

of the Clyde, and of the whole range of the Campsee Fells and the Allpatrick Hills, with the background of Ben Lomond and the ranges of Argyllshire. It is within easy walk of the city. The gift has been gratefully accepted by the Town Council for the citizens.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 1886. 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 20th, 1886. 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 30th, 1886.

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.*

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

INQUIRIES are in progress on the subjects of

DIPHTHERIA, CANCER OF THE BREAST,
OLD AGE, THE VALUE OF HAMAMELIS,
THE VALUE OF PURE TEREBENE.

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

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.

The general inquiries into THE THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF HAMAMELIS AND PURE TEREBENE will be continued for another year, and a full report presented to the Section of Therapeutics in the Annual Meeting of 1887.

Returns are still received on THE CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, and schedules will be forwarded 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-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the National Art Treasures Exhibition, Folkestone, September 23rd, at 3 P.M. Dr. Thomas Eastes in the chair. The chairman will be glad to see all members and their friends to luncheon, at the Exhibition, between 1 and 2. Members wishing to read papers, or send communications, should write to the Honorary Secretary at once.—W. J. TYSON, Honorary Secretary, 10, Langhorne Gardens, Folkestone.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary on September 28th. Members wishing to read papers are requested to write to the Honorary Secretary at once.—G. E. WILLIAMSON, 22, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LANOLIN.—On the occasion of the reading of a paper by Dr. Thomas G. Morton, on "Lanolin," before the Royal College of Physicians, Philadelphia, Dr. Keen bore the following testimony to its use and value. He observed, "I have used lanolin in several instances during the last week or ten days. One case was that of a child, eight years of age, with an enlarged gland under the jaw, the size of an English walnut. I prescribed iodine, two grains to the drachm of lanolin. I saw the child a week ago, and the gland had almost entirely disappeared. There was a more rapid disappearance than I have ever seen from other iodine applications. "This," he observes, "is the only case in which I have had any results, although I have used it in a number of instances, and like it very well."

OBITUARY.

CHARLES CHADWICK, J.P., M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin. (1845);
F.R.C.P. Lond. (1866).

Consulting Physician to the General Infirmary at Leeds; Physician to the Leeds Fever Hospital; late Lecturer on the Principles and Practice of Physic at the Leeds School of Medicine; and formerly President of the British Medical Association (1869).

BORN at "Chadwick Lodge," Leeds, March 19th, 1815.

DIED of Acetonæmia, somewhat suddenly, at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, August 30th, 1886.

So runs the short record of one of the most useful among the many distinguished lives that Leeds has known; a life, complete in its professional roundness; which has been an honour to the profession it has adorned; and which will leave behind it nothing but the kindest of kindly recollections.

To have been one of the band of the Heys, and Smith, and Teale; of Chadwick and of Heaton; of the men, that is, who, by the exceptional brilliancy of their work in life, have shed lustre upon Leeds, and made its reputation what it is, is in itself sufficient to cover any name with honour, and so the name of Charles Chadwick will pass into the possession of posterity.

Born in Leeds, in 1815, he was essentially a Leeds man; and, for many years, he occupied a foremost place amongst its best known and most philanthropic citizens.

In all good works, whether affecting the borough of Leeds only or the wider sphere of the West Riding of Yorkshire, he was always to be found occupying a leading position, and his sagacity and judgment were rarely at fault in the selection of the objects which he deemed worthy of encouragement and support.

As a medical man, Dr. Chadwick won for himself a reputation on which the boundaries of Yorkshire placed no limitation; and, at the same time, he bestirred himself nobly on behalf of the needy about his own doors. For close upon forty years, he followed his profession in Leeds, and no public medical charity existed during that long period that was not benefited by his advice, or by his skill, or by substantial aid from his purse.

Twelve years ago, when removal was necessitated by failing health, he regretfully left Leeds and took up his residence at Tunbridge Wells. For a time he appeared greatly to benefit by the change, and comparatively more restful life; and he was consequently enabled, to his great satisfaction, to continue to take a fairly active part in some of the labours which he considered to be among the great works of his life.

To the last he took a steadily active part, as an Honorary Vice-president, in the conduct of the affairs of the British Medical Association, and, so lately as the Brighton meeting, he was to be seen actively taking part in the business.

His death came upon his friends as a surprise, although the ailment (diabetes) from which he suffered has frequently a somewhat sudden termination.

Only a few weeks ago, Dr. Chadwick visited his native town, and then manifested a degree of robustness which led his family and his former friends to hope that, for a time, at any rate, his life might yet be spared to them.

He received the major part of his medical education in Edinburgh, and the first degree taken by him was that of M.D. of the University of Edinburgh. In later life, he became a Fellow of the Colleges of Physicians both of Edinburgh and of London; and the honorary degree of D.C.L. was conferred upon him by the University of Durham.

