scientific investigation; new medical works. (Secretary, A. Plain, M.B.)

SECTION C.—Foods, drugs, chemicals, and pharmaceutical preparations. (Secretary, Maurice G. Evans, M.D.)

SECTION D. SANITARY SECTION.—1. Books on sanitation. 2. Ambulances and appliances for carrying or moving sick and wounded. 3. Recent improvements in hospital furniture. 4. Personal hygiene,

as clothing, beds, educational appliances, domestic appliances, filters, and arrangements for softening water; disinfectants and disinfecting apparatus. (Secretary (1, 2, 3, 4), E. Seward, A.R.I.B.A.) 5. Sanitary appliances, including drawings, models, and apparatus illustrative of the ventilation, lighting, draining, etc., of hospitals, public buildings, and private dwellings. (Illustrations of defects usually found would be of great interest.) (Secretary, E. M. B. Vaughan, A.R.I.B.A.)

In Sections A and D a printed name and description must be attached to each exhibit.

In Sections B and D, and with microscopes in Section A, exhibitors must send a printed list, with the name, number, and price of each article, and a corresponding number on each exhibit.

*Unless these instructions are carried out, the exhibits will be declined.*

*The medical, surgical, and scientific instruments and sanitary appliances must be genuine novelties or improvements on those in common use.*

#### EXHIBITION OF INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS.

It is intended to arrange for the exhibition of complete series of instruments, electro-therapeutic 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 and apparatus in action.

**CATALOGUE.**—It is intended to print a catalogue of the exhibits in the Museum, and lithograph-plan. Descriptions should be sent in as early as possible, not later than June 20th, 1885.

**TO EXHIBITORS.**—All expenses of carriage to be prepaid, and all risks 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 instrument, etc., to be enclosed in each package, ready to be fixed on the outside of the exhibit.

All communications with reference to the museum and advertisements for the catalogue to be addressed (prepaid) to C. E. HARDY-MAN, Esq., 42, Crockherbtown, Cardiff.

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS.

Notice is hereby given that, at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Town Hall, Cardiff, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, a motion will be made on behalf of the Council that, in Articles 13 and 15, the word "fifty" be altered for "one hundred," so as to read as follows, namely:

13. The Council may, whenever they think fit, and they shall, upon a requisition made in writing by any one hundred or more members, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

15. Upon the receipt of such requisition, the Council shall forthwith proceed to convene a general meeting; and if they do not so within twenty-one days from the date of the requisition, any one hundred members may themselves convene a meeting.

That the following addition be made at the end of By-law No. 27: "Any casual vacancy occurring in the Council may be filled up by any Branch, the representation of which may have become vacant. The return of the election of a representative member by any Branch to fill a casual vacancy, shall be communicated in writing to the Secretary of the Association by the President or Secretary of such Branch. But any person so chosen shall retain his office so long only as the representative member in respect of whom such casual vacancy may occur would have retained the same."

Mr. DIX gives notice that he will move that an addition be made to By-law 22 in the words following:

"The railway fares—first class return—of the Representatives of the Branches who attend the Meetings of the Council shall be paid from the funds of the Association."

Mr. GEORGE BROWN hereby gives notice that he will move an alteration in By-law 17, paragraph (b), so as to read:

"Any member shall be eligible as such representative if he be a member of the Association, and shall not be disqualified to act if not resident within the area of the Branch he has been elected to represent."

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

161A, Strand, London, June 18th, 1885.

**THE LONDON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN.**—On Tuesday last, at a meeting at the school-premises, Professor Gladstone, F.R.S., distributed the prizes to the students of the London School of Medicine for Women, and then gave a short address to the students, in which he said he had viewed with interest the progress of the movement for medical education for the past 30 years. Professor Harvey, M.D., of Calcutta, said that hundreds of thousands of Indians were suffering from the want of medical care. Mr. Norton gave notice of the foundation of the John Byron Scholarship from the proceeds of a legacy recently left to the school. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mrs. Westlake.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

*Unusual Forms of Urticaria.*—*Articular Rheumatism accompanied by Phlebitis.*—*The Pseudo-Rheumatism accompanying Mumps or Parotitis.*—*Contagion of Mumps: Microbes in the Blood.*—*Cholera.*—*Hysteria in Man.*—*General News.*

