

Charities Act was 6 less than those recorded in the previous twelve months. As regards fever, there were 5,045 cases attended by dispensary medical officers, being a decrease of 735 as contrasted with 1885; also a decrease of the cases of scarlet fever by 824, the numbers being 2,072 and 3,526 respectively. The Medical Charities expenditure amounted to £158,112, under which heading is included the cost of medicines and medical appliances, salaries of medical officers and apothecaries, vaccination fees, and other expenses, showing a decrease of £2,555 under that of the preceding year. The Commissioners have sanctioned loans amounting to £83,224 to various towns in Ireland, principally for sewerage and water-supply, which, added to the previous sums, constitutes a total of £1,630,393 for the past twelve years.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1887.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

ANY qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

A meeting of the Council will be held on October 26th, 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 that meeting, namely, October 5th, 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,
Memoranda on the above subjects, and forms for communicating observations on them, may be had on application.

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

Reports are in preparation upon the Inquiries made into ACUTE RHEUMATISM, DIPHTHERIA, and HABITS OF INTEMPERANCE, a full Report on OLD AGE, 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, 429, Strand, W.C.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Thursday, September 29th. H. D. FARNELL, Esq., will preside. Meeting at 3.30 P.M.; dinner at 5.30; charge, 6s. 6d., exclusive of wine. The Chairman, Dr. Gabbett, and Dr. Habgood have promised communications. Members desirous of reading papers should write to the Honorary Secretary, T. JENNER VERRALL, 97, Montpellier Road, Brighton.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Ramsgate, on Thursday, September 29th. Robert Hicks, Esq., will preside. Members wishing to read papers should communicate with the Honorary Secretary, W. J. TYSON, 10, Langhorne Gardens, Folkestone.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, at 3 o'clock, at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth. The following papers will be read. Dr. Hume: A Case of Congenital Fistula of the Stomach, cured by operation. Dr. Philipson: Aphasia. Dr. Murphy: A Visit to Apostoli. Dr. Atkinson: The Excretion of Nitrites and Nitro-Glycerine, and their Fate in the System. Dr. Gibson (Tynemouth): On Tynemouth as a Health Resort. Dr. Coley: On the Treatment of Empyema in Children. Dr. Mears: On Ambulance Work. Members wishing to read papers, etc., are requested to communicate with the Secretary. The dinner after the meeting will take place at the Grand Hotel, at 5 P.M.—G. E. WILLIAMSON, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretary, 22, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The autumn meeting of this Branch will be held at the Buccleuch Arms, Moffat, on Friday, September 30th, at 3 P.M. The Secretary will be glad to receive intimation of papers for reading, and morbid specimens or patients for exhibition, not later than September 20th. Dinner at the Hotel at 5 P.M.—H. A. LEDIARD, Honorary Secretary, 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle.

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of the Branch was held in the Royal Society's House, Sydney, on Friday, July 1st. Dr. CHAMBERS, Vice-President, in the Chair. There were twenty-three members present. Dr. NEWMARCH, of Bowral, read a very interesting paper on a case of "Lance wound of the Abdominal Wall." A discussion ensued, in which Drs. Hankins, Scot Skirving, Twynam, and Ross took part. The patient was present, and was examined by the gentlemen assembled.

A paper on Uræmia was read by Dr. KENDAL, of Sydney. Dr. CRAGO, of Woolloomooloo, read some notes on four cases of Uræmia. The discussion on these papers was postponed, owing to the lateness of the hour.

Mr. HANKINS exhibited some microscopic sections of Hydatids, which were carefully examined by the members.

Dr. NEWMARCH exhibited a simple apparatus for Gaseous Rectal Injections, and explained its working.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association:—Dr. Huxtable, of Sydney, and Dr. Macdonald, of Prospect.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: ESSEX DISTRICT.

An ordinary meeting of this District was held on Thursday, August 25th, at the Institute, Earls Colne, near Halstead. Present, R. B. Marriott, Esq., Swaffham, President, in the chair, and seventeen members.

Business.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Place and Date of Next Meeting.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dunmow; and the Honorary Secretary was requested to invite Mr. R. C. Lyle, Dunmow, to take the chair at that meeting in the event of the President being absent.