It is known also to his friends that Dr. Chadwick was the first provincial physician ever proposed for a seat in the Council of the Royal College of Physicians of London. This was an honour which he deemed the highest that had ever been offered to him; but, in consequence of the great uncertainty of his failing health, and in fear lest he should not be, at all times, able to undertake or adequately to fulfil all the duties such a position would have entailed upon him, he felt himself constrained in honour, and to his intense regret and sorrow, to decline.

For, of all the personal qualities by which Dr. Chadwick was cha-

PONTEFRAC.—Dr. Alexander Buncle has not been long in office as Sanitary Adviser to the Local Board of Pontefract. He has, however, already entered in good earnest upon the work before him. He reports, for 1884, a birth-rate of 37.7, and a death-rate of 22.6. It appears that in particular years the infantile mortality has been excessive; in 1884 it stood at 148. The zymotic death-rate was 1.7; there were six deaths certified as due to measles, 3 to enteric fever, and 7 to diarrhoea. It is yet more satisfactory to read that the borough is now thoroughly drained, that nuisances are being fast abolished, and that the water-supply of the place is now under the consideration of a sub-committee of the Local Board.

MEDICAL NEWS.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, September 2nd, 1886.

Gibbon, Henry Ernest, Marlborough House, Seaham.
Gillmon, John Charles, 3, Oxonian Street, East Dulwich Grove.
Gregory, Seth, 39, Birchmanger Road, South Norwood.
Hughes, Hugh Lewis, Bridge Street, Llanbadarn, Aberystwyth.
Todd, Henry, 301, Mile End Road, E.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

- ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge.**—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £65 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 13th to the Secretary.
- BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60, with board and residence. Applications by September 20th to the Chairman of the Weekly Board.
- BRECON INFIRMARY.**—Resident House Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 15th, to W. P. Price, Esq., 6, Bulwark, Brecon.
- COUNTY DOWN INFIRMARY.**—Registrar, Compounder of Medicine, and Assistant to Surgeon. Salary, 60 guineas, with board, fuel, and washing. Candidates must have a diploma in surgery. Election on September 11th.
- EASTERN DISPENSARY, Bath.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, rising to £120, lodging, etc. Applications by September 20th to T. H. Plowman, M.A., 1, Russell Street, Bath.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Board and lodging. Applications by September 23rd to A. Warner, Esq.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Four Assistant House-Surgeons. Residence, board, and washing. Applications by September 11th, to H. Fox, Esq.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Resident Medical Assistant. Residence, board, and washing. Applications by September 11th, to H. Fox, Esq.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho.**—House-Physician. Salary £75 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 18th, to D. Cannon, Esq.
- MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by September 18th, to the Chairman of the Board.
- MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by September 18th, to the Chairman of the Board.
- MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by September 27th to G. Keating, Esq.
- MIDDLESEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Colney Hatch.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 23rd to R. A. Burrows, Esq.
- NORWICH FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL INSTITUTE.**—Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum. Applications by September 30th to the Secretary, Ivy House, Lady Lane, Norwich.
- RICHMOND HOSPITAL, Surrey.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by September 13th to G. C. Rowland, Esq.
- ROYAL BERKS HOSPITAL, Reading.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by September 14th to J. T. Hugo, Esq.
- ROYAL SURREY COUNTY ASYLUM, Guildford.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by October 4th to Thomas Taunton.
- ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL, Bath.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by September 17th to the Secretary Superintendent.
- ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.**—Medical Fellow. Salary not to exceed £100 per annum, and appointment to last for seven years. Applications to Secretaries of University on or before October 1st.
- ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE.**—House-Surgeon. Honorarium 25 guineas, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications by September 25th, to W. E. Scott, Esq.
- WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.**—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by September 21st, to S. M. Quennell, Esq.
- WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.**—Aural Surgeon. Applications by September 21st to S. M. Quennell, Esq.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- CORKHILL, J. G. G., L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Stanley Hospital, Kirkdale, Liverpool, *vice* Dr. Owen, resigned.
- FOUNTAIN, E. O., B.A.Camb., M.R.C.S.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Road, *vice* F. P. Wightwick, L.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.
- FREEMAN, W. T., L.R.C.P.Lond.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Portsmouth (Portsea) and Gosport Hospital, *vice* P. H. Gardner, L.R.C.P.Edin. resigned.
- HASWELL, J. F., M.B., C.M.,** appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Liver pool Infirmary for Children, *vice* H. W. Gardner.
- WIGHTWICK, F. P., M.B.Durh., M.R.C.S.Eng.,** appointed Medical Officer of the St. Olave's Union, and District Medical Officer, Bermondsey, *vice* J. Gittins L.R.C.P., deceased.
- WOOD, Arthur, M.B.,** appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Stanley Hospital, Kirkdale, Liverpool, *vice* J. G. G. Corkhill, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., M.R.C.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

BIRTHS.

