

SCOTLAND.

INFANT MORTALITY IN GLASGOW.

As the result of an inquiry into the vital statistics of Glasgow during the past six years, the medical officer of that city finds that "the mere fact that a child is born out of wedlock doubles the chances of death within a year of birth." In other words, out of 1,000 legitimate children born, 142 die before they reach their first birthday; while for illegitimate children, the corresponding figures are 277. This is the experience of other cities; indeed, in some the comparison is even more startling. But the Glasgow officer of health makes a grave charge. He speaks of the "fatal facilities" for obtaining certificates of the cause of death; and it is said that the death-roll of infants on the friendly societies' list is extremely heavy, especially of illegitimate infants.

IRELAND.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO DR. ARCHIBALD H. JACOB.

THE preliminary meeting to make arrangements for the proposed testimonial was held in the College of Surgeons in Ireland last Saturday. Dr. Corley, Vice-President of the College, took the chair. The following executive officers were unanimously elected:—Honorary Treasurers—Professor Edward Hamilton, 120, Stephen's Green, and Dr. Purcell, 71, Harcourt Street. Hon. Secretaries—Professor E. D. Mapother, 6, Merrion Square; Dr. John H. Chapman, 122, Pembroke Road. A committee was formed (with power to add to its number) from members of the profession in Dublin and the provinces, who had offered to promote the movement. It was agreed that there should be no limit to the amount of subscription, it being understood that the smallest subscription from provincial practitioners would be thankfully received.

ULSTER HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

THE sale of work in aid of the above institution, which may now be regarded as an annual event, was recently held in St. George's Hall, Belfast. The special object of the effort of this year is to clear off a debt of £300 incurred by recent alterations and improvements in the hospital. The hall was beautifully arranged a a gipsy-encampment. The Rev. Dr. Porter, President of the Queen's College, occupied the chair, and there was a numerous attendance. The sale was declared open by Mrs. Blakiston-Houston. Much of the work exhibited was very tasteful and artistic.

BRITISH GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

IN compliance with a unanimous resolution passed by the Society on December 8th, moved by the President, seconded by Dr. Granville Bantock, the Report of the Inquiry Committee of the Liverpool Medical Institution (concerning the practice of the Liverpool Hospital for Women) was referred to the Council, who have reported in the following terms:

"The Council have to report that upon such details of the report as are of a purely local character they do not propose to express any opinion, but they regret that the Committee did not see their way, with such an exceptional opportunity at their disposal, of expressing opinions which would have been of general use to the medical profession. The Council are very strongly of opinion that the time which had elapsed in the instance of all the patients whose cases were inquired into was not long enough to enable a complete and conclusive statement concerning them to be made. At the utmost this time could not have been more than twenty months, and from this point it diminished to about nine months. It must be borne in mind that, in all such cases, the ailment is of a chronic nature, and, therefore, unlikely to receive immediate relief; and, as in the instances of other operations (such as amputations, lithotomy, etc.), a much longer period, often three years, is required for a completion of the cure. The only other point which requires comment, in the opinion of the Council, is contained in the last paragraph of the Inquiry Committee's

report. This paragraph recommends that the work of special hospitals for women should be greatly restricted in a direction which has, up to the present, been recognised by universal custom and practice as legitimately within their province. Operations upon the female breasts must certainly be regarded as an integral part of the surgery of the genito-urinary system.

"Concerning operations on the liver, spleen, kidney, and other abdominal viscera, the answer to the Committee's recommendation is simple and emphatic. Where were these operations before the establishment of special hospitals? In the hands of general surgeons they were not even attempted, and no satisfactory measure of success has attended efforts in this direction up to the present moment in any general hospital. The mere diagnosis of such cases requiring surgical interference is difficult, often impossible before exploration, and, when met with, their treatment is therefore far more likely to be successful at the hands of men who are, by daily experience, familiar with all the exigencies of abdominal surgery. The Council, therefore, must ask the Society to record an emphatic protest against the recommendation of the Liverpool Committee to limit the sphere of work which it is the chief aim and objects of this Society to further."

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 19th day of January next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

161A, Strand, December 16th, 1886.

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*.

COLLECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF DISEASE.

INQUIRIES are being pursued on the following subjects

DIPHTHERIA, THE ETIOLOGY OF PHthisis,
THE VALUE OF HAMAMELIS, THE VALUE OF PURE TEREBENE.
Memoranda on the above subjects, and forms for communicating observations on them, may be had on application.

The Inquiries on OLD AGE, CANCER OF THE BREAST, and the CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, are now closed.

A Report on the CHOREA Inquiry has been prepared by Dr. Stephen Mackenzie; and will be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL as soon as the printing can be completed.

A Report on CENTENARIANS, prepared by Professor Humphry, was published with the JOURNAL of December 11th; a full Report on OLD AGE will follow.

Reports are in preparation upon the Inquiries made into ACUTE RHEUMATISM, DIPHTHERIA, CANCER OF THE BREAST, and HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, and a Supplementary Report on PUERPERAL PYREXIA. All the above will be published in the JOURNAL as soon as completed. Tables of the Chorea and Acute Rheumatism cases will be published in separate form.

The Returns made to the GEOGRAPHICAL INQUIRY are being tabulated for report.

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.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—The next ordinary meeting will be held at the Gloucester Infirmary, when Dr. Batten will give his presidential address, on Tuesday, January 18th, at 7.30 P.M.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Mickle, at Grove Hall, Bow, on Thursday, January 20th, at 8.30 P.M. The chair will be taken by Cornelius Garman, Esq. Dr. Mickle will demonstrate a number of patients illustrating various forms and phases of insanity and general paralysis of the insane. Dr. C. R. Walker will show a patient suffering from locomotor ataxy, with perforating ulcer of the foot.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, 1887. Members who wish to read papers or show cases are desired to send notice of such intention to one of the honorary secretaries, on or before January 18th.—Dr. DARBISHIRE, 60 High Street, Oxford; W. L. MORGAN, Esq., 42, Broad Street, Oxford.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CAMBRIDGE CHOLERA FUNGUS.