Dr. ERNEST BESNIER, in a recent clinical lecture at the St. Louis Hospital, described two interesting cases of urticaria in his wards. One of the patients was a young woman, aged 20, who was suddenly seized with *malaise*, lost her appetite, and had a general feeling of pain and lassitude. The same evening, she was covered with a pruriginous eruption, which was very abundant; it became confluent and redder, but, after a short time, the pruriginous character was less marked. On one occasion, she was seized with severe dyspnoea; the temperature was very high. She suffered extreme distress, vomited bile, and had severe colic; she was threatened with syncope. This condition lasted 24 hours. The eruption changed character. There was only a little redness diffused over the body. No cause can be assigned for the attack of nettlerash. The second patient suffered from a form of urticaria that Dr. Besnier says might be called *autographic urticaria*. On rubbing the skin, the impression remains; with blunt-edged instruments, words can be traced. This condition depends on the vaso-motor nerves, and is rarely met with. The patient in question had arthritic antecedents. His health had been greatly impaired by grief and anxiety; he became hypochondriacal, and suffered intensely from prurigo. There was considerable disturbance of the cutaneous vascular system. [This form of disease is well known to English medical writers, under the name of *factitious urticaria*.]

Dr. Letulle records an interesting case of rheumatic fever accompanied by phlebitis. The patient was originally attacked by primary pharyngitis, which was followed by articular rheumatism. The first attack was followed by a second, complicated by endocarditis of the mitral valve and double pleurisy. The third presented phlebitis of the saphenous and femoral veins, then oedema, a high temperature, and pain. The presence of a clot in each vein was ascertained. The limb was wrapped in cotton-wool. M. Letulle believes that this form of phlebitis affects most often the veins of the leg, and most especially the left leg.

MM. Lannois and Lemoine publish some new facts concerning the rheumatic complications of mumps. Pains in the articulations during this malady occur more often in men than in women, independently of rheumatic antecedents. They always appear when the swelling of the parotid gland is diminished, and it is almost of normal size. All the joints may be invaded by these pseudo-rheumatic pains. The diagnosis between this form of rheumatism and true rheumatism is easily made. In pseudo-rheumatism, the articulations affected are neither hot nor red; the principal feature is stiffness of the joint. The pain is rarely considerable. In five or six days the symptoms disappear. Frequently they reappear when the ordinary habits are resumed, and the second attack may be followed by others.

M. Jaccoud, in a recent clinical lecture at the Hôpital de la Pitié, drew attention to a case of mumps presenting infectious symptoms. The patient entered after the first symptoms had abated. The swelling of the parotid glands had diminished; the right testicle was much swollen and very painful. The temperature was very high, at night reaching 40.4° Cent. (104.2° Fahr.); the subsequent evenings, it reached 41° (108.8° Fahr.). Endocarditis, affecting both the sigmoid and mitral valves, set in. Dr. Jaccoud regarded this complication as an indication of the infectious character of this case of mumps. Gradually the symptoms disappeared; but the cardiac *bruits* remained, though much enfeebled. M. Netter examined the blood of the patient, and found that it contained microbes. Dr. Jaccoud enumerates the three following symptoms as clinical indications of infection: fever, endocarditis, and transient albuminuria. M. Auguste Ollivier, in a communication to the Académie de Médecine on the contagious character of mumps, stated that the contagious character of this affection can be no longer doubted. MM. Capitan and Charrin have made some researches to ascertain the agent of this contagion, and assert that it is a special micro-organism contained in the blood and saliva. Inoculations made with it furnished negative results. M. Barth, in a recent thesis, published notes of a serious case of parotiditis in Dr. Bouchard's wards. Microbes were present in his urine and saliva. In the urine and saliva of a male child, aged 11, suffering from mumps, Dr. Ollivier observed epithelial cells, lymphatic corpuscles, short rods, and micro-



officer, who is responsible to the guardians for the due performance of his duty, he would be justified in objecting to a consultant, whoever he may be, being called in, unless he, the medical officer, was of opinion that such consultation might be of benefit to his patient. Lady visitors and benevolent persons are very apt to suggest that some gentleman in whom they have confidence should be called to see some interesting sick pauper. If, as our correspondent puts it, this lady visitor, or benevolent person, should be disposed to take the case entirely off the parochial medical officer's hands, then he or she is clearly at liberty to call in one or a dozen consultants; but so long as the medical officer is in charge of the case, there is no right existent whereby any medical man can see the case without the assent of such medical officer; and in the very rare contingency of the visitor so offering to pay a fee to both parties, it is distinctly optional to the medical officer to meet, or refuse to meet, any such consultant.

