

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.*

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.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Staplehurst, on Thursday, September 24th, at 2.30 p.m.; Dr. Joyce in the chair. The following communications have been promised: 1. Dr. Edis: The Treatment of Miscarriage. 2. Dr. Joyce: On the Puerperal Phlegmasia. 3. Dr. F. Eastes: A Case of Cherry-stone in Bronchus. 4. Dr. Tyson: A Case of Acute Glaucoma simulating a Bilious Attack. The dinner will take place at the South Eastern Hotel at 5 p.m.—W. J. TYSON, Honorary Secretary, 10, Langthorne Gardens, Folkestone.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held on Wednesday, September 30th, at Saltburn. Members are requested to inform the Secretary, at their earliest convenience, should they intend to read papers, show specimens, etc.—DAVID DRUMMOND, Honorary Secretary.—7, Saville Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, September 8th.

NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

RANK AND TITLES FOR MILITARY MEDICAL OFFICERS.

SIR,—In your article on this subject, in the JOURNAL of August 22nd, you say that "the consideration and status afforded to medical officers in the army, depends, not on their relative military rank, but on the reputation they make for themselves as skilful surgeons and physicians."

I should rather say that the amount of "consideration and status" accorded to these gentlemen is so exceedingly small, as to be nothing short of being scandalously disproportioned to their skill, and to their great and heroic services, not only as military surgeons and physicians, but as hygienists and soldiers besides. Otherwise, how could it have been, as you say, that "scores—nay, hundreds—have gone down to their graves unhonoured by the Government they served"?

Did medical officers of the British army possess, as they should, the military rank and titles bestowed by other nations, the discreditable action attributed to Sir John Lawrence would, in all probability, never have occurred.

It is not so much the man as the office he fills which is, and always must be, regarded in every well organised army. Yet we all know that the office brings to the man holding it, honour in proportion to its responsibilities and dangers; and rightly so. From the application of a rule so just and so general, how can the officers of the medical service of the country be either fairly or safely excluded?

It is the office, therefore, and its corresponding rank and authority, and not the private individual, which must be chiefly considered where military administration and discipline are concerned. No one knew, or expressed this fact, as applying to the medical service, better than Sidney Herbert, one of the ablest war ministers that our United Kingdom has ever produced. How his most wise and magnanimous endeavours to place this great and indispensable portion

of our military machine in its proper position were most unwisely and most ungenerously foiled and frustrated by military prejudice and bigotry, has long since passed into the domain of history.

With the rapidly growing *esprit de corps* and influence of the medical profession, I trust, come the speedy and complete effacement of all that traditional policy of evil, which has long and seriously impaired the beneficent energies of a branch of the public service of such vital importance as that which holds in its keeping the health, the physical efficiency, and, to a large extent, the morale and success of our army.—Yours truly,

ALEXANDER MACLEAN, M.D., Deputy Surgeon-General (ret.).

PAY OF MILITIA SURGEONS.

We have received a letter from the surgeon of a militia regiment. So far as we can understand his communication, he thinks a medical man in charge of troops who does not belong to the Medical Department of the Militia is better treated as regards pay than one belonging to the Department; and he invites us to explain why this should be. It is not for us to explain any anomalies that may exist in the pay-regulations of the Militia. We advise our correspondent to seek an explanation in the proper quarter.

THE ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

We have received a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Good Red Herring;" this letter covers five and a half folio pages, closely written. Even if the subject-matter of this communication were more pressing than it is, we cannot find space for a letter of such immoderate length, still less can we undertake the unusual task of forwarding to another journal a letter which we find it impossible to publish. The writer is distressing himself in vain. There is not, so far as we can learn, any intention of interfering with the "unification scheme" by attaching a medical officer to every regiment in the service, unless, it may be, to such as are sent on active service in time of war. Lord Morley's Committee pointed out the financial objections to such a measure. "Good Red Herring" may rest assured that they are sufficiently cogent in the present state of the finances of the country to exclude any scheme of the kind from a place in the military estimates to be presented to the coming Parliament.

MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

A QUESTION OF MEDICAL ETHICS.

SIR,—Will you please give me your opinion as to what you think is my duty in the following circumstances?

