

would use arsenic, which could be found after death. He produced two prescriptions from a doctor to show that arsenic and strychnine had been prescribed for her. He said his wife had talked to Miss Skianer about the effects of arsenic on the complexion. He had married Miss Skinner because he had done her a wrong, and because he wanted her to look after his children. He again protested that he was innocent of the death of his wife.

Judge MURPHY sentenced him to be hanged on January 10th, 1888.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES AND THE PETITION OF THE ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

We are informed that the Society of Apothecaries are taking active steps, if the petition of the Royal Colleges to the Privy Council should be persevered with in its present form, to obtain the assent of the Licentiates to the petition presented by the Society, which was published in last week's JOURNAL, and also to convene a meeting of the Licentiates at their hall for the like purpose at an early date in January.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at the Offices of the Association, No. 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Wednesday, the 18th day of January next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

December 24th, 1887.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1888.

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.

Meetings of the Council will be held on January 18th, April 18th, July 18th, and October 17th, 1888. 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, 1887, March 28th, June 27th, and September 26th, 1888.

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.

THE Report upon the CONNECTION OF DISEASE WITH HABITS OF INTemperance, which was presented to the Section of Medicine in the Annual Meeting of 1887, and a further portion of the Report upon OLD AGE have been completed, and will shortly be published in the JOURNAL.

Reports upon the two remaining inquiries, namely, that into DIPHTHERIA, and that into the GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN DISEASES, are in preparation, and will be published as soon as ready.

The DIPHTHERIA inquiry is now closed.

The following inquiry only of the first series remains open, namely, that on THE ETIOLOGY OF PHTHISIS.

A Memorandum upon the subject, and forms for recording cases bearing upon it, may be had on application to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, 429, Strand, W.C.

The Committee have the issue of fresh inquiries under consideration.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held, by the kind invitation of Dr. Adams, at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, January 19th, at 8.30 P.M. A demonstration of interesting cases of eye disease will be given by A. Q. Silcock, Esq. Visitors will be welcomed.—J. W. HUNT, Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the above District was held at the Calverley Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, December 8th, F. MANSER, Esq., in the chair.

Otitis Media.—Mr. WATSON read notes of a case of otitis media in which recovery followed puncture of the mastoid cells.

Fracture of Patella.—Mr. LAMMIMAN showed two cases of transverse fracture of the patella treated by wiring the fragments. Both patients were men, and they could now walk well and do heavy work. There was complete union, several months having elapsed since the operations, which were done with antiseptic precautions about a week after the accidents.

Litholapaxy.—Mr. LAMMIMAN also showed a man on whom he had performed litholapaxy.

Swelling of Face.—Mr. LAMMIMAN also showed a girl, aged 21, with marked swelling of the face, especially about the eyes. The thyroid gland was very small, but not entirely absent. He pointed out the superficial resemblances to myxœdema. The condition was attributed to repeated attacks of erysipelas thirteen years ago, and was due, he thought, to some affection of the absorbents. He had seen other similar cases.

Raynaud's Disease.—Dr. HILLIER showed a case of Raynaud's disease in a woman aged 31.

Spermatic Phlebitis.—Dr. ADENEY read notes of a case of spermatic phlebitis ending in peritonitis in a child, aged 3. The child died after three weeks' illness, and on *post-mortem* examination suppurative peritonitis, with a thrombus in the iliac vein, was found. This could be traced to the dorsal vein of the penis. There were retained secretion and ulceration beneath the prepuce, which was closely adherent in front to the glands.

Idiopathic Tetanus.—Dr. VISE read a paper on idiopathic tetanus. *Charcot's Disease*.—Dr. VISE also showed a case of Charcot's disease.

The next meeting will be held at Brighton in March.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the members of the above district was held on December 19th, at 8.30 P.M., in the court room of Guy's Hospital, by permission of the treasurer of the institution. ARTHUR E. DURHAM, Esq., President of the Branch, was in the chair. Between twenty and thirty members and visitors were present, including Dr. Brodie Sewell, President-elect; Mr. George Eastes and Mr. Noble Smith, Honorary Secretaries of the Branch; Mr. Croft and E. H. Lushington, Esq., the Treasurer of the Hospital.