SIR,—In No. 247, vol. xli, of the *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, just published, there is a preliminary report on the pathology of cholera Asiatica by Messrs. C. Roy, J. Graham Brown, and C. S. Sherrington, in which these gentlemen describe and figure the occurrence, in the tissue of the intestinal mucous membrane of persons dead of cholera Asiatica, of hyphæ, or mycelial threads and "granules." Messrs. Vines and Gardiner, we are told, declared these to be chitridiæ. We are further informed that these chitridiæ were found by Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington in the intestinal mucous membrane of the twenty-five cases of cholera they have examined, as also in the kidney and in the blood-vessels of some of these cases. I have no hesitation in saying that I consider these statements are based on error. What these gentlemen have seen and described is nothing less or more than the hyphæ, or mycelial threads of common mould (probably *aspergillus*), which, during preserving the material, have grown from the free surface into the tissues.

I possess a large number of specimens made of the diseased intestine, lung, kidney, liver, and skin of various animals and man, in no way connected with cholera Asiatica; in many of these I find the exact appearances described and figured by these gentlemen—viz., mycelial threads of precisely the same size and appearance as those above mentioned. They are seen to penetrate from the surface, where they form a copious dense mycelium, into the depth to various degrees. I possess sections through the mucous membrane of the intestine of the calf, of the mouse, of the guinea-pig, and of man, in which these hyphæ have penetrated as deep as the submucous tissue; in the lymphatics of this part they were very abundant. Similarly, I have specimens of the lung of calf, cow, and guinea-pig, where the growth of the mycelial threads can be traced from the pleural surface into the lung tissue, in the lymph vessels of the interlobular septa they are very numerous, and possessed of those knob-shaped outgrowths figured and described by Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington. I have also specimens of the ulcerated skin of calf and cow where these hyphæ can be traced as deep as the subcutaneous tissue. Into the kidney and the mesenteric lymph glands they also penetrate, but less than in the above organs, probably owing to the greater density of the tissue. Now in all these instances these tissues had been preserved during and over the summer months; they were examined after three or more months' preservation, and the sections were stained in methyl blue. But I must state also that the same tissues had been examined fresh and after a few weeks' hardening, and in none of them had any mycelial growth been present. It is a fact, as is pointed out by Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington, that methyl blue brings the threads out more easily and better than other aniline dyes. There can be absolutely no doubt about the identity of the Cambridge chitridiæ with the hyphæ of the common mould found in the sections of non-choleraic specimens. What Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington describe as "granules" connected by delicate filaments are in most instances filaments and branches seen in optical or real transverse section; with careful, fine adjustment of the microscope this can be without difficulty ascertained. Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington assume that their "chitridiæ" have been overlooked by others who have examined cholera intestines, because methylene blue had not been used. This assumption is entirely wrong, because methylene blue, as Löffler's (or alkaline)

solution, and in other modifications, had been used by many investigators. While in India I have largely used it for staining sections fresh and after a few days' to after a few weeks' hardening, and I know as a positive fact that the German commission have in Egypt, in India, and after their return to Berlin largely used this dye. But in not one single case have they, or have I, found anything of mycelial threads, either in the intestinal mucous membrane or in any other organ. The only difference between Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington on the one hand, and all the other investigators on the other, is this, that while the former kept their material bottled over the summer (*vide* their report, p. 177), the latter examined theirs fresh, or after short and careful hardening.

That this is the real explanation of the difference of our results is proved by the following:—A bottle containing bits of choleaic intestine preserved by me in Calcutta and brought over to England was opened many months after; sections were made of the intestine and stained in methylene blue. On the free surface of the mucous membrane was found a dense plexus of mycelial threads of common mould, from which threads of various thickness had singly grown into the tissue to the depth of the submucous tissue.

Of the same choleraic intestine numerous sections had been made in Calcutta, fresh and after a few weeks' hardening; these had been stained in methylene blue, but in none of them is there any trace of mycelial threads. I have these sections at present in my possession, and while they show that there is a complete absence in the mucous membrane of mycelial threads, the others—viz., those made of the same intestine and after the same method, but after having been kept bottled for some months' show beautiful mycelial threads pervading the mucous membrane through all depths. These threads, in their course, thickness, mode of branching, in the character of the bud-like sprouts—in short, in all their morphological character—are unmistakably identical with the hyphæ found in specimens of the non-choleraic intestine, lung, skin, kidney, mesenteric glands preserved, as stated above, over the summer.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I shall be most happy to place at the disposal of Messrs. Roy, Brown, and Sherrington, as also of Messrs. Vines and Gardiner, the materials or sections mounted and stained of the various non-choleraic tissues, in which are present the mycelial threads of common mould, identical with the Cambridge cholera fungus.—Your obedient servant,

E. KLEIN.

94, Philbeach Gardens, Earl's Court, S.W., December 18th, 1886.

OBITUARY.

WALTER FERGUS, M.D.

THE vast amount of good work done, the untiring energy and unremitting care bestowed on many, call for more than a passing notice of the death of the late Dr. Fergus, for thirty-seven years the valued and trusted medical officer of Marlborough College.

