

THE EPIDEMIC IN FRANCE.

WITHIN the twenty-four hours ending Wednesday morning, there are reported to have been ten deaths from cholera at Toulon. Wednesday's telegrams state that the decrease in the number of deaths from cholera at Marseilles continues. Out of a total of sixty-three deaths on Wednesday, there were only twenty-seven from cholera. The same day's record of the Pharo Hospital gives thirteen admissions, nine discharged as cured, and nine deaths, leaving eighty-five still under treatment.

ROME.

SINGLE isolated cases of a suspicious character are reported to have occurred at Bologna, Borgetaro, Voltri, and Bagna-Cavallo, but not such as afford grounds for apprehension. Otherwise, the public health reports are most satisfactory.

QUARANTINE AT TURKISH PORTS.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a dispatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Constantinople, reporting that the Ottoman Health Administration has increased to twelve full days the quarantine on vessels from any port of Spain and the Mediterranean coast of France. Such vessels will undergo a severe medical inspection when passing the Dardanelles.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

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.

A meeting of the Council will be held on 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 the meeting, namely, 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 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 HÆMOGLOBINURIA.
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 Medical College, Madras, on the first Friday in the month, at 4.30 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.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Hastings, on Friday, September 25th. Dr. Cooke will preside. The following communications are promised:—The Chairman, A case of Perforating Ulcer of the Stomach; Mr. W. Grant Jones, A case of Chronic Ulcer of the Stomach. Notice of intended contribution of papers, or cases, should be sent to the honorary secretary, T. JENNER VERRALL, 95, Western Road, Brighton.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Kidney-Lesion in Diabetes.—Chromidrosis.—Delme on Hysteria, Anorexia, Uremia, and Boulimia.—Bouchard on the Etiology of Cholera.—A Medical Trial.—Cholera Rumours.

M. STRAUSS has observed in the kidneys of diabetic patients a lesion which never varies in character. In the boundary zone, the epithelial cells of the looped tubules of Henle are infiltrated with glycogen; this, although frequently met with in kidneys of diabetic patients, is not constant. Erlich has described this condition; Armani and Erbstein examined the kidneys of diabetic patients, and described hyaloid degeneration of the tubes of Henle. This lesion and the one described by Erlich—infiltration of glycogen—are easily mistaken one for the other; if, whilst making the preparation, the glycogen be prevented from dissolving in the water, the cellular infiltration is easily detected; but if this precaution be not taken, the observer believes in the presence of hyaloid degeneration. M. Strauss rendered animals diabetic by pricking the fourth ventricle, or by injecting glucose under the skin, but their kidneys did not present the lesion above described.

M. FÉROL described, at a recent meeting of the Académie de Médecine, a case of chromidrosis. Last year (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 7th) M. Leroy de Méricourt also read notes to the Society of an example of this affection, disbelieved by many medical and scientific men; and M. FÉROL has carefully studied and examined the patient, a young girl, who is the subject of this present communication, and declares this instance of chromidrosis to be authentic. Last year, she had a series of hystero-epileptic attacks, incurable sickness, and intense ovarian pains. These symptoms disappeared two months ago, and the patient went to Dr. FÉROL to thank him; he was then struck by the blueness of her eyelids, which became more and more marked whilst she talked; when the under surface of her eyelids was rubbed hard, this tint disappeared, and the linen presented a slightly bluish colour. The colour re-appeared if it were mentioned to her, but unaccompanied

MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

THE EXCHANGE OF CONSULTING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE.

M.D., Etc.—The lucrative, and, comparatively speaking, easy class of practice, conjoined to "the status of a consulting and family physician, coveted by" our correspondent, is, even under the most favourable circumstances, difficult to acquire, and falls to the lot of few, and rarely, we fear (however worthy of the position) to general practitioners who have devoted the better part of their life to mining, club, and like practice. In relinquishing the mining and other appointments, together with the more important obstetric practice, it would, in our opinion, under the circumstances, have been well for "M.D." to court-teously intimate to such patients the necessity he felt, after twenty-five years' hard work, and consequent intention, to retire from the more laborious duties of the profession, and confine himself to the less exhausting ones of a consulting and private family practice; and such expressed intention would doubtless have soon been made known to others, and the desired publicity obtained. We need scarcely add that any public, in contradistinction to private, notification of his wished for class of practice, would not only be unethical and directly opposed to the rules and practice of the faculty, but calculated to effectually thwart his ambition. The only practical suggestion that presents itself to our mind on the subject, is for our correspondent to avail himself of any favourable opportunity that offers in the course of conversation with discreet and judicious-tongued friends, to incidentally and cautiously allude to the object he had in view in resigning his late appointments, and thus, so to speak, to "set the ball rolling." To attain the coveted position, however, he must enjoy the confidence and good will of the district practitioners alike with that of the public; and the matter will be facilitated if he have already carefully cultivated the professional ground. At the same time, we apprehend that his retention and active pursuit of private family practice will more or less clash with that of the local general practitioners, and, so far, militate against the attainment of the object of his desire, namely, "the status and practice of a consulting and family physician."