Cases.—Mr. CHARTERS J. SYMONDS showed cases in which Portions of the Tongue had been Removed by Operation.—Mr. SYMONDS also showed, for Mr. DAVIES COLLEY, a successful case of Trephining for the Removal of Clot between the Skull and Dura Mater, on the right side, following an injury to the head.—Dr. NEWTON PITT showed, for Dr. GOODHART, a case of Alcoholic Paralysis, and a case resembling in some respects Disseminated Sclerosis.—Dr. PITT also showed Microscopical Sections of various Nerves in Peripheral Neuritis.—The PRESIDENT showed a case of Fractured Patella Successfully Treated, and a case in which he had performed Lisfranc's Amputation.—Dr. PERRY showed a case of Hebra's Prurigo.

Removal of Tongue for Epithelioma.—Mr. SYMONDS read a paper on the Methods of Removal of the Tongue for Epithelioma, and the Indications for Operative Treatment.—The PRESIDENT and Mr. CROFT took part in the discussion which followed.

New By-Laws.—The new by-laws were passed, similar to those already adopted by other districts of the Branch.

New Officers.—The following officers were appointed: *Vice-President*: Dr. Frederick Taylor. *Representative Ordinary Member of Council*: Dr. Savage; and the following seven gentlemen as *Committee*: Mr. T. A. J. Howell, Mr. Brindley James, Dr. Oswald, Dr. Newton Pitt, Mr. Sangster, Mr. Johnson Smith and Dr. Walter Verdon.

New Member.—Mr. John Poland was elected a member of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to the Treasurer of Guy's Hospital, for allowing the use of the court room, was carried unanimously, and a demonstration of Croft's method for the immediate treatment of fractures by plaster-of-Paris closed the meeting.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.—Mr. David Lloyd, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., has been added to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Cardigan.

Dr. Arthur Farre was made Honorary President of the Obstetrical Society of London, to which, however, he never made any contribution, nor is his name amongst the original founders. His great literary production was the article "Uterus and its Appendages," in Todd and Bowman's *Cyclopædia of Anatomy and Physiology*. This article displayed a high degree of literary, anatomical, and scientific excellence. The illustrations have been freely borrowed, and still adorn several current works. We believe that the article greatly encouraged a true scientific study of midwifery and the diseases of women. The minute and accurate description of the Fallopian tube was especially valuable, and later systematic writers, even in Germany, have treated the subject with far less care, failing to profit by Dr. Farre's example and by his researches. In short, Dr. Farre's article survives as a model for all who write on the naked-eye anatomy of the female organs. Another valuable paper "On the Nature of Various Substances formed in, or discharged from the Uterus and Vagina," was written by Dr. Farre for Dr. Lionel Beale's *Archives of Medicine*. In 1850 he prepared a Report, in conjunction with Mr. Grainger, for the General Board of Health, on the metropolitan workhouses. For this work he must not be confounded with Dr. William Farr, yet more celebrated for reports of this kind.

Dr. Robert Barnes favours us, at our request, with the following notes on this distinguished physician:

"The foundation of Arthur Farre's reputation and of his success in practice was laid in scientific work of the most sterling merit. His article on the 'Uterus and its Appendages,' in the *Cyclopædia of Anatomy and Physiology*, whilst he was still a young man, is the fruit of immense labour and original research, digested and set forth with consummate judgment. To this day it stands, if not unrivalled, yet unsurpassed. The student even now may refer to it with the certainty of finding trustworthy knowledge. It is rich in original illustrations, and just in acknowledging what is borrowed. It may be doubted whether any similar work has stood the trying test of time so well. Others may have added to it; few have made corrections that have held their ground.

"But to this eminent, scientific, and literary capacity Arthur Farre united a singular charm of manner; he was emphatically a gentleman; fair and honourable in his professional relations; an able teacher, earnest in his work. It is not, therefore, surprising that, starting as he did, under favouring social and academic auspices, he rapidly advanced to the leading position as an obstetric physician. It was owing hardly less to his scientific and practical excellence than to his professional qualities, that his eminence in the medical world was universally and cheerfully accepted. He was the favourite consultant in his department of practice.

"Immersed as he soon became in the cares of a large and anxious practice, he did not neglect public duty or scientific work. He took a leading part in the famous discussion on puerperal fever at the Obstetrical Society in 1875. His address is a valuable contribution to the right understanding of this perplexed subject, especially at the present day, when simplicity is sought by an arbitrary rejection of every idea but that of septicæmia. Farre contended for puerperal fevers, showing that fevers in puerperæ were multifarious. He grouped them in three classes: 1st, simple irritative fevers; 2nd, infective fevers not of specific origin; 3rd, specific fevers, including those of zymotic infection.