Dr. Fergus was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1819, and educated at King's College, London, and at the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated as M.D. in 1842. Having obtained the diplomas of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A. in 1843, he was elected house-surgeon of the Staffordshire General Hospital in 1844, a post which he resigned only on being appointed to Marlborough College in 1849. This was practically the first appointment of its kind, no other public school having a resident medical officer. The value of the appointment was soon apparent; scrupulously punctual and methodical to a degree, he gave his undivided attention to the whole establishment. Boys and staff alike, and all who sought his aid, found a kind sympathetic friend and adviser. He enjoyed the perfect confidence of the Council of Marlborough College, and the successive head masters. Failing health compelled him reluctantly to resign his post in the early part of this year. The uniform work of medical officer, even to a large school, naturally somewhat restricted general practice, but he always kept himself well read in the scientific work of the day. He was a not infrequent contributor to the medical Press, and his opinion on the subject of public school life in its sanitary relations was highly valued. In the sick room he was at his best; here the patient had not only the competent adviser, but the kind and tender nurse.

Dr. Fergus had endeared himself to a large circle of friends by many acts of kindness, and by the interest he took in the parish of St. Peter, and Marlborough generally. He was pre-eminently a Christian man, and devoted himself to every good work; was most charitable to the poor, and his loss will be regretted by all who knew him.

He died almost suddenly at Ryton-on-Tyne on December 8th. His

end, though sudden, was not unexpected by himself, for he had expressed an opinion, a short time before, that he would not live long. He was buried at Marlborough on December 14th.

ROBERT DYER LYONS, M.D., D.L., F.K.Q.C.P.I.

WE have to record with regret the unexpected death, on Sunday last, at 1 A.M., of this well-known member of our profession. A short time after leaving his residence, in Dublin, on the previous Friday morning, he was suddenly struck down with right hemiplegia, when walking through Molesworth Street. He became at once aphasic, and never made any rally.

Dr. Lyons was in his 61st year. He was a native of Cork, of which city his father, Sir William Lyons, was twice mayor. He graduated in Medicine in the University of Dublin in 1848, and devoted himself to the study of anatomy and microscopy—a subject at that time only in its infancy. At the outbreak of the Russian war, he was appointed Pathologist in Chief to the British army in the Crimea. The result of his observations was published in an official Report (Blue-book) on the Pathology of the Diseases of the Army of the East to the Minister of War. Subsequently, he investigated, with much care and enthusiasm, the Lisbon epidemic of yellow fever, in 1857, and also reported officially in a Blue-book on that subject. After his return from the East, Dr. Lyons was appointed Physician to Jervis Street Hospital, and Professor of Practice of Medicine and Pathology to the Catholic University of Ireland. The latter appointment he held up to the time of his death; but he left Jervis Street Hospital on being elected Physician to the House of Industry Hospitals, on the resignation of the late Sir Dominic Corrigan, Bart.

In 1858, Dr. Lyons published a *Handbook of Hospital Practice*, a second edition of which was issued in 1864; and in 1870, his *Treatise on Fever* appeared. He also contributed a few papers on medical subjects to the *Dublin Journal of Medical Science*; but, although his works were the result of evident labour and research, they somehow, like his speeches, seemed to lack spontaneity and conviction, and both consequently made but little impression on his readers or his hearers. In 1880, he was elected, on Liberal principles, a member for Dublin, but his parliamentary success was not great, and he went out at the late dissolution. While in Parliament, he was appointed the Crown representative for Ireland on the General Medical Council, a Deputy Lieutenant for Dublin, and a Senator of the Royal University of Ireland.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

LYTHAM.—During the year 1885, the number of deaths registered in this district was 90; 46 being males and 44 females. From these, Dr. Fisher deducts 20 deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto, and who may therefore be termed “non-resident,” by which is meant all persons who are not householders, and who have not resided in the district for a longer period than three months. This leaves 70, which, when calculated on the population of 4,435 persons, will give a death-rate of 15.7 per 1,000 for the year ending December, 1885. But has the health-officer taken account of deaths belonging to the district which occurred outside it in institutions or otherwise? Diseases of the zymotic class caused five deaths, all due to measles; these gave a death-rate of 1.1 per 1,000. Two deaths in the Cottage Hospital from enteric fever are excluded from the returns, as the disease was contracted at St. Anne’s-on-Sea, where the patients resided. Five other members of the family died from the same fever in the house from which these two were removed, the sanitary arrangements being lamentably faulty. Only two cases of scarlet fever were reported during the year, both imported, and of a mild character.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—In addition to a report on the vital statistics of the year 1885, Mr. H. G. Armstrong gives a review of the mortality of the decade immediately prior to the date of the recent adoption by the Registrar-General of his altered classification of diseases and other causes of death. The total number of deaths registered in Newcastle during the ten years ended December, 1883, is 34,480. The mean annual death-rate of the period, calculated on the mean estimated populations of the two years 1874 and 1883, is 24.2; or, if calculated on the enumerated population of the census of 1881, 23.7 per 1,000 living. The death-rate for 1885 was 26.0 per 1,000, but, taking into consideration the probable under-estimate of population,

and applying it to the above returns, the death-rate would be 23.8 per 1,000. The most prevalent and fatal zymotic disease was measles, from which 359 deaths were recorded. Of these, 204 were in the second quarter of the year. Mr. Armstrong writes at some length on the spread of infectious diseases and the character of the preventive measures adopted. Scarlet fever, the disease of greatest prevalence, is shown to be the disease in which isolation has been most neglected. Mr. Armstrong considers that power to compel the removal of the infective sick to hospital from dwellings where isolation is impracticable, is greatly needed. The report also includes sections on two other subjects not dealt with in former issues of the series, viz., the results of the house-to-house inspection, concluded during the year; and the domestic distribution of the water-supply of the city. The statistics, especially of the last two sections, represent a great deal of work. The inspection, it is believed, includes a return for every inhabited dwelling in the City, except two, to which admission was refused.