President's Address.—"Some Professional Gleanings from the Past Thirty Years."—The address included several interesting cases of emergency in obstetric practice.

Treatment of Cancer in its Various Stages. By C. E. JENNINGS, F.R.C.S. Eng. (London).—After briefly discussing the pathology of cancer, the necessity for free removal was insisted upon. Scirrhus the size of a walnut affecting the breast should necessitate removal of the whole breast and excision of the lymphatics in the axilla. Treatment by Chian turpentine was alluded to, and, in the speaker's experience, results had been obtained much better than might be expected. The drug must be given in large doses, and continued for several months. In a case of epithelioma of the eyelid, Chian turpentine was given, and the growth was dissolved in a few months. In cases of cancer of the uterus, Chian turpentine checked hæmorrhage, diminished discharge, and relieved pain.—In the discussion which followed, the following gentlemen took part: the President, Dr. Elliston (Ipswich), Mr. J. Taylor, (Earls Colne), Mr. R. F. Simmons, (Colchester), Mr. T. Taylor, (Bocking). The opinion expressed was against the utility of Chian turpentine in cancer.

Alcoholic Beverages. By Dr. W. A. ELLISTON (Ipswich). This most interesting paper included a brief survey of the pathological changes produced by excessive use of alcohol. Tables were exhibited showing the proportion of alcohol in wines, spirits, and malt liquors; also the physiological dose of alcohol (an ounce and a half), as represented by various quantities of the more common alcoholic beverages.

Cases.—Mr. J. TAYLOR (Earls Colne) exhibited a series of cases of Valvular Disease of the Heart, etc.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members present were most hospitably entertained by Mr. J. Taylor (Earls Colne).

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE QUEEN'S NURSING FUND.

SIR,—In your notice of this subject you allude to some of the most important work being done by nursing institutions, as well as some to be looked for in the future. Perhaps I may be allowed to name one effort, not so widely known as it deserves to be, which aims at widespread reforms in the nursing of the lowest and most helpless of our sick poor, namely, the inmates of our workhouses and poor-law infirmaries.

The Association for providing trained nurses in these institutions

was begun by a few ladies eight years ago, and now supplies over seventy thoroughly trained nurses for workhouse patients all over the country, replacing, in many instances for the first time, an aged or incapable pauper woman. I need hardly dwell upon the importance of the reform which such an exchange is likely to effect, but our aim is to accomplish this in every union throughout the land. We have trained already thirty probationers especially for this purpose by a year's work in a hospital or large infirmary, and there is no limit to the progress we could make were adequate funds at our disposal. I venture, therefore, at least to suggest this organisation as one that is worthy to receive support from a fund collected by women, and given to a woman. It aims to assist and complete a national system of legalised help for the sick poor of the country, carried out by authorised bodies of men and women, elected by the ratepayers; but voluntary and additional means are absolutely necessary, for a time at least, to introduce and carry out a more costly system of nursing than at present prevails.

I may add that any further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Miss Wilson, at the office, 44, Berners Street, W.—I am, etc.,

LOUISA TWINING,

Member of the Working Committee.

84, Palace Gardens Terrace, W., September 1st.

THE CAUSE OR CAUSES OF DIPHTHERIA.

STR.—Dr. Turner, in his report to the Local Government Board, of course does not mean to suggest that diphtheria is brought about in human beings solely by infection from animals; and, as such is the case, we are driven back a step further in our investigations, and have to inquire as to the cause or causes common alike to men and animals. The generally received opinion hitherto has been that in man, at any rate, diphtheria is due either to defective sanitary arrangements admitting poisoned air into our dwellings, or allowing the contamination of our drinking water by sewage. Certain it is that carnivorous animals, such as pigs, dogs, etc., do not suffer in the same way as man from the ingestion of decomposing animal matter; and we know that cows constantly drink from water in which their excreta have previously been deposited without any noticeable harm resulting. As to whether animals ordinarily suffer from diphtheria is at present uncertain, but I should certainly say (if our present knowledge is not totally inaccurate) that graminivorous animals do not. My own opinion is that it often arises in country districts from defective sanitary arrangements, then gets carried into towns, and there spreads right and left by actual contact or infection. There is at the present time a pretty severe outbreak of scarlatina in London, and a splendid opportunity exists of proving or disproving the idea that it has arisen in the first instance from the same disease in the cow.—I am, etc.,

F. P. ATKINSON.

NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

NETLEY—MEDICAL STAFF COLLEGE.