#### THE CONWAY BOARD OF GUARDIANS AND THEIR DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER.

We learn from the *Liverpool Daily Post*, of June 13th, that at the meeting of the above Board, held the preceding day, the Rev. W. Venables Williams presiding, some remarkable proceedings took place. The chairman read a letter from Mr. Davies, who declined to accept £10 annually for the supply of cod-liver oil and quinine, and for extra fees, to which it had been the object of the chairman to compel Mr. Davies to assent, under a threat, of personal consequences, if he did not comply. He then proceeded to comment on our article of June 6th, in which we drew attention to what was being attempted by the chairman and certain of the Guardians of the Conway Union; for we are pleased to note that they are not unanimous in the matter. "He would deal with the matter," the chairman said, "as it had now become a matter, not of local but national importance." He then read the article, which was based on a report which appeared in the *Liverpool Daily Post* of May 30th. To this he had replied, that six ounces of quinine had been dispensed between 18 patients, and not 50, as alleged in that article, and that it was untrue that the board room was cleared, and the matter was discussed in *camera*. He had a copy of the report, and it contained nothing of the kind. He found, therefore, that this information had been supplied from some other source than the *Daily Post*. He then commented upon the resolution passed by the Council of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association, published in the *JOURNAL* of June 13th, and denounced it "as insolent to the board, and offensive to himself as chairman." He further expressed himself, in very strong language, as regards the interference of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association. Mr. Davies was called in, and questioned as to the persecution and annoyance to which he had been subjected; when he denied all knowledge of the article in question, or of the resolution of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association. The chairman then insisted on his answering whether he had been subjected to persistent annoyance and persecution, to which Mr. Davies replied "No," "but he must qualify that answer." The Chairman: "Have the Board fettered you in any way?" Mr. Davies: "He felt that he had been fettered; when going to Llandudno, one set of guardians wanted one thing, and one set another." "Then," said the chairman, "we are one body, and have not two sets. We have no distinction of party here." He was then questioned as to whether he was a member of the British Medical Association, and of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association, to which he replied that he was. He also acknowledged that he had communicated with the Council on this subject. "Then," said a guardian, "you are the we."

The chairman then proceeded with his comments, charging Mr. Davies with making fraudulent claims, and misrepresenting himself and the board to those "irrepressible busybodies in London;" to which Mr. Davies quietly replied "that he was proud to belong to both of those associations, and to find that they were supporting him in a quarrel which was none of his seeking." He then asked leave to retire, to which the chairman replied, "Oh, no; you must stand here; you must stand fire." The board then proceeded to pass a resolution, condemnatory of the resolution of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association, and of their interference between the board and their officer on a matter still in dispute. The resolution was carried with one dissentient voice, to wit, Mr. John Roberts of Llandrillo; as was also one withholding the cheque for the quarter's salary and extra medical fees, two of the guardians opposing this last resolution.

It will be seen from the above that the chairman has succeeded in inducing his colleagues, as he intimated in the letter we lately published, not absolutely to refuse to pay, but to withhold the salary.

It will also be noted that the chairman, in the said letter, whilst disclaiming any personal feeling in the matter, does not deny that it was on his initiative that pressure was put on Mr. Davies to accept the offer of £10 a year for expensive medicines and extra fees; and, finding that he would not agree to this, he caused the cod liver-oil and quinine to be dispensed by a local druggist, with the result that it became, as might have been expected, a more costly procedure. Finding such was the case, he again renewed his attempt to force Mr. Davies to accept his original offer, with the result we have seen.