READING (URBAN AND RURAL).—The statistical returns of these districts for 1885 are not as favourable as those of the preceding years. Dr. John Shea reports of the borough that the birth-rate has been the lowest recorded since 1874, though the infant mortality was low. Pulmonary diseases, bronchitis, pneumonia, and pleurisy were more fatal in 1885 than in any year during the above period. Measles was very prevalent, and the mortality from pulmonary complications was high. It became necessary to close some of the elementary schools on this account. Scarlet fever was also epidemic in a mild form, its very mildness aiding its extension. These were the only two forms of zymotic disease that manifested themselves in the rural district, and measles only was fatal. The town did not escape so easily. Diphtheria and enteric fever cases were reported from time to time, and small-pox was imported on three occasions. Diarrhoea of a fatal type was almost entirely absent, owing to the dryness of the season. The advantages of the provision of a cottage hospital were made manifest by the successful treatment of a few selected cases of scarlet fever. Dr. Shea anticipates from this the future erection of a fever hospital, sufficiently large for the borough. He considers that the prohibition of school attendance from infected houses, and the free distribution of disinfectants, fall far short of the advantages of early isolation. The death-rate for the urban district was 18.0 per 1,000, 0.1 higher than in 1884, and as nearly as possible the average of the past ten years. That for the rural district was 11.8 per 1,000.

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—M.B. Examination, 1886. Examination for Honours.

Medicine—First Class: J. W. Washbourn (Scholarship and Gold Medal), Guy’s Hospital; W. J. Gow (Gold Medal), St. Bartholomew’s Hospital. Second Class: H. W. Gardner, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; R. B. Wild, Manchester and Owens College; R. Johnson, University College. Third Class: J. S. Hutton, St. Thomas’s Hospital; A. F. Voelcker, University College.

Obstetric Medicine—First Class: H. W. Gardner (Scholarship and Gold Medal), St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; R. Johnson (Gold Medal), University College; L. C. T. Dobson, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; W. J. Gow, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, and J. W. Washbourn, Guy’s Hospital; A. Carless, King’s College. Second Class: L. M. Gabriel, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; J. A. Smith, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, and A. F. Voelcker, University College (equal).

Forensic Medicine—First Class: R. Johnson (Scholarship and Gold Medal), University College; J. W. Washbourn (Gold Medal), Guy’s Hospital; F. F. Burghard, Guy’s Hospital; R. B. Wild, Manchester and Owens College; S. C. Jones, University College; G. E. Halstead, B.A., B.Sc., Guy’s Hospital; A. E. Taylor, Guy’s Hospital; A. F. Voelcker, University College. Second Class: K. N. Bahadurji, University College; W. H. Horrocks, University College, and S. E. Prall, Guy’s Hospital (equal); L. M. Gabriel, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; C. D. Muspratt, Guy’s Hospital. Third Class: A. Carless, King’s College; W. J. Gow, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; E. F. Bright, University College, and C. W. F. Young, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital (equal); E. F. Trevelyan, B.Sc., St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; E. R. St. Clair Corbin, University College.

B.S. Examination, 1886. Pass List.

First Division.—F. F. Burghard, Guy’s Hospital; J. Elliott, B.Sc., St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; E. Goodall, Guy’s Hospital; G. E. Halstead, B.A., B.Sc., Guy’s Hospital; F. C. Hart-Smith, University College; C. D. Muspratt, Guy’s Hospital; W. G. Spencer, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; J. Swain, Westminster Hospital; J. J. D. Vernon, Guy’s Hospital.

Second Division.—K. N. Bahadurji, University College; R. Johnson, University College; A. E. Taylor, Guy’s Hospital; A. F. Voelcker, University College; J. W. Washbourn, Guy’s Hospital.

M.D. Examination, 1886. Pass List.

R. D. Batten, B.S., St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; F. H. Berry, Guy’s Hospital; E. H. Booth, Guy’s Hospital; J. I. Boswell, Guy’s Hospital; J. H. E. Brock, B.S., University College; F. F. Caiger, B.S., St. Thomas’s Hospital; J. Calvert, B.A., B.Sc., St. Bartholomew’s Hospital; E. J. Cave,²

¹ Obtained the number of marks qualifying for the University Scholarship.

² Obtained the number of marks qualifying for a gold medal.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital; C. C. Claremont, B.S., University College; E. P. Cockey, St. Mary's Hospital; C. R. Elgood, B.S., University College; R. F. Fox, London Hospital; J. P. Glover, St. Thomas's Hospital; E. W. Goodall, Guy's Hospital; C. Gross, B.S., Guy's Hospital; C. M. Handfield-Jones, St. Mary's Hospital; J. L. Hewer, B.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. Hinds, B.S., University College; H. H. Lankester, St. Thomas's Hospital; W. T. Maddison, King's College; F. W. Mott, B.S., University College; W. Pearce, B.S., B.Sc., St. Mary's Hospital; J. J. Powell (Gold Medal), University College; A. E. Price, B.S., Guy's Hospital; C. E. Purslow, Birmingham; E. Rice, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; K. R. Smith, B.S., University College; H. R. Spencer, B.S., University College; A. J. Turner, University College; L. C. Wooldridge, D.Sc., Guy's Hospital; S. Worthington, Guy's Hospital.