I. V. R. C. writes: The evidence of Mr. Knox before Lord Randolph Churchill's Committee on army expenditure, wherein he proposes to abolish Netley as an army medical school, induces me to write to you to say that a far better title for the Army Medical School would be "Medical Staff College."

To place Netley on the same footing as the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, or the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, would be an error. These schools are for young men, who go to there to learn the very elements of their profession. Netley, on the contrary, is a true Staff College for specially training already qualified men.

Even the *Times* thinks that Netley is a "school," like any metropolitan medical school, and this is very misleading. Call it, then, a "Medical Staff College," and let the young candidates, on passing in London, go first to Aldershot, and see the army as it is; then let them go to Netley to hear of an ideal army, and to learn technical work not taught in the civil schools of medicine.

I feel confident if the country knows what Netley is supposed to teach, it will never allow it to be abolished as a Medical Staff College.

HONORARY RANK v. PRECEDENCE: ROYAL WARRANT, JANUARY 1st, 1887.

B.S. (Medical Staff) writes: According to Article 125 of this Warrant, honorary rank, in addition to conferring military titles, is ordered to "carry precedence and other advantages attaching to corresponding military rank;" while officers not holding honorary rank are to rank for purposes of precedence, and the only other military advantages enumerated are pensions for wounds, pensions to widows, and compassionate allowances to children, but not a word is said of the following other important military advantages which holders of honorary rank are entitled to, and which Clause 17 of the Royal Warrant of 1858 and later Warrants confirmed to medical officers, namely, choice of quarters, rates of lodging money servants, forage, stabling, fuel and light or allowances in their stead,

detention and prize money, field allowances at home and abroad, right of wearing uniform and badges of rank, and earning military orders; while holders of honorary rank are entitled to designations for each grade at once understood, and as the merest tyro in military affairs knows materially assists in maintaining discipline, ensuring respect, and confers much social prestige. Precedence or priority alone confers none of these, and under the present Warrant it is quite open to refuse any of them. Few of us can understand why our claims not to be placed in an inferior position to gentlemen, who in order to obtain higher rank and better pay resigned their combatant commissions, are opposed.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

THE Director-General wishes us to state that the office of the Army Medical Department has been removed to 2, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by October 1st to the House Governor.
- BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 10th to the Secretary.
- BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Obstetric Physician. Applications by October 11th to the Secretary.
- BRITISH HOSPITAL, Buenos Ayres, South America.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 30th to Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges, and Co., 16, Coleman Street, London, E.C.
- DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 13th to the Secretary.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.**—Two Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications by September 22nd to the Secretary.
- EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL, Ipswich.**—Honorary Physician. Applications by September 20th to the Secretary.
- EVELINA HOSPITAL, Southwark Bridge Road.**—Out-patient Surgeon. Applications by October 3rd to the Committee of Management.
- FEMALE LOCK HOSPITAL, Harrow Road, W.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by September 21st to the Secretary.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.**—Assistant House-Surgeons. Residence, board, and washing. Applications by October 1st to the House-Governor.
- GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road, N.**—Obstetric Physician. Applications by September 26th to the Secretary.
- LEAMINGTON AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200, with £50 for conveyance, midwifery fees, and residence. Applications by September 26th to Mr. J. B. Richardson, 9, Queen Street, Leamington.
- ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY, Southampton.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Applications by September 19th to the Honorary Secretary.
- ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.**—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by September 22nd to the Secretary.
- ST. MARK'S OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL HOSPITAL, Dublin.**—Resident Surgeon. Salary, 50 guineas per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications by September 19th to the Chairman of the Board of Governors.
- SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Two Honorary Assistant-Physicians. Applications by September 21st to the Secretary.
- SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Two Honorary Ass. stant-Surgeons. Applications by September 21st to the Secretary.
- TORBAY HOSPITAL AND PROVIDENT DISPENSARY, Torquay.**—Junior House-Surgeon and Dispenser, and Medical Officer to the Provident Dispensary. Applications by October 8th to the Honorary Secretary.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—Examiner in Anatomy. Applications to Robert Walker, Esq.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—Examiner in Botany and Materia Medica. Applications to Robert Walker, Esq.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—Examiner in Chemistry and Medical Jurisprudence. Applications to Robert Walker, Esq.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—Examiner in Natural History and Institutes of Medicine. Applications to Robert Walker, Esq.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—Examiner in Practice of Medicine and Pathology. Applications to Robert Walker, Esq.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.**—Examiner in Surgery and Midwifery. Applications to Robert Walker, Esq.
- WESTERN DISPENSARY, Rochester Row, Westminster, S. W.**—Medical Officer. Applications by September 13th to the Secretary.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- BOND, W. A., M.A., M.D., B.C. Cantab.**, appointed Resident Accoucheur to St. Thomas's Hospital.
- BROOK, W. F., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.**, appointed Clinical Assistant in the Throat Department to St. Thomas's Hospital.
- BULSTRODE, H. T., M.B., B.C. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.**, appointed New-entrance House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