Again referring to Mr. Williams's letter, it will be noted how he construes the expression he had made use of, "that this was done out of revenge at the board having ordered the medicines to be supplied by a local chemist," and the insinuation he conveys that the medical officer had some guilty knowledge of fraudulent substitute of grey powder and bismuth for quinine, etc., when all that Mr. Davies was empowered to do was to write a prescription, which was countersigned by the relieving officer, and then taken to the druggist.

**PRESENTATION.**—A very handsome marble timepiece has been presented to Dr. Arthur Fiegan by the nurses and attendants of the Northumberland County Asylum, Cottingham, Morpeth, on the occasion of his leaving to assume the position of Medical Superintendent of the Castlebar Asylum, County Mayo, Ireland.

**MEDICAL CORONER.**—Dr. Joseph Smith, of Naas, has been elected coroner for the northern division of the county of Kildare, *vice* Hayes, resigned.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.**—At the monthly examinations for the Licences of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, the following candidates were successful.

*Licence to practise Medicine and Midwifery.*—W. E. Dawson, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex; B. Lane, Ballycarton, Londonderry; A. J. Luther, Ballyorgan, co. Limerick; J. J. Norton, Dublin; R. C. Thacker, Mageny, Queen's County.

*Licence to practise Medicine only.*—C. I. Faulkner, Dublin; G. B. N. Flanagan, Dublin; J. H. Foley, Wexford; F. S. Gramshaw, Easingwold; E. Lambkin, Dublin; D. M. O'Callaghan, Mortimer, Berkshire; M. P. O'Donovan, Rathmines; C. J. Perrott, Donnybrook.

*Licence to practise Midwifery only.*—J. Barron, M.D., Templepatrick; G. Clarke, M.D., Portadown; J. Moore, M.D., Newcastle West; S. J. Moore, M.D.R.U.I., Belfast; W. R. Parker, M.R.C.S.Eng., Kirkdale, Liverpool; W. Rankin, M.B.Glasg., Churchton, Londonderry.

The following Licentiate in Medicine of the College, having complied with the by-laws relating to membership, pursuant to the Supplemental Charter of December 12th, 1878, has been duly enrolled a Member of the College.

H. I. Kirkpatrick, Lic. Med. 1876, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.**—A public meeting of the Senate was held on Wednesday, May 27th, 1885, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Emly, Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Creed Meredith announced that the following honours had been awarded at the Second Examination in Medicine: First-Class Honours, A. E. I. Birmingham, Catholic University School of Medicine; Second-Class Honours, J. W. Wilson, Belfast; First-Class Exhibition of £40 to A. E. I. Birmingham. At the Examination for the Degree of Master of Surgery, First-Class Honours to W. J. Cowden, Belfast, and a special prize of £20. At the Examination for the Degree of Master of Obstetrics, First-Class Honours to F. J. Tresilian, Cork, and a special prize of £20.

The following Degrees were conferred.

*Degree of M.D.*—S. Alexander, J. Barron, J. R. Burrows, A. Corry, and G. B. Crawford, Belfast; M. H. Curtin, and T. W. Dwyer, Cork; R. English, Belfast; G. H. Foot, and R. E. Foot, Cork; M. H. Hannigan, Catholic University School of Medicine; W. R. Hawkins, and D. Hennessy, Cork; W. J. Loughrey, Belfast; J. M'Aleer, Galway, and Catholic University School of Medicine; M. M'Carthy, Cork; W. B. R. M'Wha, Belfast; G. F. H. Marks, Cork; J. Meenan, Carmichael College of Medicine; J. Musgrave, J. J. Nagle, and J. J. O'Brien, Cork; R. Petticrew, and E. L. Pooler, Belfast; J. Ryan, Galway, and Catholic University School of Medicine; J. M. Savage, Belfast; W. Sexton, Galway; J. H. Sharpe, Carmichael School of Medicine; N. Smyth, and R. Thomson, Belfast; F. J. Tresilian, Cork; M. J. Whitty, Cork, and Catholic University School of Medicine; and S. Wilson, Belfast.

*Degree of M.B.*—R. M. Griffin, Ledwich School of Medicine; J. P. O'Byrne, Catholic University School of Medicine; and J. J. Walsh, Royal College of Surgeons, and Ledwich School of Medicine.

