

INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

INDIA.

THE Viceroy of India recently opened a new hospital at Calcutta, which, at the Gaekwar's request, is to bear Lady Dufferin's name, thus commemorating her efforts to ameliorate the condition of women in India.

NEW ZEALAND.

TREATMENT OF INSANE PAUPER IMMIGRANTS.—We have received extracts from some of the newspapers of New Zealand bearing upon more or less important medical subjects. One of these concerns an opinion expressed some time ago, in the second annual report (1884) of the Inspector of the Lunatic Asylums of New Zealand, relative to the statistics for 1883. The proportion of insane persons under detention to the total population of the colony, having been 1 in 415, had risen in that year to 1 in 393, and this was looked upon as showing that the increase of 106 in the number of lunatics in the year was disproportionate to the increase of population in the same space of time; and the inspector was quoted as pointing out "that a large number are placed in colonial asylums from economical and other motives, rather than from urgent mental symptoms; and he has good reason to think that persons who have recently been in English asylums, or have shown insane tendencies, are not rarely shipped to this colony to escape the burden of their maintenance at home. It would appear only right," he remarks, "that these should be sent back; in fact, such a course has already been taken by a leading shipping company to avoid the penalties of the Imbecile Passengers Act." If the Inspector was correctly cited, it was an amazing assertion to make—that persons of unsound mind are designedly shipped from the mother country to New Zealand in order to escape the expense of their maintenance. Indeed, we understand that when a ship arrives at New Zealand, any passenger on board found to be of unsound mind on the voyage or on landing is, on the compulsion of the colonial authorities, either sent back by the shipping company in whose vessel such person arrived; or, if retained, the shipping owners have to defray the cost of maintenance. Whereas persons found insane on vessels arriving in this kingdom from New Zealand, if pauper or friendless, are maintained in asylums here at the expense of our ratepayers. In these matters there should be reciprocity, and a fair equitable arrangement, under which the home country and the colony should each bear their legitimate burdens for the maintenance of lunatics; and when this is done, the home country will be relieved from a double and unjust financial burden.

From another paragraph, we regret to learn that Dr. Grabham's recommendation that two inspectors of lunatic asylums should be appointed, one for the north and the other for the south island, was not carried out.

HOSPITALS IN NEW ZEALAND.—The Inspector of Hospitals in New Zealand highly approves of the system of nursing in operation at the Wellington and Auckland Hospitals, where an apprenticeship in the art of nursing is being served by ladies of good education, who may, hereafter, become centres for the training of skilled nurses throughout the country.

At the Dunedin Hospital it is stated that one shilling is charged for each prescription dispensed for out-patients, and that, although many cannot pay, and many evade payment, the result is a welcome addition (£125 a year) to the resources of a comparatively small hospital. It is added that "great care is taken to see that applicants are proper objects of charitable aid, and not in a position to employ a private medical practitioner;" but how this is accomplished is not explained.

At Christchurch there has been an action against a journalist for a newspaper libel on one of the hospital staff. The article complained of appears, as described in the judge's charge to the jury, to have been grossly defamatory and libellous. Headed, "Revolting Disclosures; Manslaughter or Worse," it "mentions a particular instance in which it alleges three or four times over that a patient has been killed in the hospital by a practitioner" (the plaintiff). Although the jury found that the article complained of was libellous, that its publication was not justified either by reason of the allegation of facts in it being true, or by reason of these allegations being fair comments on the conduct of the plaintiff in his capacity as one of the hospital staff—yet only the nominal damages of one shilling were awarded. The whole matter affords an illustration of the enormous licence of the press, and the sweet amenities of journalism in some of the colonies.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1887.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

ANY qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any bye-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 January 19th, April 13th, July 13th, and October 19th, 1887. 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, December 29th, 1886, and March 24th, June 23rd, and September 29th, 1887.

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*.

WARD COUSINS' PRIZE.

THE Council of the British Medical Association offer the sum of £20 as a prize for the best essay on "The Pathology and Treatment of Abortion." The competition is open to all general practitioners who are members of the British Medical Association. Each essay must be sent, under a mark or motto, with a sealed letter containing the name and address of the writer, addressed to the General Secretary, on or before June 30th, 1887. The prize will be presented at the Annual Meeting of 1887.

November 9th, 1886.