CALVERT, J. T., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

CRISP, E. H., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Ear Department to St. Thomas's Hospital.

DENBY, Walter, M.B. and C.M., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Bradford Infirmary.

DUNCAN, H., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Extern), appointed Clinical Assistant in the Skin Department to St. Thomas's Hospital.

GROSS, C., M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Superintendent to the New Infirmary of the St. Saviour's Union (Southwark).

HAWKINS, H. P., M.B., B.S.Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.S.A. (Extern), appointed Resident Medical Officer to St. Thomas's Hospital.

HINNELL, J. S., M.R.C.S., L.S.A. (Extern), appointed Ophthalmic Clinical Assistant to St. Thomas's Hospital.

JONES, D. M., M.D., C.M.Ed., appointed Medical Officer to the Marske District of the Guisborough Union.

JONES, H. S., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

KING, T. R., M.D., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Porirua and Wellington Asylums, New Zealand.

LEVINGE, E. G., M.B., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Superintendent to the Christchurch Lunatic Asylum, New Zealand.

MACEVOY, H. J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Extern), appointed Resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

NORVILL, F. H., M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed House-Surgeon to the St. Peter's Hospital for Stone and Diseases of the Urinary Organs, *vice* R. Fetherstonhaugh, M.R.C.S., resigned.

OLIVER, John W., M.D., M.Ch., M.A.O. Royal University, Ireland, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Hackney Infirmary, Homerton, E., *vice* R. Evans, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

ORD, W. W., M.A., M.B., B.S.Oxon., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

PROUD, Frederick, M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Sedburgh Union, *vice* John Thomson, M.D., deceased.

RIGBY, James A., M.D.Lond., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Preston and County of Lancaster Royal Infirmary, *vice* Andrew Marshall, M.D., resigned, and appointed a Consulting Honorary Medical Officer.

SEVILLE, Charles Frederick, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., late House-Surgeon Manchester Royal Infirmary, appointed House-Physician to the Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth Infirmary.

SMYTH, H. J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Extern), appointed Non-resident House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

SOLLY, E., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Ear Department to St. Thomas's Hospital.

TEBB, W. S., M.A., M.B.Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Throat Department to St. Thomas's Hospital.

TONKING, J. H., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

WHISTON, P. H., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the Skin Department to St. Thomas's Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 2s. 6d. which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcement.

BIRTHS.

MACKINNON.—At Blindau, Anti-Lebanon, on August 20th, the wife of F. J. Mackinnon, M.B. Edin., Damascus, of a son.

RAHILLY.—At Merton Lodge, Clifton, Bristol, on the 1st instant, the wife of Surgeon-Major Rahilly, Army Medical Staff, of a son.