Logic and Psychology only.—J. W. Batterham, B.S., Westminster Hospital; A. H. Cook, University College; A. W. Dingley, University College; W. H. R. Forsbrook, Westminster Hospital; W. L. Heath, B.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; A. J. Jefferson, B.S., St. Thomas's Hospital; E. Shove, London School of Medicine and Royal Free Hospital; D. J. Slater, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. T. Williamson, B.S., Owens College.

M.S. Examination, 1886. Pass List.

Logic and Psychology only.—W. J. Roeckel, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

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, December 9th, 1886.

Adams, Percy Targett, Ashford Road, Maidstone.
Brown, Edward Vipont, M.R.C.S., 123, Lady Margaret Road, Holloway, N.
Carey, Basil de Beauvoir, 22, Tavistock Street, Gordon Square.
Challenor, William, 35, Alfred Place, Gower Street.
McLean, William Warcker Laroche, "Ellersien," Fulham Park Gardens, S.W.
Smith, Alfred Alexander, L.R.C.P.Ed., 43, Raiton Road, Brixton.

The following gentlemen passed on December 16th:

Gravely, Harry, 48, Gloucester Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.
Naumann, John Charles Francis, Woelmann, near Eilenburg, Germany.
Sunder, Charles Edward, M.R.C.S., the College, Regent's Park, N.W.
Williams, John Thomas Creswick, Dolgelly, North Wales.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

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

BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND PRESTON DISPENSARY.—Honorary Medical Officer. Applications by January 3rd, 1887, to the Chairman of the Committee of Management.

BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND PRESTON DISPENSARY.—Honorary Surgeon-Dentist. Applications by January 3rd, 1887, to the Chairman of the Committee of Management.

CITY OF LONDON LUNATIC ASYLUM, Stone, near Dartford, Kent.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 30th to H. F. Youle, Esq., Guildhall, E.C.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, Barnwood, Gloucester.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to Dr. Needham.

MIDHURST UNION, Sussex.—Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, and fees. Applications by December 25th to the Clerk to the Guardians.

ST. MARYLEBONE INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 28th, to the Clerk to the Guardians.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Clinical Medicine. Salary, £75 per annum, and extras. Applications by January 17th, 1887, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Surgery. Salary, £75 per annum, and extras. Applications by January 17th, 1887, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Materia Medica. Salary, £75 per annum, and extras. Applications by January 17th, 1887, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Physiology. Salary, £75 per annum, and extras. Applications by January 17th, 1887, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Pathology. Salary, £75 per annum, and extras. Applications by January 17th, 1887, to the Secretary.

WORCESTER COUNTY AND CITY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Powick, near Worcester.—Third Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Application by January 6th, 1887, to Dr. Cooke.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BALFOUR, Andrew, M.D.Ed., appointed Medical Officer of the Parish of Duddingston, Midlothian, *vice* A. H. Balfour, L.R.C.S.G., deceased.

BALFOUR, John Hutton, M.B., C.M.Ed., appointed Certifying Surgeon to Factories in the burgh of Portobello, N.B., *vice* A. H. Balfour, L.R.C.S.E., deceased.

BAKER, John, M.B., C.M., appointed Medical Assistant to the Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum.

DOVY, J. Harrington, M.R.C.S.Eng., etc., Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Worcester County Asylum, appointed Medical Superintendent of the Berks County Asylum, *vice* R. B. Gilland, M.D., resigned.

GARLAND, J. P., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., appointed Medical Officer to the North Dublin Union, *vice* J. P. Nolan, L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., deceased.

GERARD, John, M.D., M.A., M.R.C.S., appointed Physician to the North London Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of Chest.

GOULLET, C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Assistant to the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital.

GRANT, John, M.B. and C.M.Ed., late Assistant Medical Officer, Inverness District Asylum, Inverness, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the East Riding Asylum, Beverley, Yorks.

HARRIES, J. T., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to the Salop Infirmary, *vice* R. H. Russell, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

HARPER, Alex., M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Victoria Hospital for Children.

HAWKINS, F. H., M.D., appointed Physician to the North London Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of Chest.

HENRY, John P., Med.Sch., B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dub., appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy in Carmichael College of Medicine, Dublin.

HUGHES, S., M.B., C.M.Edin., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.Lond., late House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Birkenhead Borough Hospital.

KEYWORTH, Arthur F., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.M., appointed Medical Officer for the Marple and Hayfield District of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Mutual Provident Society, *vice* John Howe, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., deceased.

LARDER, Herbert, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Whitechapel Union, *vice* J. J. Hott, M.R.C.S., resigned.

LAWSON, G., F.R.C.S., appointed Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis and Other Diseases of the Nervous System, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park, London, N.W., *vice* White Cooper, Esq., deceased.

LYON, T. Glover, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., appointed Physician to the North London Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of Chest.

MACDONALD, John A., M.B., C.M.Glas., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Denton District of the Grantham Union, *vice* R. Kingston, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

MORGAN, A. K., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Medical Officer of Health and Superintendent of Sanitary Hospital, Bournemouth.

MUGFORD, S. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Kensington Dispensary, *vice* L. A. Buck, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

PEARSON, R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Junior Assistant House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Hull, *vice* F. W. Pedler, M.R.C.S., resigned.

PEDLER, F. W., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Hull, *vice* J. S. Collins, M.D., resigned.

POSTLETHWAITE, F., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to the Wallasey Dispensary, *vice* W. R. Etches, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.

PARRY, R. H., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., appointed Resident House-Surgeon to the Glasgow Hospital for Sick Children, *vice* Dr. Moon, resigned.

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.

MARRIAGES.

FOWLER—SINCLAIR.—On December 15th, at Loirston, Kincardineshire, J. Francis Scott Fowler, Esq., M.B., of the Army Medical Staff, to Annie, second daughter of D. Sinclair, Esq., of Loirston and Altens.