Mr. X., a brother practitioner, asked me, in January, 1884, at Mrs. A.'s request, to see a child of her's with him in consultation. I did so on two occasions, and was paid consultation-fees for my services. In a short time, Mrs. A. became dissatisfied with Mr. X., and asked him to cease attendance on her family, which he did. She then asked me to attend her family. I refused, on the ground that professional etiquette forbade me. She pressed the point by letter, stating that she was determined not to employ Mr. X. again, and that I could therefore do no harm to him in going. I again refused, gently, but very positively. Mrs. A. then sent for Mr. Y., a very competent man, in whose hands the child I had seen in consultation with Mr. X. died. Mr. Y. has continued attendance ever since on other members of the family; and I heard no more from Mrs. A. till to-day, when she sent a friend to tell me she expected her confinement in about six months, and hoped that I would attend her. I refused. The friend pressed me very much, saying Mrs. A. had set her heart upon having my services on that occasion, and begging me to reconsider my decision. I then promised to reconsider the question.

Before giving my answer, I should like to ask what you advise. Mr. X. having ceased attendance for eighteen months, and the child whom I saw along with him having died, would it be right for me to attend the mother in her approaching confinement?—I am, yours, etc., Z.

* * The line of conduct pursued by "Z." in the consultation-case of "Mr. X." has, *de facto*, been in strict accord with the medico-ethical rules of professional life; inasmuch as, Mrs. A. having insisted on dispensing with the services of Mr. X., and having also personally communicated to him her determination, our correspondent would have been justified in taking charge of the boy, who subsequently died under the care of "Mr. Y." Eighteen months, moreover, having elapsed since "Mr. X." ceased his attendance, through no fault or suggestion of "Z.", there is, in our opinion, no just or reasonable cause why the latter should persistently decline to accede to the strongly urged wish of Mrs. A. in regard to her expected but non-immediate confinement.

If "Z.", nevertheless, still entertain any doubt or scruple on the point, we would suggest (though, in our opinion, such is unnecessary) a friendly call upon "Mr. X.", to explain to him the ethical difficulty in which "Z." feels himself placed; and, as an honourable practitioner, "Mr. X." cannot fail to endorse our advice.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

A. H. B., M.D.—It is not, as our correspondent justly assumes, in accord with professional etiquette and rule, "to give advice gratis on certain days, and to direct recipients of a prescription to a certain chemist"; and it is also unprofessional "to refer paying patients in the same way, and thus secure an interest." It is also highly derogatory for any member of the faculty to announce "by advertisement, in a daily paper, his address for consultations at present." Such is the ordinary practice of charlatans, and altogether incompatible with the dignity of a long and justly-honoured profession.

MR. F. J. O'REILLY.—We do not keep copies of the legal document which our correspondent is solicitous to obtain, and would recommend him to apply to a respectable medical agent, who will no doubt at once furnish him with the desired form, on payment of the customary fee.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

- ABINGDON UNION.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications by September 19th.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.**—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £15 per annum. Applications by September 22nd.
- CANCER HOSPITAL (FREE),** Brompton, S.W.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, 60 guineas per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Weekly Board by September 21st.
- CANCER HOSPITAL (FREE),** Brompton, S.W.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £35 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Weekly Board by September 21st.
- CHESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Visiting Surgeon. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications by September 18th.
- EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,** Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.—Registrar and Chloroformist. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications by September 15th.
- GROVE HALL PRIVATE ASYLUM,** Bow.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.
- HARTLEPOOL HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to J. Rawlings, Cliff Terrace, Hartlepool, by September 15th.
- MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications by September 16th.
- MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.** Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Board by September 12th.
- NEWPORT (MON.) INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by September 12th.
- RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY,** Oxford.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications by September 12th.
- ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL,** Bath.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications by September 18th.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL,** Chatham.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications by September 19th.
- ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications to the Secretary.
- SUSSEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,** Hayward's Heath. Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Dr. Williams by September 16th.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

BIRTHS.

- SANDBERG.**—On September 1st, at Liverpool Lodge, Brixton Hill, S.W., the wife of Arthur Sandberg, M.D., of a daughter.
- VAISEY.**—On Friday, September 4th, at Winslow, the wife of T. F. Vaisey, M.R.C.S., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BERTOLACCI-MARCH.**—At St. Peter's, Eaton Square, on September 5th, by the Rev. F. W. Small, J. Hewatson Bertolacci, of Varden House, St. John's Hill, S.W., son of Francis R. Bertolacci, late of the War Office, and formerly Auditor of the Duchy of Lancaster, to Leah (Trotter), niece, and adopted daughter, of John March, Esq., M.D., of Spencer Park, New Wandsworth. No cards.
- WELSFORD-WILLOUGHBY.**—On August 25th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford, George Frederic Welsford, M.B.Camb., of Woodstock, to Emma Henrietta, third daughter of Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Willoughby, late Bombay Army, of St. Cuthbert's, Bedford.