STEELL.—At Radnor Villa, Upper Chorlton Road, Manchester, on the 5th instant, the wife of Graham Steell, M.D., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GODFREY-HARTLEY.—On September 1st, at St. Michael, Malton, by the Rev. G. A. Firth, Vicar of St. Michael, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Draught, of Melbourne, and the Rev. F. Lawrence, Vicar of Weston, Frank W. A. Godfrey, M.B. Edin., of Scarborough, second son of F. R. Godfrey, Esq., of Melbourne, to Mabel, youngest daughter of Joshua Hartley, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., of Malton.

HATTON-UDALL.—September 3rd, at Remenham, by the Rev. H. Sutcliffe, M.A., Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Tyson, M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, and the Rev. A. Bonney, M.A., George Stokes Hatton, M.D., of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, to Catherine Josephine, third surviving daughter of the late Thomas Udall, Esq., of Woodlands, Remenham, Berks.

HARVEY-MARSHALL.—On September 1st, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, Surrey, by the Rev. F. Legg, Vicar of Christ Church, Mitcham, assisted by the Rev. O. H. Seaton, Thomas Pashley, eldest son of the late G. T. Harvey, of Baron Grove, Mitcham, to Helen May, second daughter of Edward Marshall, Surgeon, of Church House, Mitcham, Surrey.

HAYCRAFT-STACPOOLE.—August 27th, at Paddington, John Berry Haycraft, to Charlotte Isabel Stacpoole, second daughter of the late Rev. William Church Stacpoole, M.A., D.D., Head Master of Kingstone School, Ireland.

JACKSON-MURRAY.—On Wednesday, September 7th, at St. Augustine's Church, Northbourne, Kent, by the Rev. A. M. Chichester, Vicar of St. Mary's and St. Clement's, Sandwich, assisted by the Rev. M. A. Nisbet, Rector of Ringwood, Surgeon H. S. Jackson, R.N., to Clarissa Lucy Isabel, eldest daughter of George Murray, Esq., M.A., of McGill College, Montreal.

DEATHS.

CORNISH.—On September 2nd, at 19, East Street, Taunton, Charles Henry Cornish, F.R.C.S.E., aged 80.

SHEA.—On the 6th instant, at Reading, John Shea, M.D., aged 49.

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.—3 P.M.: Metropolitan Free; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic; Royal Orthopedic; and Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women.

TUESDAY --- 9 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); St. Mary's; 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 Orthopedic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew'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.

THURSDAY --- 10.30 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.

FRIDAY --- 9 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., 1; 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; Orthopedic, 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; Orthopedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.

ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30; Operations, Tu., 1.30; Ophthalmic Operations, F., 9.

ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45 S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.

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

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

QUERIES.

A MEMBER wishes to learn how to obtain a colonial surgeoncy, such as surgeon to a railway, or other such appointment.

REMOVAL OF MOLES FROM THE FACE.

HENRY OGLESBY, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. (York), would be much obliged for advice as to the best method for the removal, with as little subsequent scarring as possible, of a mole, half an inch in diameter and a sixth of an inch in height, on the face of a lady.

TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY.

M.D. has been treating an intelligent boy, aged 8, for some months, who is suffering from the *petit mal*. He has from five to ten attacks daily. No treatment has made any perceptible difference as yet. Bromide of potassium, bromide of arsenic, valerianate of zinc have been administered, counter-irritants applied, and study of all kinds forbidden. The supposed cause was a fright. M.D. would be glad of any hints for treatment.

ANSWERS.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Dr. Illingworth's paper, read at Dublin, will be published shortly.

PRISON MEDICAL SERVICE.

GEORGE H. WHITAKER, L.R.C.P.S.Ed. (Hornwich, Lancashire) writes: The poetry referred to by Dr. J. Jackson, in the *JOURNAL* of September 3rd, written by a prisoner upon the death of a surgeon in one of our convict establishments, will be found in the *JOURNAL* of July 5th, 1879.

MCDADÉ'S MIXTURE.

GEO. HERSCHELL, M.D.Lond., writes: In reply to "Hydrargyrum" I may say that I have tried McDadé's mixture systematically for some months, but never with any appreciable results. In one or two cases the medicine did not agree, producing symptoms of stillingia poisoning. In my experience a thorough course of mercurial inunction, as carried out at Aachen, will often cure cases which are unaffected by the usual small doses of mercury and iodine given internally.