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.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will, by the kind invitation of Dr. Adams, take place at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, December 16th, at 8.30 P.M. The chair will be taken by C. T. Aveling, Esq., M.D. A Demonstration of interesting cases of Nervous Diseases will be given by W. B. Hadden, Esq., M.D.—JOSEPH W. HUNT, Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the members of this District was held at Hastings on Tuesday, November 16th, Dr. HUMPHREYS, of St. Leonards, in the chair.

Next Meeting.—It was decided that the next meeting, if possible in conjunction with the West Sussex District, be held at Brighton in March.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

Abdominal Tumour formed by large Kidney.—The CHAIRMAN: Abdominal Tumour formed by a large Scrofulous Kidney. The patient, a young married woman, who lived in a marshy district, had symptoms of intermittent fever six months before coming under the author's care. A large oval swelling on the right side of the abdomen was aspirated, and afterwards incised. The woman died three days after the second operation. The right kidney was found completely disorganised, and filled with caseous matter arranged in pyramidal loculi. The caseation of the kidney had probably taken place years before. The feverishness evidently arose from the occurrence of suppuration. The right ureter was completely blocked by a core of putty-like matter, which accounted for the absence of any sign of urinary derangement, the urine coming solely from the left kidney, which was healthy.—The discussion which followed was directed to estimating the value of the band of resonance between the tumour and the liver in the diagnosis of kidney tumours.

Ascaris Lumbricoides.—Dr. ELLIOTT: *Ascaris Lumbricoides.*

Cancer of Sigmoid Flexure.—Dr. PENHALL: Cancer of the Sigmoid Flexure, with repeated attacks of intestinal obstruction. From the experience of this case, in which colotomy was not done, and contrasting it with others in which the operation had given great relief, the author urged the more frequent performance of that operation.

Intestinal Obstruction from Gallstone.—Dr. ALLEN: Intestinal Obstruction from Gallstone: Operation. The diagnosis in this case was made chiefly from the fact that obstruction had been preceded by gallstone colic. On opening the abdomen, a large stone was found impacted in the ileum, and removed through an incision in the bowel. The patient died apparently from shock.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LIVERPOOL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Women's Hospital Question.—Service in Aid of the Southern Hospital. —The Proposed New Hospital for Infectious Diseases. —Annual Meeting of the Liverpool Institute. —Illness of the Mayor of Warrington.

SPECIAL general meeting of the Medical Institution is to be held on this (Friday) evening, at which the anxiously awaited report of the Hospital Inquiry Committee will be received.

In my last communication I stated that, at the usual Hospital Sunday annual meeting, it was mentioned in the report presented by the Committee that that body was unanimously of opinion that the sum allotted to the Women's Hospital should be withheld pending the investigations. Last week, the Hospital Sunday Committee met, and this question was again brought up. After a discussion, it was decided by a majority of one to place the Hospital for Women on the list of selected charities conditionally—that is, subject to the discretion of the Distribution Subcommittee, who will be influenced in their award by the report of the Medical Inquiry Committee. At this meeting the Home for Incurables in Parliament Street was added to the list of the medical charities benefiting by the Fund.

The annual service in aid of the Royal Southern Hospital took place at St. Barnabas Church on November 21st. The Mayor attended in state; and the collection, after a sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon Gore, amounted to over £100. The hospital was afterwards visited.

A letter has been received from the Local Government Board in which several suggestions are made in regard to the plans of the proposed new Hospital for Infectious Diseases at the south end of the city. This letter was in acknowledgment of the application made to the Board by the municipal authorities for sanction to borrow £15,000 for the erection of the hospital. It has been decided that the Corporation shall meet, as far as possible, the suggestions made in the Local Government Board's communication.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Institute, one of our most popular public schools, will be held on December 17th, when Dr. B. W. Richardson is to deliver the prizes and an address.

It is reported that Dr. Mackie, the Mayor of Warrington, is seriously ill.

THE will of Dr. John Findlay Arthur, Surgeon-Major on the retired list of the Madras Army, residing at Lochside House, New Cumnock, has been proved, and duty paid on £28,888.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE ON THE WORKING-CLASSES.