DEATH.

- DOWKER.**—On August 20th, at Helmsley, Yorkshire, aged 11, Henrietta Jane (Harrie), youngest daughter of F. W. Dowker, surgeon.

RESIDENCE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AND OTHERS IN EAST LONDON AT TOYNBEE HALL.—Many members of the Universities have, during the last year, lived in Whitechapel. They have been able to follow their own calling as medical men, civil servants, etc., while their leisure has been shared with neighbours to whom they have given the fruit of their knowledge, and from whom they have learnt the opinion of the majority. Toynbee Hall is in Commercial Street, close to Aldgate Station, on the Inner Circle railway, and thus centrally situate and connected with many of the leading hospitals by easy means of access, and has all the essentials, both in comfort, privacy, and cheapness, of a residential club. New members are subject to a ballot, and the necessary qualification is the will to make some sacrifice of time for the common good. Those who, before committing themselves to an ultimate decision, wish to know more about the conditions of life in East London, and who would satisfy themselves as to the possibility of combining social work with the discharge of their professional duties, might, in a short visit of a few weeks to Toynbee Hall, gain the information they require.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON 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.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- CHARING CROSS.**—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30 Skin, M. Th., 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., 3; 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.

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 authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication. CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

THE CASE OF DR. BRADLEY.

SIR,—Will you kindly publish the following additional list of subscriptions received for the Bradley fund.—Yours faithfully,
Eastwood House, Chesterfield. RICHARD JEFFREYS.

(The following is a copy of a letter received.)

Cromwell House, Chapel-en-le-Frith, near Stockport.

Dear Sir,—I enclose cheque for one guinea towards the subscription you re getting up for Dr. Bradley. I was in the court during the hearing of the case, and thought the verdict a most shameful and illegal construction of the evidence. With sincere sympathy for your cause, and trusting it may prosper, —I remain, yours faithfully,

R. JEFFREYS. ESQ. W. STIRLING ANDERSON.

Mr. Frederick William Jowers, 27, Old Steyne, Brighton ..	£	s.	d.
Mr. Edward Lund, 22, St. John's Street, Manchester ..	5	0	0
Mr. C. A. Aitkin, Sussex Square, London ..	3	3	0
Dr. T. Grainger Stewart, Edinburgh ..	2	2	0
Dr. Arthur W. Edie, 22, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Sq. ..	2	2	0
Mr. Septimus W. Sibley, 7, Harley Street ..	2	2	0
Dr. Anthony H. Corley, Dublin ..	2	2	0
Dr. Marriott, Leicester ..	2	2	0
Dr. J. T. Banks, Dublin ..	2	2	0
Dr. Dyce Duckerth, 11, Grafton Street, Piccadilly ..	2	2	0
Mr. G. O. Siddall, Nottingham ..	1	1	0
Dr. M. Griffith Evans, Cardiff ..	1	1	0
Dr. Robert Laurie, Lorne Villa, Osmaston Road, Derby ..	1	1	0
Mr. Charles J. Pinching, The Terrace, Gravesend ..	1	1	0
Dr. Thomas William Kyles, Measham, Atherstone ..	1	1	0
Mr. M. George Biggs, 101, Great Northcote Road, Wandsworth Common ..	1	1	0
Dr. C. J. Cullingworth, Manchester ..	1	1	0
Dr. Geo. Ernest Herman, 7, West Street, Finsbury Circus ..	1	1	0
Dr. Arthur W. Orwin, 15, Weymouth St., Portland Place ..	1	1	0
Dr. J. Halliday Croom, 25, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh ..	1	1	0
Dr. G. H. Rickards, The Manor House, Pool, near Leeds ..	1	1	0
Dr. Joseph Coats, 31, Lynedoch Street, Glasgow ..	1	1	0
Dr. Withers Moore, Brighton ..	1	1	0
Dr. S. J. Ramsbotham, 16, Park Place, Leeds ..	1	1	0
Dr. W. J. Sinclair, Manchester ..	1	1	0
Dr. J. Caldwell Uthoff, 9, Brunswick Place, Brighton ..	1	0	0
Dr. Henry S. Ferguson, 1, Fishwick Place, Belfast ..	1	0	0
Mr. Joseph Bell, 2, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh ..	1	0	0
Mr. Ethelbert Hosking, Turner's Hill, Sussex ..	0	10	6
Mr. Langford Clay, 443, Mosley Road, Highgate, Birmingham ..	0	10	6
Dr. G. Dickson, 9, India Street, Edinburgh ..	0	10	6
Mr. Charles Crossley, 78, Granby Street, Leicester ..	0	10	6
Mr. John R. Baumgartner, Newcastle-on-Tyne ..	0	10	0
Dr. C. E. Hitchcock, York ..	0	10	6
Dr. Alfred Neale, Manchester ..	0	10	0
Mr. Frederick Melland, Victoria Park, Manchester ..	0	10	0
Mr. James Dewar, St. James's Terrace, Buxton ..	0	5	0
Mr. Albert Haslewood, Buxton ..	0	5	0
Dr. John Ritchie, 9, Buccleuch Street, Glasgow ..	0	5	0
Mr. Frank S. Goulder, Dudley ..	0	10	0