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Intermediate Examination in Medicine. Examination for Honours. Anatomy.

First Class.—H. P. Dean, B.Sc. (Exhibition and Gold Medal), University College; F. H. Taylor (Gold Medal), London Hospital. *Second Class.*—A. A. Kanchack, B.A., University College, Liverpool; *P. Ashworth, B.Sc., Owens College, and *A. H. Tubby, Guy's Hospital; *M. P. Ledward, Owens College, and *G. B. Smith, Guy's Hospital. *Third Class.*—C. W. Jecks, University College; J. O. Tunstall, University College; G. E. Rennie, B.A. Sidney, University College.

Materia Medica and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

First Class.—G. E. Rennie (Exhibition and Gold Medal), University College; **E. H. Starling, Guy's Hospital; **A. A. Kanchack, University College, Liverpool; P. Ashworth, Owens College; T. Fisher, Guy's Hospital. *Second Class.*—*E. O. Ashe, London Hospital; *C. P. Crouch, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and *A. H. Tubby, Guy's Hospital. *Third Class.*—M. P. Ledward, Owens College; W. S. Colman, University of Edinburgh and University College; G. H. O'Reilly, King's College; I. M. Macdonald, London School of Medicine for Women; C. C. B. Burt, Westminster Hospital.

Organic Chemistry.

First Class.—E. H. Starling (Exhibition and Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital; **H. P. Dean, University College. *Second Class.*—*J. Wilkie, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and *W. G. Williams, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; *W. P. May, B.Sc., University College, and *A. Scott, Guy's Hospital. *Third Class.*—J. O. Tunstall, University College; W. S. Colman, University of Edinburgh and University College; J. L. Roberts, B.A., B.Sc., Guy's Hospital.

Physiology and Histology.

First Class.—E. H. Starling (Exhibition and Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital; P. Ashworth (Gold Medal), Owens College; A. A. Kanchack, University College, Liverpool; B. Melland, Owens College; J. L. Roberts, Guy's Hospital; J. Wilkie, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. *Second Class.*—C. W. Jecks, University College; F. H. Taylor, London Hospital; H. E. L. Canney, University College; G. E. Rennie, University College; G. Black, Guy's Hospital; W. S. Colman, University of Edinburgh and University College. *Third Class.*—W. P. May, University College; W. G. Williams, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The * denotes equality of merit; ** obtained the number of marks qualifying for a Medal.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received a certificate to practise, on Thursday, August 20th, 1885.

Ives, William Robert Yeates, Portswood, Southampton.
West, William Paynter, Turnpike Lane, Hornsey, N.

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, namely,

Bate, John Frederick, University College.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by September 22nd.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Physicians' Assistant. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by September 9th.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.—Registrar and Chloroformist. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications by September 15th.

GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, Manchester.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by September 2nd.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.—House-Physician. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by September 9th.

HOSPITAL HOME FOR PAYING PATIENTS.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to M. S. Mountfield, Bonchurch, I.W.

KENT COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Chatham Downs, near Canterbury.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications by September 10th.

LEEDS FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications to C. H. Wilson, 9, Elmwood Green, Camp Road, Leeds, by September 1st.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Obstetric Physician. Applications to the Treasurer, and marked "private," by September 5th.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Obstetric Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Mr. Blair by September 10th.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Board by September 12th.

NATIONAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, 149, Great Portland Street.—Assistant Dental Surgeon. Applications by September 29th.

NEWPORT INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by September 12th.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Physician. Applications by August 31st.

PRESTON AND COUNTY OF LANCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Mr. R. F. Easterby, Fishergate, Preston, by September 11th.

RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, Oxford.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by September 12th.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, Chatham.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by September 19th.

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST PARISH.—Infirmary and Workhouse Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum. Applications by September 2nd.