"Amongst other marks of interest he took in the welfare of the Obstetrical Society as an organ for the advancement of obstetric science, was the munificent gift of pelvis and gynecological casts to its museum. But perhaps more telling than the rest was his acceptance early in the career of the Society of the position of honorary Fellow; for it deserves to be remembered—at the time when a new society, the British Gynecological, starting as an offshoot from the Obstetrical, has had to encounter obstacles dictated more by personal motives than by any justifiable grounds—that the Obstetrical Society, under the leadership of Tyler Smith, had to fight its way through similar prejudices and opposition; the adhesion of Arthur Farre was significant.

"Amongst the public duties he fulfilled was that of Examiner in Midwifery to the Royal College of Surgeons, having had successively for colleagues Robert Lee, Oldham, Reid, and Charles West. From 1852 to 1875 Farre held office throughout. During these years candidates had to bring evidence of holding a diploma qualifying to practise before being admitted to examination. Thus the *testamur* of the Midwifery Board was in reality a supplementary certificate to remedy a defect in the examinations upon which the qualifying diploma had been granted. In 1875 the idea was adopted by the Council of the College that it was desirable to grant a licence to practise midwifery without requiring from the holder any other qualification. It was obvious that the effect of this policy would be to degrade the practice

of midwifery by proclaiming that it was not an integral part of medicine; so when the Board, consisting of Arthur Farre, Robert Barnes, and W. O. Priestley, were invited to continue in office to carry out this scheme, they resigned. Since then an examination in midwifery has been constituted an essential part in the qualification for the Membership.

"In private life Arthur Farre interested and charmed his friends by his musical accomplishments. He was an excellent performer, and delighted in organising repetitions of the old masters."

Dr. Arthur Farre will long be remembered as a scientist of high standing, and a sound practical obstetrician. His average measurements of the uterus are widely quoted in British and foreign literature, a standing proof of the regard which is paid to his sense of accuracy. As Dr. Farre was, so should obstetricians strive to be. He was buried at Kensal Green on Thursday, December 22nd. Dr. Farre was once married, but had no children; the sudden death of his wife gave him a shock from which he never thoroughly rallied. Shortly after her death he fell out of his bedroom window, and sustained a compound dislocation of his ankle joint. He recovered, but was never himself again.

THOMAS GOODIER RICHMOND, F.R.C.S.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Goodier Richmond, formerly a well known medical practitioner of Manchester, at his residence, Ford House, Prestbury, in his seventy-seventh year. The deceased gentleman was born at Manchester in 1810, and educated at the Manchester Grammar School. Upon leaving school he became a pupil of Mr. John Windsor, a much respected Manchester physician, and studied for the medical profession at the Manchester School of Medicine and Surgery. Subsequently he walked the principal London hospitals, and in 1833 was admitted a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries. Shortly afterwards Mr. Richmond commenced practice in his native town. It was in the township of Hulme that he made his principal mark, not only as an able and popular medical practitioner, but as a leading public sanitary reformer; and during the prevalence of cholera there in the summer and autumn of 1849, and of typhus fever in 1851-2, he had the entire medical charge of the township of Hulme.

Following the outbreak of cholera, Mr. Richmond, in an elaborate report, called attention to the insanitary conditions of the place—its insufficient supply of water, bad drainage, badly constructed and overcrowded dwelling and lodging houses. To his perseverance and sanitary zeal is said to have been due the origin of the movement for the purification of the Bridgewater Canal, which, after twenty years' continuous agitation, was successfully accomplished. In 1854 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He was also Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence at the Cheetham School of Medicine, Manchester. The deceased retired some years ago from active practice.

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Examination in subjects relating to Public Health, 1887.

Pass List.—W. J. Collins, M.D., M.S., B.Sc. (Gold Medal), private study; W. Pearce, M.D., B.S., B.Sc., St. Mary's Hospital; K. R. Smith, M.D., B.S., University College.

M.D. Examination, 1887.