- BROCK.**—At Urlar, Rouxville, Orange Free State, on July 7th, the wife of George Sandison Brock, M.B.Ed., C.M., of a son.
- MURPHY.**—At Holly House, Sunderland, on September 7th, the wife of Dr. Murphy, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- BULL—GARDE.**—On September 7th, at St. Mary's, Shenley Mansel, by the Rev. John Wood, Vicar, of Old Wolverton (Rural Dean), William H. Bull, F.R.C.S., St. Oswald's House, Stony Stratford (second son of W. J. Bull, solicitor, Oswestry), to Emma E. Cherry Garde, youngest daughter of the late Edward Hoare Garde, Esq., Ballinacurra House, co. Cork, and sister of the Rev. J. H. Garde, Rector of Shenley Mansel, Bucks.

- MACDONALD—RANSOME.**—On September 1st, in Kirk Oswald Church, Cumberland, by the Rev. Reginald Remington, M.A., uncle, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Ransome, M.A., and the Rev. M. J. Ransome, B.A., brothers of the bride, Alexander Macdonald, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.M.Edin., to Emily Susan, eldest daughter of the Rev. Canon Ransome, M.A., Vicar of Kirk Oswald.

- WALKER—BRIDGE.**—September 2nd, at the parish church of St. John, Clapham Rise, by the Rev. W. J. Bettison, M.A., Vicar of Leytonstone, Charles Rotherham Walker, M.D., L.R.C.P., of Leytonstone, Essex, eldest surviving son of Henry Walker, of Mosborough Hall, near Chesterfield, to Lillia Gertrude Mary, third daughter of the late Alexander Bridge, M.D., F.R.C.S., of Argyle Place, W.

DEATH.

- THORNTON.**—September 7th, at Hinxton Grange, Saffron Walden, Eleanor Philippa, the beloved wife of J. Knowsley Thornton, M.B., C.M., of 22, Portman Street, London, W.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly report of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Miners' Association, just issued, makes very gratifying reference, at some length, to the advantages of the instruction afforded by the St. John Ambulance Association. It is stated that classes have now been established at nearly every mine, and over 1,800 men have become thoroughly qualified to render first aid in case of accident. An instance is reported where a miner had his leg crushed in one of the Cleveland (not associated) mines. There is no Ambulance Corps at this mine, and the poor fellow was put into a common cart, and conveyed a distance of four miles. Nearly all the blood in his body was drained away *en route*, and when the services of a surgeon were obtained it was too late. The timely application of a bandage, by a person qualified to render first aid, would have stopped the bleeding, and, in all probability, saved the man's life. The report continues: "A few years ago, cases of this kind were of frequent occurrence in our district. They are now, happily, almost entirely unknown; and it is due to the owners and managers of the mines, and the members of the St. John Ambulance Association, to say that we do not think that there is one mine, in what is popularly termed 'Cleveland,' where this could have occurred."

MEDICAL MISSION AT CAIRO.—The medical mission at Cairo, over which Miss M. L. Whately presides, and which is the only agency in that part of the country, where gratuitous help and remedies are supplied to the poor, is greatly in need of funds. In a letter addressed to a contemporary by her sister, attention is called to the fact that, after the annual fast of Ramadan, especially when observed in the hottest season, there is always a great increase of sickness. The weather, she adds, is even exceptionally hot, and the eye cases are terribly frequent. Only quite lately a poor young creature came to the dispensary with her eyes in danger of being totally destroyed by inverted lashes. She was kept several days in the dispensary, had a series of trying operations, and required nourishing food, which was supplied by Miss Whately. The eyes are saved, and the gratitude of the poor sufferer and her family most touching.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); and Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Metropolitan Free; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic; Royal Orthopaedic; and Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women.

TUESDAY9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Westminster; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: West London; Cancer Hospital, Brompton.—4 P.M.: St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).

WEDNESDAY ..10 A.M.: National Orthopaedic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Mary's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: London; University College; Westminster; Great Northern Central; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children; St. Peter's.—3 to 4 P.M.: King's College.

THURSDAY10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: St. George's.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Central London Ophthalmic; Hospital for Diseases of the Throat; Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: North-west London; Chelsea Hospital for Women.

FRIDAY9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.15 P.M.: St. George's (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: King's College; St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department); Central London Ophthalmic; Royal South London Ophthalmic; East London Hospital for Children.—2.30 P.M.: West London.

SATURDAY9 A.M.: Royal Free.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: King's College.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Middlesex; Royal Free; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.

GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. 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., 2; 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. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopaedic, M., 2.30; 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; Obstetrics, 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., S., Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

QUERIES.

SOIL OF SUBURBS OF LONDON.

I. W. writes: I am seeking another residence in a suburb of London, and, having a child who has suffered two attacks of rheumatic fever, I am anxious to pitch upon a gravel soil, or, at least, to avoid clay. I shall be much obliged if you can refer me to a general and reliable source of information on this important point.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

THE CUSTOM OF APPLYING ESCHAROTICS TO EXUBERANT GRANULATIONS.

Dr. HERBERT SNOW (Norfolk Terrace) writes: As the result of some twenty years' experience, I should like to be permitted to enter a strong protest against this time-honoured practice, which I have long since abandoned, as unnecessary and barbarous. The surgeon who has recourse to it causes his patient more or less acute pain, amounting, in the case of extensive burns, to absolute agony, and the healing of the wound is in no way promoted; indeed, I have seen small ulcers made larger by the destruction of new tissue at their margin. Exuberant granulations simply indicate local vitality, and a healthy process of repair; if severely let alone, the wound will heal quite as quickly, under suitable dressings, as after any amount of cauterising, and I feel sure that no surgeon who has courage once to abandon an antiquated tradition still current in the schools will ever recur to it.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:

Dr. J. J. O'Brien, Bath; Dr. J. L. Porteous, Kirkcaldy, N.B.; Mr. W. Rawes, London; Baffled; Mr. H. Bullock, Isleworth; Mr. W. J. Reed, Wolverhampton; Mr. C. Norman, Monaghan; Mr. J. Bridger, Cottenham; Mr. C. H. Callanan, Dublin; Mr. G. P. Field, London; Dr. R. Sinclair, Tain, Ross-shire; The Secretary of the Cumberland Infirmary; Mr. G. Sturge, London; Dr. Tatham, Salford; Mr. J. Prince Stallard, Manchester; Dr. V. Idelson, Berne, Switzerland; Mr. A. M. Stalker, Dundee; Mr. St. V. Mercier, London; Mr. Craven, Southport; Dr. Muirhead, Edinburgh; Mr. W. B. Barré, Chester; Mr. M. D. Makuna, Treherbert; Mr. T. S. Hutchinson, Sittingbourne; Dr. I. Massey, Nottingham; The Secretary of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton; Mr. E. Davies, Treherbert; Mr. J. Brown, New Wandsworth; Dr. Farquharson, Aboyne, N.B.; Mr. Wookey, London; Professor Gairdner, Glasgow; Mr. C. Spurrell, Carmarthen; Dr. J. E. Eylandt, Bournemouth; Mr. W. J. Mackie, Freshwater; Mr. S. Burrows, Witheridge; Mr. A. H. Thompson, Great Ouseburn; Our Dublin Correspondent; Miss A. G. Howes, Paris; Mr. C. G. Campbell, Saddleworth; Dr. Struthers, Aberdeen; Mr. T. S. Hardwell, Sittingbourne; Mr. G. Davidson, London; Mr. D. Thompson, Feeny, Londonderry; Dr. Myers, London; Mr. C. W. Johnson, Ramleh, Egypt; Mr. T. Rose, Norwich; Dr. Mapother, Dublin; Dr. Fishbourne, Lewisham; Miss Surman, Forest Hill; Mr. Gubb, London; Mr. A. W. M. Robson, Leeds; Mr. J. E. Coony, London; Dr. R. C. Lofthouse, London; Dr. Dolan, Halifax; Mr. H. C. Ensor, Birmingham; Dr. T. Laffan, Cashel; Dr. C. R. Illingworth, Clayton-le-Moors; Mr. H. A. Keegel, Kalutara, Ceylon; Dr. J. C. Thorowgood, London; Mr. J. Langston, jun., Strood; Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome, London; Dr. Hasler, Blackburn; Mr. G. Hodgson, Brighton; Dr. W. F. Wade, Birmingham; X.; Mr. E. A. White, Wolverhampton; Mr. H. A. Smith, Ealing; Dr. Lumley, Heaton-Chapel; Mrs. Morison, Maryhill; Mr. G. Keating, Manchester; Messrs. Reid and Donald, Perth; Dr. Orton, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Messrs. Burgoyne and Co., London; Dr. Imlach, Liverpool; Mr. T. G. Parrott, Bournemouth; Dr. Barnes, Carlisle; Mr. Victor Horsley, London; Mr. F. Manser, Tunbridge Wells; Mr. F. Oldfield, London; F. S. A., etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Diseases and their Commencement; Lectures to Trained Nurses Delivered at the West London Hospital. By Donald W. Charles Hood, M.D. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1886.

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