SIR,—The question of the possibility of introducing a more satisfactory method of medical attendance on the poor above the pauper class, is to be debated at a meeting, to be held at the rooms of the Society of Arts, on December 7th, at 4 P.M., Sir A. Clark in the chair. This meeting is called by an invitation signed by Sir Spencer Wells and myself, on behalf of the Metropolitan Provident Medical Association. My object in writing to you is to preclude any idea that the meeting is called for the purpose of recommending the particular scheme of Provident Dispensaries with which that Association has hitherto been connected; on the contrary, the meeting is called for the purpose of a genuine consultation, and we shall welcome the presence of anyone, whether he be a supporter or an opponent of the Provident Dispensary system, who will give any practical help towards a solution of the difficult problem before us. We are not blind to the defects of the provident system, as it has been hitherto managed; but, speaking for myself, I believe that if it could have fair play in London, it would be a great improvement on the present state of things. Still, if any better plan can be devised, neither I, nor, I believe, anyone else connected with the above Association, would have an instant's hesitation in adopting it. It is obvious, however, that such a plan can only be successfully worked by the active co-operation of the general practitioners, who are themselves engaged in that class of practice. One of the greatest of our difficulties hitherto is that they have, as yet, confined themselves to criticising the defects of the plans proposed, and have shown no disposition to organise a better system. Now, it is hardly necessary to point out that any particular scheme must be more or less in the nature of a compromise, and that some defects must be pardoned, if the scheme holds out a promise of compensatory advantages. Nor is it less obvious that the hospital staffs cannot be moved to any reform of the out-patient and dispensary system by anything short of a general movement on the part of the profession. We trust that the meeting of December 7th may be the commencement of such a movement—one in which the general body of the profession can co-operate heartily with the laymen interested in this great question.—I am, Sir, yours truly,
T. HOLMES.
18, Great Cumberland Place. November 30th.

AN ANCIENT VIRUS.

SIR,—A few days since I found the enclosed among the MSS. of the late Dr. Samuel Merriman, Physician Accoucheur to the Middlesex Hospital; it shows the antiquity of the venom against those members of the profession practising generally, and time does not seem to have weakened the virus.—Yours very faithfully,

JOHN J. MERRIMAN.

45, Kensington Square, W. November 29th, 1886.

"Badger, John, M.D.

"Published 'the statutes of the Colledge of Physicians, London, worthy to be perused by all men, but more especially Physicians, Lawyers, Apothecaries, Surgeons, and all such that either do or shall study, profess, or practice Physick.' Anno Domini 1694."

"The statutes are given in Latin and English; they are preceded by an address 'to the Parliament of England,' and by a statement of 'the base, dishonourable, and illegal dealing of the Colledge of Physicians, London, with a Doctor in Physick, admitted to the Degree in one of our own Universities."

"From this it appears that Dr. Badger was originally an Apothecary, but wishing to become a M.D., he entered at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and obtained his Degree July 6, 1687. He states that he presented himself before the President and Censors, 'and was by them examined three several times in Latine, according to the form of the Statutes, and approved by them for a Licentiate, but was requested to suspend his admission of Licentiate till such time as he had quitted his Employment in Pharmacy, and completed his Degree (being then Batchelor in Physick) of Doctor in the University.'

"Having obtained this Degree, he again applied for admission as a Licentiate, but was from time to time deferred till new Statutes were made and promulgated, Sep. 28, 1687, by which new statutes he was excluded from his Licentiate unless he would *abjure* the Company of Apothecaries."

'tration. That nuisances do exist, Dr. Henry W. Ellis is ready to acknowledge, but that they have not given rise to epidemic sickness is owing to the circumstance of their being at no time of long duration. No summary or statement of nuisances removed is issued with the report. It is satisfactory to find that the water-supply from the public wells has been found free from contamination. The mortality was above the average, but the proportion of deaths of infants was not excessive. Of a total of 54 deaths, 21 were among the aged and infirm, and 11 were those of children under one year.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary Examinations for the Diploma, were, at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on November 27th, admitted Members of the College.

P. W. Quarty-Papafio, M.B. Edin., Gold Coast, West Africa, student of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Edinburgh University; G. A. Pedley, L.S.A., The Terrace, Camberwell, of St. Mary's Hospital; Frank Thorpe, L.R.C.P.I., Queen's Road, Oldham, of Manchester Royal Infirmary; W. L. Abbott, L.R.C.P. Lond., Philadelphia, of Pennsylvania and Guy's Hospital; Alfred Darlow, L.S.A., Redcliffe House, Plasket, G. H. O'Reilly, L.S.A., Wyndham House, Reading, T. W. Gibbard, L.S.A., Wellingborough, of King's College; R. W. Young, L.S.A., Sydney, New South Wales, and W. E. Redman, L.S.A., Lincoln, of University College; T. D. Lewis, L.S.A., Stoke Newington, of Guy's Hospital.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—At a meeting of the Senatus on November 27th, the Vice-Chancellor conferred the following Degrees. *Degree of M.D.*—Thomson Bonar, Edinburgh (Thesis: Health-Resorts at Home and Abroad), and S. F. Wernich, Cape of Good Hope (Thesis: Some Points on Climate, Food, and Mode of Living in Relation to Disease), both of whom were commended for their theses.