PIKE—WHEATLEY.—On December 15th, at Saint Phillip's Church, Miltown, by the Rev. E. Parke Wheatley, B.A. (brother of the bride), assisted by the Rev. S. M. Harris, M.A., William Watson Pike, Army Medical Staff, youngest son of the late William Pike, Esq., of Achill, to Sarah Louisa, second daughter of the late E. Park Wheatley, Esq., Dublin.

DEATHS.

SPICER.—On December 9th, Mary Elizabeth Lavinia, wife of R. H. S. Spicer, M.D., of North Molton, Devon, aged 61.

WALKER.—On December 16th, at Peterborough, Thomas Walker, M.D. and J.P., in his 91st year.

DIARIES FOR 1887.—We have received, from Messrs. Cassell and Co., who will in future be the publishers of the well-known Letts's Diaries, a copy of Letts's No. 31, Rough Diary or Scribbling Journal, with a week in an opening, interleaved with blotting-paper, published at 2s. 6d. This is a folio diary, with some useful features. It contains a great deal of accurate information in addition to that usually given, with one page set apart for "memoranda of things lent," the utility of which will commend itself to those who are not in the habit of keeping a separate book for the purpose. We have also received Letts's, No. 26, octavo 1s. Pocket-diary and Almanac. From a list accompanying the books, it is seen that Letts's diaries, in the hands of Messrs. Cassell and Co. are published in every variety of shape and style to meet the wants of all professions and trades.

NATIONAL DENTAL HOSPITAL.—At the annual dinner of the past and present students of the National Dental Hospital, held at the Holborn Restaurant, the toast of "The Medical and Dental Schools" was proposed by Mr. Arthur Underwood, who said that these schools were inextricably associated with each other, and he trusted that they would always remain so. Dr. Cunningham, of Cambridge, had already made considerable strides in arranging a scheme of special education in the University of Cambridge. He was engaged in a great crusade in which he was preceded by Mr. Fisher—a crusade which would end in placing all schools under the special and proper supervision of a dental surgeon. Mr. Pearce Gould and Dr. Cunningham responded to the toast.

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.

SATURDAY ...9 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., 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, Tu., 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, Tu. F., 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., 8. Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 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.

MANUSCRIPTS FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THIS JOURNAL CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BE RETURNED.

QUERIES.

FREEMARTIN.

J.D. writes: This is the name given to a female calf, born as a twin with a male one. Can anyone tell me the etymology and origin of the word?

INSTRUCTION IN MASSAGE.

J. DUNDAS GRANT, M.D., would be glad to know where a lady of considerable intelligence, and of robust character and physique, could acquire the art of massage.

THE DEGREE OF M.D.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A. writes: I see you announce that the scheme favoured by the Councils of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons for obtaining a charter for granting the degree of M.D. to those who pass the examination of the conjoint board is rapidly assuming shape, etc. Can you inform me whether the degree will only be open to those who pass the conjoint board, or will it be open to practitioners like myself who have passed the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.Lond. separately at the respective Colleges?

ANSWERS.

ONE INTERESTED.—The address of the Income Tax Repayment Agency is 16, Artesian Road, London, W.

DR. LOUIS J. M. CORDNER (Aughnacloy, co. Tyrone) will find an account of senile decay of the mental powers, etc., in the following: An article by Dr. Anstie, on Certain Nervous Affections of Old Persons, in the *Journal of Medical Science*, vol. xvi, p. 31, April, 1870; one by Dr. Conolly, in *Medical Times and Gazette*, vol. i, p. 489, 1858; Dr. Maudsley's *Pathology of the Mind*; and *A Manual of Psychological Medicine*, by Drs. Bucknill and Hack Tuke.

PRODUCTION OF CARBONIC ACID GAS.

A.B.—The volume of CO₂ given off from sodæ bicarb. $\frac{31}{2}$, when saturated with tartaric acid, will vary according to temperature and pressure; but assuming that the temperature is 60° F. and the pressure is 30 inches, that the sodium bicarbonate is pure and dry, and that the troy or apothecaries ounce of 480 grains is signified by the symbol $\frac{31}{2}$; then the volume of CO₂ given off would be 533 cubic inches, or nearly 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

THE RIDDELL FUND.

DR. JOSEPH ROGERS, President of the Poor-law Medical Officers' Association, writes: A letter, of which the subjoined is a copy, was recently forwarded to me. It refers to a very sad story, the particulars of which had been sent to me by the unhappy man several months ago, when he wrote for my advice, which was to the effect that it was much to be regretted that he had incurred the hostility of anyone who had it so much in their power to render his professional life uncomfortable, and I trusted that he would do his best to minimise the hostility he had evoked. It would appear, however, that it was not to be so, and the unhappy man rushed into eternity under the influence of a morbidly sensitive nature. The letter was sent on to me by his wife, who informs me that she is wholly dependent on the sale of his small practice for the present means of living.

My health is too much broken to take an active part in collecting anything for the poor woman's benefit, but Mr. John Wickham Barnes, F.R.C.S., 3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, E.C., whom I have just seen, will kindly receive and apply for the widow's benefit any monies from the well-to-do members of the profession.

[Copy.]

Dunsford, December 3rd, 1886.

Dear Dr. Rogers,—Before this reaches you I shall be no more. My enemies have triumphed. One of the guardians made a most unprovoked attack (and, as he afterwards acknowledged, unfair attack) upon me, and in a moment of exasperation I wrote a letter to the Board of Guardians. They forwarded it to the higher Board, and now I have been dismissed. Standing now on the brink of eternity, I solemnly repeat what I told you before, that all the persecution arose from the fact of our turning our backs on — daughter when we found that... We never mentioned our knowledge to any outsider, but my wife left the choir. From that day till now we have been cruelly boycotted, and now ruined. It is too late to begin life again. I trust myself and my family in the hands of God Almighty. If you can do anything for my wife and family, why God bless you. And now good-bye.—Yours truly,

(Signed) R. RIDDELL.