*Degree of M.Ch.*—J. Barron, W. J. Cowden, M.D., and G. B. Crawford, Belfast; M. H. Curtin, T. W. Dwyer, R. E. Foot, and W. R. Hawkins, Cork; J. M'Aleer, Galway, and Catholic University School of Medicine; M. M'Carthy, Cork; W. B. R. M'Wha, Belfast; G. F. H. Marks, Cork; J. Meenan, Carmichael College of Medicine; J. Moore, M.D., and J. Musgrave, Cork; J. P. O'Byrne, Catholic University School of Medicine; R. Petticrew, and E. L. Pooler, Belfast; J. Ryan, Galway, and Catholic University School of Medicine; W. Sexton, Galway; N. Smyth, and R. Thomson, Belfast; F. J. Tresilian, Cork; J. J. Walsh, Royal College of Surgeons, and Ledwich School of Medicine; and M. J. Whitty, Cork, and Catholic University School of Medicine.

*Degree of Master of Obstetrics.*—M. Connery, Cork; A. Corry, Belfast; M. H. Hannigan, Catholic University School of Medicine; D. Hennessy, M. M'Carthy, and M. M'Swiney, Cork; W. B. R. M'Wha, and R. Petticrew, Belfast; J. Ryan, Galway, and Catholic University School of Medicine; W. Sexton, Galway; and F. J. Tresilian, Cork. This Degree was also conferred upon the following gentlemen, in lieu of the Diploma in Obstetrics which they had heretofore obtained: W. Barter, P. Blackall, J. W. Bullen, J. Craig, T. Cromie, B. Hosford, G. J. W. Johnston, W. J. Le Grand, H. Lewers, S. M'Kee, J. M'Murray, M. M'Vicker, B. Mangan, R. H. Matthews, J. M. Prendergast, W. Roulston, W. Rutherford, J. Sheedy, J. Strahan, and P. B. White.

**UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.**—At the Trinity Term Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine (M.B.), held on Monday, June 8th, 1885, and following days, the successful candidates passed in the undermentioned order of merit.

W. S. Dobbin, W. Leah, G. T. Revington, A. E. Switzer, E. Hoghen, W. P. Morgan, W. C. Poole, A. E. Dixon, A. S. Patton, C. Garner and H. J. Hadden (equal), J. D. Wynne, J. M. Day, E. W. A. Gray, A. Findlater and W. B. Stokes (equal), W. A. Ardagh, F. A. G. Davis, R. L. Donaldson, T. Du B. White, J. J. Russell, W. I. Donaldson, W. V. Macmahon, E. G. Newell.

At the corresponding Examination for the Degree of Bachelor in Surgery (B.Ch.), held on Monday, June 15th, 1885, and subsequent days, the successful candidates were arranged in order of merit as follows.

A. S. Patton, E. Hogben, A. E. Switzer, R. K. Johnston, W. C. Poole, W. P. Morgan, W. A. Ardagh, C. Garner, J. T. Bouchier-Hayes, R. L. Donaldson, J. M. Day, E. J. Farmer, G. T. Revington, J. J. Russell and J. D. Wynne (equal), T. Du B. Whaithe, D. Conway and N. M. Falkner (equal), A. J. Boyd and R. J. Montgomery (equal), G. Hilliard.

At the Summer Commencements in Trinity Term, held on Thursday, June 25th, in the Examination Hall of Trinity College, the following Licence in Surgery and Degrees in Medicine and Surgery were conferred by the University Caput, in the presence of the Senate.

*Licentiate in Surgery*.—D. Conway.

*Bachelors in Surgery*.—W. A. Ardagh, J. T. Bouchier-Hayes, A. J. Boyd, J. M. Day, R. L. S. Donaldson, E. J. Farmer, C. Garner, E. Hogben, R. K. Johnston, R. J. Montgomery, W. P. Morgan, A. S. Patton, W. C. Poole, G. T. Revington, J. J. Russell, A. E. Switzer, T. Du B. Whaithe, J. D. Wynne.

*Bachelors in Medicine*.—W. A. Ardagh, J. T. Bouchier-Hayes, F. A. G. Davis, J. M. Day, A. E. Dixon, W. S. Dobbin, R. L. S. Donaldson, W. I. Donaldson, A. Findlater, C. Garner, E. W. Gray, H. J. Hadden, E. Hogben, W. Leal, W. P. Morgan, E. G. Newell, A. S. Patton, W. C. Poole, G. T. Revington, J. J. Russell, W. B. Stokes, A. E. Switzer, T. Du B. Whaithe, J. D. Wynne.