Degrees of M.B. and C.M.—A. E. Booth, England; C. G. Campbell, Canada; Arwid L. Kellgren, Sweden; G. J. M. Melle, Cape of Good Hope; P. W. Quarty-Papafio, Gold Coast; C. E. G. Stalkart, Bengal; and Henry W. Wise, Isle of Man.

Degree of B.Sc. in the Department of Public Health.—P. P. Chetti, Bengal.

The following candidates have passed the Degree of Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Public Health.

M. J. Bernstein, M.B., C.M.; P. P. Chetti, M.B., C.M.; G. C. Purvis, M.B., C.M.; J. M. Ross, M.B., C.M.; H. C. L. Scofield, M.B., C.M.; David Smart, M.B., C.M.; G. E. C. Wood, M.B., C.M.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen passed the Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 25th, 1886.

Browne, Henry, M.R.C.S., 137, Clomwell Road, Westbourne Park.
Davey, Thomas George, Helston, Cornwall.
Goodall, Henry, M.R.C.S., 21, Abingdon Villas, Kensington.
Jeaffreson, John Leslie, 3, Park Crescent, Stoke Newington.
Johnson, John George, 108, Lansdown Road, Clapham.
Lansdale, William, M.R.C.S., 64, Chesham Road, Clapham.
Marshall, Arthur Lumsden, Bournemouth.
Moxon, Alfred, Easenhall, Rugby.
Phillips, George Gordon Owen, 16, Castletown Road, West Kensington.
Routh, William, Irvine House, Balham Park Road, Balham.
Ward, John Alfred, Iwarardine Castle, Montford, Shropshire.
Yeoman, Wm. Metcalfe, M.R.C.S., Osmotherly, Northallerton.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BALLYMENA UNION.—Medical Officer, Ahogill Dispensary. Salary, £75 per annum, and fees. Applications to Mr. William Miller, Honorary Secretary, Election on December 6th.

BRISTOL DISPENSARY.—Surgeon. Applications by January 1st, 1887, to the Secretary.

GLAMORGANSHIRE AND MONMOUTHSHIRE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, Cardiff.—Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications by December 4th to the Secretary.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Brompton.—Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications by December 18th to the Secretary.

KENSINGTON DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £125 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications by December 4th to Frederick Leach, Esq., 7, Stanford Road, Kensington Square, W.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £150 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by December 18th to the General Superintendent.

NORFOLK COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £450 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 14th to the Clerk to the Visitors.

NORTH DUBLIN UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £145 per annum, and fees. Applications by December 11th to Thomas Molloy, Esq., 70, Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by December 4th to A. Nixon, Esq., 27, Clement's Lane, E.C.

NORTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Two Physicians.—Applications by December 4th to the Secretary, 216, Tottenham Court Road, W.C.

ROYAL MATERNITY CHARITY.—Physician. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications by December 8th to J. W. Loug, Esq., 31, Finsbury Square, E.C.

ROYAL SEA-BATHING INFIRMARY, Margate.—Two Surgeons. Applications by December 20th to the Secretary.

SALOP INFIRMARY, Shrewsbury.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by December 4th to the Board of Directors.

SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 20th to the Honorary Secretary.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Bristol.—Medical Tutor. Stipend, £100 per annum. Applications by December 4th to E. Markham Skerritt, M.D.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Chelsea, S.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Applications by December 6th to the Secretary.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Applications by December 9th to the Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant.—Applications by December 13th to the Chairman of the Medical Committee.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

COLLIE, R. J., M.D., appointed Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Sunderland.

FOWLER, W., M.A., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer to the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, *viz* Dr. R. Fowler, deceased.

FRASER, Thomas, M.A., M.B., appointed Assistant-Physician to the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries.

HART, T., appointed Dispenser to the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, *viz* Mr. Puntan, resigned.

HOBBS, John, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., appointed House-Surgeon to the Monkstown Hospital.

HUGHES, E. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Clinical Assistant (Skin Department) to the North-West London Hospital.