Pass List.—C. J. Arkle, University College; K. N. Bahadurji, B.S., University College; L. Barnett, University College; E. F. Bright, University College; J. W. Carr, B.S., University College; W. T. Cocking, University College; W. T. F. Davies, B.S., Guy's Hospital; A. W. Dingley, University College; W. H. Evans, B.Sc., University College; W. J. Gow, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; C. D. Green, B.S., St. Thomas's Hospital; G. E. Halstead, B.S., B.A., B.Sc., Guy's Hospital; J. G. Harsant, B.S., Guy's Hospital; F. Hichens, B.S., London Hospital; W. Hull, St. Thomas's Hospital; A. B. Jefferson, B.S., St. Thomas's Hospital; J. S. Joule, University College and St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. Lewtas, St. Thomas's Hospital; G. R. Marsh, Guy's Hospital; F. J. Paley, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; R. M. H. Randell, Guy's Hospital; C. A. Rayne, B.S., University College; H. B. Robinson, B.S., St. Thomas's Hospital; J. Swain, B.S., Westminster Hospital; J. R. Thomas, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. F. Trevelyan, B.Sc., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; P. D. Turner (Gold Medal), University College; J. W. Washbourn, B.S., Guy's Hospital; R. B. Wild, Manchester Royal Infirmary and Owens College; R. T. Williamson, B.S., Owens College.

Logic and Psychology only.

St. C. Thomson, King's College.

* Obtained the number of marks qualifying for the Medal.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—At the Winter Commencements of Michaelmas Term, held on Thursday, December 15th, 1887, in the Examination Hall of Trinity College, the following Degrees in Medi-

cine, Surgery, and Midwifery were conferred by the University Caput in the presence of the Senate.

Bachelors in the Art of Obstetrics.—W. P. Birmingham, T. W. Cole, J. Cuffey, H. Fayle, E. A. Slaughter, A. H. S. Todd, W. J. Weir, C. W. H. Whitestone.
Bachelors in Surgery.—H. K. Abbott, W. P. Birmingham, T. W. Cole, J. Cuffey, A. R. Darley, E. L. Dunn, C. Grey-Edwards, W. M. O'Connor, E. A. Slaughter, W. J. Weir.
Bachelors in Medicine.—W. P. Birmingham, A. R. Darley, F. W. Kidd, E. A. Slaughter.
Master in the Art of Obstetrics.—G. C. Kingsbury (stip. cond.).
Doctors in Medicine.—T. G. Alexander, B. M. Dockrell, F. W. Kidd, J. W. Neligan.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced :

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge.—Resident House-Physician. Salary, £65 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 31st to the Secretary.

BOOTLE CORPORATION HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 2nd, 1888, to the Chairman of the Health Committee.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by January 12th, 1888, to the Secretary, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 14th, 1888, to the Secretary, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL, Dorchester.—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 4th, 1888, to the Chairman of the Committee.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by December 29th to the Secretary.

ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.—Physician. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications by January 16th, 1888, to the Secretary.

GLAMORGAN AND MONMOUTHSHIRE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY, Cardiff.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 10th, 1888, to the Secretary.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 4th, 1888, to the Secretary.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 3rd, 1888, to the Chairman of the House Committee.

LYMINGTON UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £65 per annum, and extras. Applications by December 24th to the Clerk to the Guardians.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES' ASSOCIATION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to R. Simpson, Esq., 49, Major Street, Manchester.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY (Monsall Fever Hospital).—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by January 7th, 1888, to the Chairman of the Board.

NATIONAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, 149, Great Portland Street, W.—Lecturer on Histology. Applications by December 29th to the Secretary.

OWENS COLLEGE, MANCHESTER.—Lecturer on Dental Surgery. Applications by January 9th, 1888, to the Registrar.

POPLAR UNION.—Public Vaccinator. Applications by December 28th to the Clerk to the Guardians.

POPLAR UNION.—Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications by December 28th to the Clerk to the Guardians.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Applications by January 4th, 1888, to the Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Leicester Square, W.C.—Two Assistant Physicians. Applications to the Secretary.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—Curator of the Pathological Museum. Applications by December 31st to the Dean.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the President.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY, Greenwich, S.E.—House-Physician. Salary, £75 per annum, with board and residence. Applications by January 7th, 1888, to the Secretary.

STIRLING ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 28th to J. L. Phelps, Esq., Solicitor, Stirling.

TAVISTOCK UNION, Milton Abbott District.—Medical Officer. Salary, £55 per annum. Applications by December 30th to the Clerk.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Anatomy. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by January 16th, 1888, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Chemistry. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by January 16th, 1888, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Midwifery. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by January 16th, 1888, to the Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Examiner in Practice of Physic. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications by January 16th, 1888, to the Secretary.

WIGAN UNION.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £130 per annum, and extras. Applications by December 28th to the Clerk to the Guardians.