*Doctors in Medicine*.—F. G. Goodman, T. Harrison, W. F. Law, J. F. Pollock, J. E. B. Purdon, R. W. C. Taylor.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 25th, 1885.

Baronoff, Paronnag-Jean, 46, Guilford Street, Russell Square.  
Bigger, William Grimshaw, M.R.C.S., Riverview, Londonderry.  
Hutchinson, Procter Selby, M.R.C.S., 15, Cavendish Square, W.

On the same day, the following gentleman passed his Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, and received a certificate to practise.

Rigg, Vincent John, White House, Fillongley, Coventry.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN. Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications by July 7th.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications by July 6th.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN, Shadwell, E.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by July 30th.

HANTS COUNTY ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Committee of Visitors, Knowle, Fareham, by July 8th.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY DISPENSARY AND LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Honorary Obstetric Physician. Applications to the Chairman of the Board by July 18th.

ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by July 18th.

ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician. Applications by July 8th.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—School Demonstrator of Physiology and Practical Physiology. Applications to Mr. G. Rendle.

SALOP AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES LUNATIC ASYLUM, Shrewsbury.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by July 8th.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Brighton.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by July 15th.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £63 per annum. Applications by July 11th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BRAMWELL, H., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary, *vice* I. Waldy, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., who has been promoted to the office of House-Physician.

FENWICK, Charles, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed., appointed Medical Officer to the Raphoe Dispensary of Strabane Union, *vice* R. Little, L.R.C.S.I., deceased.

FINGGAN, Arthur, L.K.Q.C.P. and L.M., L.R.C.S.I., Assistant Medical Officer, Northumberland County Asylum, Morpeth, appointed Medical Superintendent of the District Asylum, Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland.

GABSTANG, E. M., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Bolton Infirmary and Dispensary.

THURSTON, Edgar, L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A., appointed Superintendent of the Pre-sidential Museum, Madras.

### 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.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 4 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 2.30 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 Central, 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.—King's College, 3 to 4 P.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.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 2.30 P.M.

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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, W., 2; Throat, Th., 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., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; 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.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

PUBLIC MORTUARIES.—At an inquest held at the St. Pancras Coroner's Court on Tuesday, at the close of the inquiries, the foreman of the jury desired to enter an emphatic protest, on behalf of himself and fellow-jurors, against the disgraceful mortuary accommodation, or rather want of accommodation, in St. Pancras. A rider was appended to each of the verdicts, declaring "that the present dangerous and unhealthy state of the mortuary, and the want of proper accommodation for the holding of inquests, showed that the St. Pancras Vestry had no consideration for the living, and a total disregard of the dead."



## POISONING BY ICE-CREAMS.

SIR,—With reference to the cases of "poisoning by ice-creams" mentioned in the JOURNAL of June 13th, page 1213, allow me to suggest that the symptoms of poisoning shortly after eating yellow ice-creams are probably caused by the yellow chromate of potash being used to impart the yellow colour. A case of poisoning by chromate of potash has recently occurred in this town in which the chromate was taken by mistake for "flowers of sulphur." The case is interesting from the fact that poisoning by chromate of potash is of very rare occurrence; and if any reader of the JOURNAL has met with a case of poisoning by chromate of potash, I hope he will publish it, with an account of the symptoms. Cases of poisoning by bichromate of potash have occurred from time to time.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN MARSHALL, L.R.C.P.Lond., Dover.

## HOME FOR THE INTEMPERATE.

SIR,—Can any of your readers kindly inform me of a home for the cure of intemperance, where a gentleman could be received by paying £100 per annum? Such information would greatly oblige, yours truly,

A. S.

\* \* Dalrymple Home, The Cedars, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. Apply to the Superintendent, R. W. Branthwaite, Esq.

## EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS.

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers kindly inform me where I can find the leading arguments in favour of vivisection? A MEMBER.