LISTON, Henry, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ed., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Sunderland Hospital for Sick Children, *viz* Mordey Douglas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Ed., appointed Consultant.

MANSON, M. O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Sussex County Asylum, *viz* R. Miller, M.B., resigned.

MELVILLE, H. B., M.B., C.M., appointed Assistant-Physician to the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries.

MITCHELL, Robert, M.A., M.B., C.M. Edin., late House Surgeon Dewsbury and District General Infirmary, appointed House-Surgeon to the Memorial Hospital, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

NASH, C., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to the Gravesend Hospital, *viz* C. E. Robbs, M.B., M.A. Cantab., B.Sc. London, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

WARD, J. O., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer to the 4th District, Pontefract Union.

WILLS, W. A., M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, *viz* P. D. Turner, M.B. Lond., resigned.

WILSON, A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Administrator of Anesthetics to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.—Miss Alice Lowe, of Blackpool, bequeathed (after the expiration of certain trusts) £4,500 to the Bolton Infirmary, £1,000 to found an Infirmary at Blackpool, and £500 to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties at Lancaster.—Mr. Thomas Phillips Danson, of Bootle, bequeathed £1,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Bootle Borough Hospital, and £500 to the Liverpool Dispensaries.—The Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles has received £1,000 under the will of Miss Mary S. Rooke, of Skiddaw Lodge, £500 from Lord Winmarleigh, and £250 from Messrs. Storey, Brothers, and Co., towards the Recreation Hall Fund.—The Misses Briscoe have given £500, and the Magdalen Charity Trustees £200, to the building fund of the new hospital now being erected at White Rock, Hastings.—The British Home for Incurables has received £500 from "A. M. S." for endowing the "Welcome" Pension.—The Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., has given one hundred guineas to the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots.—The Great Northern Central Hospital has received £80 for the Maintenance Fund from the Amalgamated Friendly and Trade Societies, and £18 for the Building Fund from the North London Amalgamated Temperance Association.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE CLASSES IN JERUSALEM.—Raouf Pasha, the Turkish Governor of Jerusalem and President of the Local Centre, presented certificates to the St. John Ambulance Classes at Jerusalem on October 20th, and made a speech in French, expressing his pleasure at being present, and in furthering the objects of the Order, which he recognised as doing so much good both as regards ambulance work, and at the British Ophthalmic Hospital for the treatment of eye diseases, irrespective of creed. A vote of thanks to His Excellency was moved by Mr. Consul Moore, and seconded by Dr. J. H. Ogilvie, who has started a course of lectures on "First Aid" for the native police.

"COMPACT OF SEWAGE."—The iniquities of unprincipled builders, if less numerous than in the days when people were more confiding, are still sufficiently gross to demand, when discovered, the strongest condemnation. It was recently reported by the inspector of nuisances of the Parish of Bermondsey to the vestry that sediment taken from the public sewers was being used by a builder as mortar in the construction of houses in course of erection in that parish. Owing to the offensive smell arising from the stuff, the inspector, considering it injurious to health, ordered its removal. The vestry instructed the clerk to write to the Metropolitan Board of Works upon the subject, as it was stated that the contractor for cleansing the sewers under their control was in the habit of thus selling the refuse taken from the sewers to builders, who used it for mortar. The vestry clerk has now received a letter from the Metropolitan Board to the effect that they have given strict injunctions to their contractor to refrain in future from the objectionable practice complained of.

GUILD OF ST. LUKE.—A service, in connection with the Guild of St. Luke, will be held in St. Thomas's Hospital Chapel on Tuesday, December 7th, at 5.30 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. This is the first of a series of services organised for the purpose of putting forward, amongst medical men and medical students, the objects of the Guild and its medical missionary work.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL COLLEGE.—The Preliminary Scientific Exhibition of £50 for one year, open to students of less than six months' standing, has been awarded to Messrs. Sargent and Langford (bracketed equal).