A. H. F. CAMERON, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. (Liverpool) writes: I believe the cases mentioned by "Hydrargyrum" may be cured by decoct. *sarsæ* co., with or without stillingia sylvatica, provided it be freshly made and properly used; but no dependence is to be placed on concentrated infusions made by the wholesale chemist. If "Hydrargyrum" will send me his address, I will let him have a paper on the subject.

BOOK ON FOOD.

Z. asks for the names of the most recent and best works on food; the special qualities of various foods, and their suitability for various diseases, constitutions, etc.; diets for diseases, etc.

. We have referred this question to Dr. Lauder Brunton, who mentions Munk and Uffelmann's *Die Ernährung des Gesunden und Kranken Menschen* (Urban und Schwarzenberg, Wien und Leipzig), as containing all the information desired by our correspondent.

PHRENOLOGY.

H. M. DUNCAN, M.D.Lond. (South Hampstead) writes: If "Inquirer" (*JOURNAL*, September 3rd, p. 540) wishes to study the science of phrenology *ab initio*, he must procure the works of Gall and Spurzheim. Those of Dr. Gall have been translated by Dr. Winslow Lewis, six vols., 8vo., 30s. Dr. Spurzheim's works are: *Anatomy of the Brain*, 14s.; and *Phrenology; or, The Doctrines of the relation between Mind and Body*, 16s. These books, I believe, contain the earliest records of researches into the localisation of the cerebral structures and functions. Later and sufficiently exact treatises are: *A System of Phrenology*, by George Combe, brother of the late Dr. Andrew Combe; Longman and Co., London, and MacLachlan and Stewart, Edinburgh, were the publishers (21s.). A very useful practical treatise by J. de Ville, 367, Strand (price 3s. 6d.), should also be obtained. "Inquirer" will be pleased and greatly instructed by the perusal of these books, and I shall be happy to give him further information on this much neglected and (by mountebanks) much abused branch of psychological study.

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G. O. MCKANE, L.R.C.P.Ed. (Sunderland).—Notice of change of address should be sent by a medical practitioner to the Registrar of that Branch Council at which he was originally registered, that is, if registered in England, to W. J. C. Miller, Esq., 299, Oxford Street; if in Scotland, to J. Robertson, Esq., 4, Lindsay Place, Edinburgh; if in Ireland, to Dr. Heard, 35, Dawson Street, Dublin.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

TRACHEAL CATHETERS.

AMERICAN SURGEON writes: In the *JOURNAL* of April 30th, 1887, is a report of the meeting of the Clinical Society of London. Mr. Bilton Pollard speaks of "difficulties in establishing natural respiration after tracheotomy."

Scarcely anyone who has ever filled the position of surgeon to a large hospital but has experienced the difficulties spoken of by Mr. Pollard. I have known one surgeon whose life was for a long time rendered miserable by the loud voice and threats of the father of a child who had undergone tracheotomy at the hospital, successfully as regards the saving of life, but in whom natural respiration was re-established only after the lapse of a long time. I well remember that the life of the surgeon was held in jeopardy by the fury of the father.

Will Mr. Pollard please tell the writer what a tracheal catheter is? In the next place, where one can be obtained?

CLINICAL INSTRUCTION IN FEVER CASES.

ROBERT RATTLE, Lic. Med. and Surg. Univ. Dub. (Accrington) writes: Under the above heading I read some statements about several licensing bodies in Ireland. May I be permitted to point out that the University of Dublin exacted a certificate of attendance on fever cases as long ago as 1873? This I know from personal knowledge. I also know that the Royal University in Ireland did not then exist, and I cannot find any trace of an acquaintance with fever being required by the Queen's University up to 1881.

With your concluding sentence I entirely agree. We "ought to be able to feel

that we have a friend," etc.; but till the medical officers of health are specialists, qualified for their work, and debarred from practice, the young practitioner had better work up his knowledge of fever, or seek advice from some older confidential friend, and not put too severe a strain on the honour of the medical officer of health.

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BOOKS, etc., RECEIVED.

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