WORCESTER AMALGAMATED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140 per annum and extras. Applications by January 2nd, 1888, to G. B. Gibson, Esq., East Street, Worcester.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ADDIWELL, Augustus W., M.B., C.M., appointed Administrator of Anæsthetics to the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children.

ALEXANDER, A. B., L.D.S.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Dental Surgeon to the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage.

ALLEN, E. H., L.R.C.S.I., L.K.Q.C.P.I., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Netherfield Fever Hospital, Liverpool, *vice* A. H. Davis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

ANNES, F. R., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer to the St. Matthew's District of the Ipswich Union, *vice* J. Norman Vogan, F.R.C.S., resigned.

BAILEY, H. T., M.B., C.M.Édin., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, *vice* James Smith, M.B., C.M.Édin., resigned.

BLOMFIELD, G. W., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to the Pontefract General Dispensary, *vice* A. W. Stone, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

COLLINS, Henry Beale, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., elected Resident Medical Officer to the St. George's, Hanover Square, Provident Dispensary, *vice* Percy Rendall, M.D., M.R.C.S., resigned.

COWARD, R. C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Kilburn, Maida Vale, and St. John's Wood General Dispensary, *vice* J. S. Brookfield, M.D., resigned.

GAMGEE, Arthur, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., appointed Assistant Physician to St. George's Hospital, *vice* W. Ewart, M.D., resigned.

GOULD, A. Pearce, M.B., M.S., F.R.C.S., appointed Examiner in Surgery to the Victoria University, Manchester, *vice* E. Bellamy, F.R.C.S., resigned.

HERMAN, G. E., M.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., appointed Examiner in Obstetrics to the Victoria University, Manchester, *vice* W. O. Priestley, M.D., F.R.C.P., resigned.

HORSLEY, Victor, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., appointed Examiner in Pathology to the Victoria University, Manchester, *vice* J. F. Payne, M.D., F.R.C.P., resigned.

MADDOX, R. H., M.B., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Wallasey Dispensary, *vice* F. Postlethwaite, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

POORE, G. V., M.D., F.R.C.P., appointed Examiner in Forensic Medicine and Hygiene to the Victoria University, Manchester, *vice* T. Stevenson, M.D., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.

SNELL, W. S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Okehampton Rural Sanitary District, *vice* F. C. Bennett, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., deceased.

STYAN, T. G., M.A., M.D. Cantab., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Ramsgate, *vice* E. Walford, M.D., resigned.

THANE, G. D., M.D., M.R.C.S., appointed Examiner in Anatomy to the Victoria University, Manchester, *vice* John Curnow, M.D., resigned.

TURNER, G. R., F.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, *vice* W. H. Beunett, F.R.C.S., resigned.

TURNER, N. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., appointed Resident Medical Officer to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, *vice* C. J. Jacob-Hood, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., resigned.

WALLER, A. J., M.D., appointed Lecturer on Physiology to the Victoria University, Manchester, *vice* Sheridan Lea, M.A., Sc.D., resigned.

WATSON, T. A., M.B., C.M.Édin., appointed House-Surgeon to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, *vice* M. C. Moxon, M.R.C.S., resigned.

WHITSON, P. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.

WILDING, James, M.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., C.San.Sc., appointed Medical Officer to the Bristol Foresters' Institute.

WYATT-SMITH, Frank, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the British Hospital, Buenos Ayres.

The death is announced of Dr. Foville, general inspector of the *Services Administratifs* of the Home Department.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. E. C. Longford, Matley, has, on the occasion of his marriage, been presented by his numerous friends at Compton Gifford with a handsome drawing room clock under glass shade.

The *Isle of Wight County Press* contains a very favourable notice of two plays written by Dr. Dabbs, of Shanklin, who had previously produced with local success a play entitled "Blackmail." The two new works produced are entitled "The Under-Study," a one-act comedieta, and "The Contractor," a comedy.

THE EPIDEMIC AT CAPE CLEAR.—The Assistant Secretary of the Natural History Museum writes that the type of foreign measles reported to have broken out at Cape Clear is probably allied to the rubeola from which many of the adult residents of Wandsworth Common suffered in the early part of the present year. The malady is an exceedingly troublesome one, and leaves behind it rheumatic pains in the cardiac region.