MR. J. WICKHAM BARNES (3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street) writes: Dr. Rogers having published my name as being willing to receive contributions for the widow of the late Dr. Riddell, of Dunsford, near Exeter, I think it only proper that your readers should know something of the case they are called upon to subscribe to. About two years ago, Dr. Riddell communicated with Dr. Rogers in regard to differences between himself and his guardians, arising, as he considered, from causes foreign to his appointment. Since that time, complaints (as he said, without reason) have continually been made against him, when, in a fit of desperation, he wrote an intemperate letter to his guardians, who forwarded the same to the Local Government Board, which brought an answer requiring his resignation. The shock resulting from this letter was too great for his enfeebled and worried brain, death by strychnine being the result; but immediately before taking this, he wrote a heart-rending letter to Dr. Rogers, expressive of his inability to bear up any longer against his troubles, thanking him for former kindness, and asking him to do what he could to assist his widow and children, who are left totally destitute. Dr. Rogers, I am grieved to say, is too ill to move in the matter, and if no one else can be found better able to help the poor widow and children, I will receive contributions for them, however small the amounts, and will insert them weekly in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, with your kind permission.

	Subscriptions already Received.	£	s.	d.
Jno. Woodman, M.D., Exeter	1	1	0
H. Mallett, Esq., dentist, Exeter	0	10	0
Dr. Joseph Rogers	1	1	0
J. Wickham Barnes, Esq.	1	1	0

THE DEGREE OF M.D.

HOPEFUL writes: So far as I have observed, legislation involving fundamental changes is frequently, if not always, accompanied by conditions which respect and secure life interests. This is both just and reasonable. The rank and file of the medical profession are so accustomed to the pressure of hardships, that they seem to have come to regard these as inseparably associated with professional life. One of these hardships has of late years come to occupy a very prominent position. I refer to the difficulty which a great proportion of medical practitioners have had to encounter in their efforts to obtain a university degree; which, in a great many instances, they have failed to secure. In what follows I intend to confine myself to a class of practitioners who must be somewhat advanced in life, and whose number is getting "small by degrees." Allusion is here made to some who, variously qualified, were in practice about the year 1858. One reason I mention 1858 is because my principal data will be taken from the Medical Directory for Scotland for that year. There it is stated as one of the regulations to be observed in granting the degree of M.D. by the then University and King's College, Aberdeen, that "practitioners who possess a licence or diploma from any of the Royal Colleges of Physicians or Surgeons, or from the Apothecaries' Company, and who have been engaged for at least five years in the practice of medicine after the receipt of the diploma, will be admitted to examination, on producing their licence or diploma, along with satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and of having studied the classics at a university or at an academy of acknowledged reputation."

Again, the "regulations applicable to medical practitioners," in connection with what was at one time "Marischal College and University, Aberdeen," contain, *inter alia*, the following: "Practitioners may be admitted, without residence, to examination for the degree of M.D., who have held a diploma or a licence in medicine or in surgery, for at least ten years, and who produce satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and having been engaged in practice during that period."

And yet again, the University of St. Andrew's had the following as one of its "regulations": "Fellows, Members, and Licentiates of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh, and Dublin, of the Royal College of Physicians of London, of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and of the London Apothecaries' Company, are eligible as candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, on producing their diploma or licence."

It need scarcely be stated here that the two Aberdeen teaching and licensing bodies mentioned above now constitute the university of that city. Although I shall not labour under the disadvantages of having only a single qualification, under the Medical Act of 1886, yet I am one of those who suffered by the changes introduced about a quarter of a century ago, and which should have been strenuously resisted. There cannot be a doubt that we have been unjustly deprived of our rights, and that we have not only an equitable claim to be allowed, as practitioners, to be candidates for the degree of M.D. at the Universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's, but we ought to be treated by the authorities of these universities with very great consideration.

This is a subject which should interest not only those immediately concerned, but which demands the attention and aid of the Imperial Government, of the General Medical Council, of the Universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's, of the Medical Corporations, of the Medical Schools, and of all the members of the medical profession who desire to see the restoration of what should never have been taken away.

THE OFFICE OF CORONER AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

DR. G. E. YARROW (87, Old Street, E.C.), writes referring to the observations in the JOURNAL of December 18th, on the above subject: Permit me to say that after conferring with some electors of great influence, I decided not to pursue my canvass, firstly, because it was thought unwise to split the medical interest, and, secondly, because Dr. Macdonald appeared to have a better chance of obtaining the appointment than myself; but it was clearly understood that in the event of a vacancy being created by the division of the district, I should again offer myself as a candidate, and hope to obtain the support of my medical brethren.

"MONT DORE" AT BOURNEMOUTH.

THE REV. JAMES HIBBERT WANKLYN writes: The Baths at Bournemouth, hitherto known as the "Mont Dore" Establishment, have, after many changes, passed into hands under which they will be simply at the disposal of the members of the medical profession, for use at discretion, being no longer under special control, and having no resident medical officer. It is hoped that this may clear the way for their more general use for health-purposes.

MEDICAL PROVIDENCE.

DR. W. FLEMING PHILLIPS requests us to state that his present address is 18, Oxford Street, Southampton.

A DEGREE FOR LONDON MEDICAL STUDENTS.