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London. Mr. William Adams: The Advantages of Gymnastic Exercises in the Horizontal Position in the Treatment of Lateral Curvature of the Spine. Mr. H. Allingham: On a New Method of Excision of the Knee. Dr. Keser: A Case of Intraperitoneal Hemorrhage in a New-born Child.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 p.m. Dr. Hime (Bradford): Researches concerning Pasteur's Prophylactic. Mr. Crookshank: Flagellated Organisms in the Blood. Dr. S. West: Epithelioma of Larynx. Dr. Hadden: Disseminated Fibrosis of Lungs. Dr. Silcock: Addison's Disease associated with Cystic Condition of Pineal Body. Dr. Seymour Taylor: Included Ovum. Mr. Sydney Jones: Malformation of Hand (living subject). Dr. Pye-Smith: Ulcerative Endocarditis of the Right Side of Heart. Card specimens.—Mr. Sydney Jones: Large Calculus with Hair-pin as Nucleus. Mr. E. H. Fenwick: Finger-shaped Calculus. Dr. H. Sainsbury: Occlusion of Coronary Arteries in Angina Pectoris. Dr. Herringham and Mr. D'Arcy Power: Sarcoma of Brain and Spinal Cord. Mr. Shattock: Microphthalmos. Dr. Hadden: 1. Cirrhosis of Pancreas in Diabetes; 2. Tubercular Ulceration of Trachea; 3. Carcinoma of Cecum. Dr. Hebb: Tuberculosis of Uterus. Dr. Pasteur: Lung in Chronic Pleurisy.

WEDNESDAY.—British Gynaecological Society, 8.30 p.m. Specimens will be shown by Dr. George Elder and others. Dr. Routh: On the Etiology and Diagnosis from a Medico-Legal Point of View of some Cases of Nymphomania.—Epidemiological Society of London, 8 p.m. Dr. J. Edward Squire: Typho-Malarial Fever.—Hunterian Society. Dr. Pye-Smith: Observations in Prognosis.—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY.—Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, 8.30 p.m. Living and Card Specimens at 8 p.m. Mr. W. Adams Frost: Case of Symmetrical Swellings in Position of Lacrymal Glands. Dr. C. E. Beevor: Case of Ophthalmoplegia Externa without any other symptoms. Mr. A. St. Clair Buxton (introduced): A Pocket Refraction Case. Mr. W. H. Jessop: 1. Case of Atrophy of Iris; 2. Lamellar Cataract exhibiting marked Tri-radiate Arrangement. Mr. A. Quarry Silcock: Choroidal Hemorrhage in Region of Macula. Papers.—Mr. W. T. Jackman (introduced): Results of an Examination of the Eyes of School-children. Dr. W. A. Brailey: Hydatid Cyst of Orbit. Dr. J. A. Ormerod: Ecthymosis and Edema of Eyelids without obvious Cause. Mr. Edgar A. Browne: Case of supposed Quinine Amaurosis. Mr. W. H. Jessop: Case of Sudden and Lasting Lateral Nystagmus.

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DEATH.

ELKINGTON.—On November 26th, at his residence, Frederick Road, Edgbaston, George Elkington, in his 79th year.

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.

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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.

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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.

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them in the examinations of the Conjoint Board; as matters now exist, it would prove most undesirable to have a second examining corporation in London, which certainly will accrue if refusal still be carried out by the Conjoint Board. I grant all counter-practice ought to be abolished, as by so doing the profession would assume its proper place in the eyes of the public at large.

8. It is most desirable a teaching university should be established, whereby London students would be enabled to obtain degrees in medicine and surgery, as is conducted in Scotland and Ireland. Surely immediate steps ought to be taken, in order to carry out such design. The two Royal Colleges might affiliate with other Colleges, and constitute themselves an university for granting medical and surgical degrees, thus doing away with the necessity for our London students quitting the Metropolis for those seats of learning whereby they can obtain such distinctions elsewhere.

SPURGIN v. NICHOLSON.

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I passed the Preliminary in Arts at the Royal College of Surgeons in July, 1869, registered as a medical student, and entered one of the largest London medical schools, where I remained four years and a half, going through the entire prescribed curriculum with the different appointments. In July, 1871, I passed the primary professional examination in anatomy and physiology; and in November, 1873, I passed the final examination in surgery and surgical anatomy, and paid twenty guineas for the diploma, which, however, was withheld until I had passed in medicine somewhere. During the period I have mentioned, I lived with, and was a pupil of, my uncle, the late Sir Alexander Nisbet, M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., etc.; but, just as I had finished my hospital course, he died, and I was obliged to become an assistant, which position I have maintained up to the present time. Twelve months ago last October, I passed in medicine and materia medica at the College of Surgeons. If, Sir, the above facts are made known and understood (which they ought to be), why am I persecuted as I am? Why can I not act as an assistant? I should hail with delight any prosecution the Home Secretary or the General Medical Council may undertake against me.

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