ST. MARK'S OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Lincoln Place, Dublin.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, 50 guineas per annum. Applications by August 29th.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assistant-Physician. Applications by September 2nd.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.—Examiners in Medicine. Applications to the Secretary, R. Walker, University Court.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by September 5th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

JEFFERISS, Walter, R. S., M.D., C.M. Edin., L.R.C.P. Edin., and L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer of Rochester and District Friendly Societies' Association.

MAJOR, Herbert C., M.D., appointed an Honorary Medical Officer to the Bradford Fever Hospital.

OWEN, D. C. Lloyd, F.R.C.S.I., appointed Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s. 6d. which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTHS.

FERGUSON.—At 5, Charlotte Street, Perth, on August 22nd, the wife of James Ferguson, M.B., C.M., of a daughter.

GREATHEAD.—At Graham's Town, South Africa, on July 15th, the wife of J. B. Greathead, Esq., M.B. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., of a son.

DEATH.

SWANSON.—At Lawrence House, York, on the 24th instant, Harold Garth, youngest son of George I. Swanson, M.D., aged 9 months.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.—Mr. Thomas Emsley, of Burley, Yorkshire, has bequeathed £1,000 each to the Bradford Infirmary, the Ilkley Convalescent Home, the Harrogate Bath Hospital, and the Leeds General Infirmary; £500 each to the Coatham Convalescent Home, the Leeds Public Dispensary, the Leeds Hospital for Women and Children, and the Cambridge Convalescent Hospital; and £250 to the Leeds House of Recovery.—The Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Brighton, has received £2,000 under the will of Mr. Henry Ovey.—The Great Northern Central Hospital has received £500 under the will of Mr. William Bennett, of Albert Street, Regent's Park.—The Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, has received £450 under the will of Miss Sarah Hannah Huskisson.—Mr. James Benham, of Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square, has bequeathed £100 to University College Hospital, and £100 to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.—Mr. E. C. Baring has given £52 10s., and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts £25, to the Hospital for Women.

VACCINATION.—Mr. Wm. Budd, Public Vaccinator for the city of Exeter, has received the Government award for vaccination (second time).

OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

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| 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. |

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

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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., 2; 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., 1.50; 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. |

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

A NEW HALLUCINATION.

SIR,—I know, of course, that the delusions which affect the subjects of mental aberration are as varied as they are numerous, but last week there came under my notice a case of such peculiarity, that I deem it well worth recording.

A gentleman, aged about 40 years, a clerk in holy orders, but for some time retired from active duty, was staying at a friend's house, having come down to visit him for a week. My friend and he had been fellow students at Oxford about fifteen years ago, and they had only seen each other once since. Both when he was at the university, and also on the only occasion on which they met afterwards, which was about four years ago, my friend assured me that there was nothing at all wrong with him.

During this last interval, however, he had evidently lost his mental equilibrium, for although not having ever been so bad as to have to be sent to an asylum, he frankly confessed to having consulted mental specialists, and also to having had, for some time, the companionship of a "keeper." He was now apparently much better, for he was wandering over the country alone.

Talking to him on ordinary topics, one would detect nothing at all out of the way; his conversation and manner were those of an educated gentleman. But, although he was ready and able to talk on almost any subject, there was one topic on which he seemed never tired of speaking. As my friend truly said, "he would talk about it all day if he could get anyone to talk with him." I myself very soon had experimental proof of this, for before I had been in his company more than a quarter of an hour, the topic was well *sur le tapis*. Looking up to me in an intelligent inquiring manner, he said, "Have you ever seen the bacillus?" I replied, No; that I had not gone in very much for microscopy; and that, so far as I knew, the bacillus could not be detected in any other way. Notwithstanding this, he next went on to inquire all about its life-history, its mode of propagation, etc. "It is quite evident," I said, "that you are much better up in the subject than I am myself." "No," he said, "I can't say that, but as I have one in my blood, and I attribute most of my troubles to its presence there, I am naturally interested in it." "Are you sure," I asked, "that it is really there?" "Yes," he replied, "for I saw it enter." In answer to my request for an explanation, he told me that one day, about two years ago, he was looking up at the sun, when he saw distinctly a bacillus enter one of his eyes, and penetrate into the blood. On my expressing my incredulity, he solemnly assured me that it was no illusion, and if I would wish to see what it was like, he would draw it for me. On a sheet of paper before him, he drew, with pen and ink, first a straight line about an inch in length, and then, at one end of this, an oval body of the size of a farthing-piece. "That thing at the end," he said, "puzzles me rather;" and he asked me if it might be a blood-corpuscle. I replied that very likely it was, for it was more like that than anything else. With this he seemed pleased, but was not satisfied till he had asked me a question as to the possibility of blood-corpuscles passing in and out of the vessels.