A DISGUSTED M.R.C.S. writes: On November 27th the University of London published their pass-list, and thirty-six candidates were successful: so that, out of the seven or eight hundred students joining the London medical schools, all who start in practice, except thirty-six, do so under the disadvantage of not being entitled to call themselves "Dr." and sign themselves M.D., although they have been as well trained and passed as severe tests as the Scottish graduates, and have done infinitely more practical work.

This right might be obtained if the Royal Colleges and the Society of Apothecaries were united; but "if a house be divided against itself it cannot stand," let alone succeed against the opposition of the universities of the three kingdoms. But if the Royal Colleges persist in their suicidal policy, the only course will be for the Society of Apothecaries to make some private arrangement with some British or even foreign university, such as Pennsylvania or Brussels, whereby the examination for a degree can be conducted at Blackfriars. The Licentiate of the Hall would then be equipped with a M.D., a legal power to recover for medicines, and a right to have his degree placed on the Register.

I am sure the thanks of all general practitioners are due to you for the hearty way you have championed our cause in the JOURNAL.

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

Our Manchester Correspondent: Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Dr. Hughes Bennett, London; Dr. W. L. Hunter, Pudsey; Dr. Newman, Stamford; Mr.

J. Norton, London; Surgeon Battersby, Dublin; Mr. J. G. Jefferson, Lisburn; Dr. C. F. Knight, Dublin; Dr. E. L. Bey, Paris; Dr. Savage, London; Mr. H. Marturin, Winchfield; Dr. E. O. Daby, Hull; Dr. E. Waters, Chester; Dr. Walker, Peterborough; Mr. A. Hyde Clarke, Moulton; Dr. J. Johnston, Bolton; Dr. D. Newman (Glasgow); Dr. J. Braxton Hicks, London; Mr. C. Roberts, London; Dr. Sidney Martin, London; Mr. G. T. Gardner, London; Mr. H. L. Hoops, Eccles; Dr. Neale, London; Mr. H. W. Allingham, London; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; Dr. Scott, Belfast; Mr. A. S. Manders, Melbourne, Australia; Mr. Sipke Tulp, London; Mr. G. G. D. Willett, Bristol; Mr. Wickham Barnes, London; Mr. G. Thieme, Leipsig; Dr. Imlach, Liverpool; Dr. Styrup, Shrewsbury; Dr. Hack Tuke, London; Mr. T. D. F. Evans, Birmingham; Mr. A. F. Hawkins, Birmingham; The Secretary of the Victoria University, Manchester; Messrs. Sells, London; Mr. H. K. Lewis, London; Mr. J. G. Wheatley, Dublin; Dr. R. Chalmers, Glasgow; Mr. J. Grant, Beverley; Mr. J. Dixon, Dorking; Dr. A. T. Myers, London; Dr. W. Laidlaw Purves, London; Messrs. Smith and Co., London; Office of the *Rock*; The Assistant-Secretary, Royal Meteorological Society, London; Mr. S. Smith, Peterborough; Messrs. Burgoyne and Co., London; Mr. Lennox Browne, London; Mr. M. G. Biggs, London; Dr. H. Tizard, Weymouth; Mrs. Baker, London; The Secretary of Cambridge University; Mr. J. W. Hunt, Dalston; Dr. Laftan, Cashel; Mr. A. Trower, Broadstairs; Mr. C. Stonham, London; Mr. F. W. Kirkham, Downham; Mr. S. S. D. Wells, Plymouth; Mrs. H. Lovett, Swansea, Tasmania; Mr. J. E. Scowcroft, Bolton; Dr. W. H. Tayler, Anerley; Dr. Barnardo, London; Mr. J. F. Harris, Shrewsbury; Dr. G. Harley, London; Mr. J. N. S. Biggs, London; Messrs. H. Stopes and Co., London; Dr. B. W. Whitelegge, Nottingham; Dr. J. Price, Nottingham; Mr. H. Birtel, Plymouth; Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson, Newcastle; Dr. F. Godfrey, London; Mr. Watson Cheyne, London; Mr. W. M. King, Chiswick; Dr. E. Klein, London; Mr. A. J. Pepper, London; Dr. S. J. Sharkey, London; Mr. J. W. Watkins, Newton-le-Willows; Mr. J. V. Fitzgerald, Birmingham; Dr. D. J. Leech, Manchester; Dr. P. Boulton, London; Dr. J. P. Henry, Dublin; Surgeon-General Gordon, London; Dr. Driffild, London; The Secretary of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, London; The Secretary of the University of London; Dr. I. Smolsky, St. Petersburg; Mr. J. H. Douty, Powick, Worcester; Dr. Stephen Mackenzie, London; Dr. G. Fyfe, Gainsborough; Dr. Eylandt, Bournemouth; Dr. Lewers, London; Mr. C. J. Lee, Liverpool; Dr. Duke, Dublin; Dr. Ferrier, London; Mr. C. R. Keetley, London; Mr. J. W. Power, Peterborough; Dr. Huggard, Davos Platz; Mr. J. J. Merriman, London; Mr. W. Duncan, Frome; Dr. Ashby, Manchester; Mr. S. Plowman, London; Mr. T. D. Cook, Torquay; Mr. S. Murphy, London; Dr. D. Toby Matson, Edinburgh; Dr. Madge, London; Sir W. Smart, K.C.B., London; Mr. R. Freeman, London; Mr. G. E. Yarrow, London; Mr. W. L. Emmerson, Melton Mowbray; Dr. Maurice, Marlborough; Dr. Bampton, Plymouth; Sir E. Lechmere, London; Dr. G. F. Fulcher, Chingford; Mr. Edward East, London; Mr. Mayo Robson, Leeds; Mr. J. B. Blackett, London; etc.

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