THE PHENOMENA OF HANGING.

SIR,—In my official capacity as gaol-surgeon, I had, a short time since, the unpleasant duty of seeing a criminal executed. The execution was very well carried out, except that the black cap was omitted to be put on. As the prisoner dropped, death was apparently instantaneous; not a move, not even a twitch of any muscle, all the more visible as the cap was omitted. As soon as the drop had taken place, I walked down to the prison yard, where I was introduced to a fellow-surgeon, who had come to see the execution and attend the *post mortem* examination. Together we walked to the body, then hanging. I put out my hand and touched the hand of the criminal, which was, of course, warm; perhaps naturally my hand strayed to his pulse, which, to my surprise, was beating, apparently at about 130 to 140 beats a minute. My friend, seeing my look of astonishment, did the same, and also felt it, and was about to take out his watch and count the pulse; but there were a number of people present in the yard, and I stopped him accordingly. In a short time, the pulse died away—a few seconds. Naturally, we concluded death must have occurred from strangulation; but a *post mortem* examination showed dislocation of the odontoid process of the axis-bone.

I should like to know if this has occurred in the experience of other surgeons and, if so, how it is accounted for?—I am, yours truly,
Jamaica. D. M. O.

AN APPEAL

SIR,—Knowing how ready the profession are to aid those whose battle of life has been less successful than their own, I take the liberty of calling attention to the case of Mr. J. E. D. Rodgers, well known as Lecturer on Forensic Medicine at the London Hospital Medical College for many years. He is 71 years of age, totally unable from infirmity to follow his professional avocations, scarcely able even to hold a pen, and in great straits, being without any means whatever, except £25 a year from the British Medical Benevolent Fund. His address is No. 59, Cumberland Street, Piccadilly, which I mention to enable anyone who may feel so inclined to satisfy himself of the circumstances.

Hoping that you will allow contributions to be received at your office, and to be dispensed as you may deem best calculated to smoothe the short remnant of his life as much as possible—I remain, yours respectfully, H.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT CARDIFF.

In the list of exhibits at the annual meeting at Cardiff, given in our issue of last week, we omitted to mention the exhibit of Mr. A. De St. Dalmas (Leicester), who showed his Porous Belladonna and Capsicum Plasters on Scarlet Felt, and also the St. Dalmas Improved Adhesive Plaster on fine Flesh-coloured Cambric.

A CORRECTION.

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The notice of Hartmann's Hygienic Wood-Wool Diapers and Professor Helferich's 50 per cent. Sublimatè Tampons, which appeared in our report of the Annual Museum held at Cardiff, on p. 451 of last week's JOURNAL, was, by an accident, misplaced. It should have appeared among the exhibits of Messrs. A. Essinger and Co., 11, Hatton Garden, E.C.

JUST ONE BOOK

Sir,—Will you spare a few lines to plead with the tourist readers in behalf of the **SLAY-AT-HOMES** who have no books to read? At this season many interesting and amusing works are purchased at railway book stalls and thrown aside after having served for the recreation of four hours' journey. These would be greatly valued by the sick, the poor, the old and infirm, who have few pleasures but reading. The **Kyrie Society** will take charge of any books sent and will see that they reach an appropriate haven either in hospitals, infirmaries, work-houses, boys' or men's clubs, or wherever they may be wanted. The applications far exceed the supply already. Magazines, whether of general interest or of technical character, such as the engineering, etc., periodicals, are specially acceptable. Those who enjoy reading will, I am sure, help us, and will all (they can do no more) send us just one book. Further particulars will be sent gladly to any address by

EMMA S. BUSK, Honorary Secretary,
Literature Distribution Branch, Kyrie Society.

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