With regard to the origin of his illusion, naturally arriving at the conclusion that he was "bacillus mad," I inquired whether or no, immediately previously to the onset of his "troubles," he had been reading much about bacilli. He guessed my meaning, and told me plainly that I was altogether mistaken. The only paper he had read on the subject, he said, was a contribution of Dr. Carpenter to one of the reviews, but he assured me that it had not "upset" him in the least. With regard to the exact nature of his mental troubles, it had, at one time, so I ascertained, extended to the length of his hearing voices urging him to murder people, but these had now disappeared, and he was merely suffering from the novel delusion just described, coupled to a peculiar want of control in his locomotive apparatus, "for," said he, "once my legs are started off, I have great difficulty in preventing them from working."—Yours faithfully,

Port Isaac, Cornwall.

CHARLES WILLIAMS.

REMOVAL OF THE TESTICLES.

SIR,—In answer to the question of "F.R.C.S." on the above subject in the JOURNAL of August 1st, I must tell him that he will find a number of cases of castration recorded somewhere in Holmes's *System of Surgery*, edited by Holmes. I think they are placed under the heading of Diseases of the Testis, and are principally cases of erotomania which recovered their mental and physical powers after the operation, and who, after it, also certainly lost sexual desire. One case there recorded will have still more interest for him, being that of a married man who wished it performed in consequence of the exhaustion he suffered after coitus. In him, both sexual desire and power disappeared in about a year after the operation. Taylor also, in his *Medical Jurisprudence*, tells us that he was informed by a man who had lost both testes, that both desire and power had disappeared (under "Impotence" or "Illegitimacy," I think). Romance is not without its allusions to the loss of these organs in adult life, and in such narratives it appears always to be taken for granted that all virility disappeared with them, an assumption which must, like a good deal of popular pathology, have some foundation in fact at least; the story of "Abelard and Heloise" to wit. In conclusion, I would strongly advise "F.R.C.S." not to perform the operation at all. He will get no thanks, and may get himself into a terrible scrape. His patient, if he recovers from the eccentric sexual troubles of which F.R.C.S. speaks, with the loss of his testes, will begin to lament and brood over his lost virility in an almost inconceivably violent and hypochondriacal fashion, and will blame our friend to a fearful extent, his anger perhaps not falling short of suicide, or some attack on "F.R.C.S." himself. At the very least, let the latter gentleman arm himself with a letter from his patient, witnessed by a third person, earnestly requesting that the operation be done, before he takes the scalpel in his hand for this most easy but most onerous operation.—I am, etc.,

J. A. W.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN QUINSY AND RHEUMATISM.

SIR,—I have just had a case of incipient quinsy occurring in a person who was suffering at the same time from acute rheumatism. This is the first I have seen in the course of upwards of twenty years' practice, and I account for it in this way: The gentleman was in a low state of health prior to the attack, and had a good deal of extra work with two or three broken nights' rest. This state of affairs, I have frequently found, brings on an attack of quinsy in a person predisposed to it, while, at the same time, it lays him open to take a chill, and so rheumatic fever. The gentleman in question has had several attacks of quinsy in years gone by, but never rheumatism. The opinion I have formed is that quinsy results from overfatigue, muscular or nervous, and rheumatism from chill in a person previously in a low state of health.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

Surbiton.

F. P. ATKINSON.

THE CASE OF DR. BRADLEY.

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SIR,—Having lived 33 years in this country, and having no reason to complain of my eyesight, assisted by glasses, I can find no other reason for the increasing difficulty I have in reading the letters or prescriptions penned by many of our best men than the deterioration of their handwriting. It is sometimes all guess-work one has to do. Somewhat more care is taken in penning the time of an appointment. I am quite aware of the scarcity of time under which our best men are labouring, but humble people like myself are also labouring frequently under the same scarcity, and in private life, such scrawls as one has often to decipher, and which take immensely more time to read than they took to write, would be considered impolite. Oh, for the good old round hand!—I am, sir, yours obediently,
Augustus Hess, M.D.

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SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, "D.C.W.," in the JOURNAL of August 15th, I would say that assistantships are practically not obtainable in the States, and so are appointments for other than home men. The only way to do in San Francisco is to start a practice himself, and unless he have the M.D. degree, he had better stay at home.—Yours, etc.,
A YANKEE M.D.

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