\* \* A Member is referred to the publication issued by the Association for the Advancement of Medicine by Research, published by J. W. Colekman, 2, Langham Place, W., and also to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, vol. i, 1880, pp. 114, 458, 560, 596, 665; vol. ii, 1880, pp. 53, 400; vol. i, 1881, pp. 133, 660, 777, 1013; vol. ii, 1881, p. 836; vol. i, 1882, pp. 60, 429, 880, 885; vol. ii, 1882, pp. 219, 748.

## CORRECTION.

By an accident in printing the JOURNAL of June 20th, the last line of the first column of page 1255 is missing in some copies. The last sentence of the paragraph, in its complete form, is, "The first number will contain a series of contributions by leading British authorities."

## PUBLIC MEDICAL OFFICERS AND POLITICS.

SIR,—Is a medical officer of health, or a district medical officer, or a public vaccinator, or a certifying factory surgeon, permitted by the central authorities to take an active part in political warfare, such as canvassing, addressing meetings, etc.?—Yours, etc.,

ADVANCED LIBERAL.

\* \* No restraint is, so far as we are aware, put upon the expression of the political views or proclivities of any medical man holding a public office.

## SHELTER FROM THE EAST WIND.

M.D. ASKS for information respecting any place where a patient might be sent who cannot stand the effects of an easterly wind. He asks if Torquay or Ventnor are perfectly sheltered from this wind?

\* \* Scarcely any seaside health-resort can be said to be perfectly sheltered from the east wind. Torquay and Ventnor are only partially sheltered. But particular localities in several health-resorts are more sheltered than others. Perhaps about the best sheltered health-resort in this respect is Bridge of Allan; near Stirling, or Grange on Morecambe Bay, if one reside at its new hotel, Llanfairfechan, in North Wales, might also be tried.

## EXCESSIVE SWEATING IN THE AXILLÆ.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you, or any of your correspondents, can assist me in the following case.

The patient is a young man, aged 25; he enjoys good health, and is free from any systemic weakness; his habits are strictly temperate; he has suffered from excessive sweating in the axillæ for the past two years. I have tried numerous remedies without any permanent relief internally. I have given iron, quinine, strychnine, liquor arsenicalis, belladonna, atropia, sulphuric acid, phosphoric acid, fluid extract of ergot. Local applications have been tried in the form of dusting powders, bismuth, oxide of zinc, starch, sanitary rose-powder, boracic acid, oleate of zinc, zinc-ointment, solution of nitrate of silver (40 grains to an ounce), solid nitrate of silver, collodion, tannic acid and glycerine, liniment of belladonna, application of hot and cold water, vinegar and water. There is no appearance of a local lesion, such as thickening or thinning of the epidermis.—Yours faithfully,

INQUIRERS.

## THE QUESTION OF TYING THE UMBILICAL CORD AFTER LABOUR.

SIR,—In your issue of February 21st, 1885, page 397, there is a paragraph relating to the question of tying the umbilical cord after labour ending thus: "but the present practice of tying is both safe and wise." May I venture to raise the question of the necessity of tying the cord in two places?

Those practitioners who have been in the habit of only tying once, and allowing the placental end of the cord to bleed into a receptacle (thereby saving the bedclothes) will no doubt bear testimony to the advantage of the same method, and to the fact that the placenta, being reduced in bulk (by evacuation of contained blood), comes away much more easily. This practice I learnt from my father, and there is no doubt that it is right, because conforming to the laws of nature. Should the hæmorrhage in rare cases prove excessive, the second ligature could be easily used.

The importance of this method of tying only once increases now that it is a settled point that the accoucheur's hand should be on the uterus during expulsion of the foetus, and until the placenta is also expelled.

With the left hand on the uterus, and the right hand left free for emergencies, or engaged in turning the patient on her back, the nurse can be safely trusted to tie the cord once, and so the most important duties of the accoucheur at the most important time are not interfered with.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

W. E. HACON, formerly Resident Accoucheur, Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

Christchurch, New Zealand.

P.S.—I should be glad to hear if any member can give any case in which he ever regretted following the plan of only tying once.

'A SURGEON' should consult a medical agent.

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Suicide, Its History, Literature, Jurisprudence, Causation, and Prevention. By W. Wynn Westcott, M.B. London: H. K. Lewis. 1885.

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