THE CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON.—Mr. John M. Thomson has been appointed to fill the Chair of Chemistry at King's College, London, through the death of Professor C. L. Bloxam, F.C.S. Mr. Thomson, who is the son of the late Dr. Allen Thomson, F.R.S., formerly Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow, was educated at that University. He was appointed Junior Demonstrator of Chemistry at King's College in 1871. Mr. Thomson is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and one of the Secretaries to the Chemical Society of London.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.—Mr. John D. Allcroft, M.P., has given £1,200 (for the second time) to St. Mary's Hospital.—The executors of the late Mr. Roger Lyon Jones (per Mr. Edward Whitley, M.P.) have given £500 towards the endowment fund of the Stanley Hospital, and £500 to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, both at Liverpool.—Mrs. Harriet E. P. Macaulay, widow of Mr. Kenneth Macaulay, Q.C., of Kensington Gate, bequeathed £500 to the Plymouth Dispensary.—Mrs. Anne Stanford bequeathed £200 each to the Dispensary and the Eye Hospital, both at Brighton, and the Lewes Dispensary.—Mr. Michael Rinkle, of Bailally, Co. Dublin, farmer, bequeathed £200 to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, £200 to the City of Dublin Hospital, £200 to St. Michael's Hospital at Kingstown, £200 to the Jarvis Street Hospital, and £100 to the Roman Catholic Hospital.—The Grocers' Company have given £100 to the London Lock Hospital and Asylum.—"W. L. T. R." has given £50 for the third time to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, £50 each to the East London Hospital for Children, the National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, the London Fever Hospital, and the Middlesex Hospital, and £20 to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.—The North-Eastern Hospital for Children has received £21 6s. 3d. from the Phoenix Temperance Society, being the result of their third demonstration, making a total of £74 18s. 3d. received from them during the year.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee of the Leeds Corporation, on Tuesday, the present outbreak of small-pox in the borough was considered, after which it was resolved that an additional hospital should be erected to accommodate 32 patients. On Tuesday there were 21 patients in the hospital.

The quarantine system seems definitely to be given up in Italy. At Brindisi, Genoa, Palermo, Venice, and Naples, there will be instituted, instead of lazaretti, so many disinfecting offices, and the utmost care will be taken in inspecting the ships which are in these ports.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.—Upon the recommendation of the Lord-Lieutenant, the Lord Chancellor has inserted the name of Mr. Vincent Jackson in the Commission of the Peace for the County of Staffordshire. Mr. Jackson, who was Mayor of Wolverhampton last year, is also a Magistrate for the Borough.

THE MARGARINE ACT.—The Local Government Board have prepared, and will issue within the next few days, regulations under Section 9 of the Margarine Act of last session, which comes into operation on January 1st, 1888, as to the registration of manufactories of margarine.

HER MAJESTY and the Princess of Wales have each graciously accepted a copy of "Dacie Darlingsea," written by the wife of one of our members, and last week noticed by us. It contains a description from a woman's point of view of the International Medical Congress at Copenhagen.

We regret to learn that in consequence of ill health, Dr. Williams has been compelled to resign his position as medical superintendent at the County of Sussex Lunatic Asylum, Hayward's Heath, where for 22 years he has most efficiently discharged the onerous duties of his office. The mental strain involved in the charge of 850 patients has of late told very much upon his health.

ANOTHER CONGRESS.—A Congress is to be held at Madrid, under the auspices of the Spanish Gynaecological Society, in April or May, 1888. It will consist of three Sections—Obstetrics, Gynaecology, and "Paidopatía," which, we presume, means Diseases of Children. The general and sectional work of the Congress will occupy eight days.

Dr. ASA GRAY, the eminent botanist of Harvard University, who is 77 years of age, has had an attack of apoplexy.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcement.

BIRTHS.

CROOKSHANK.—On December 15th, at The Yews, Eastbourne, the wife of Edgar Crookshank, M.B., of a daughter.

CROOM.—On December 16th, at 25, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, the wife of J. Halliday Croom, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., of a daughter.

DOWNES.—On December 19th, at Mellerstein, Eastbourne, the wife of Dr. E. Downes, of a son.

GLENDINNING.—On December 15th, at Larchfield, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, the wife of James Glendinning, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Joint Counties Asylum, Abergavenny, of a daughter.

UPPLEBY.—On November 16th, at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, the wife of Dr. J. G. Uppleby, of a daughter.

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.

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 Orthopaedic.—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.—8 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.

CHARGING 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., 4; Skin, Th., 3; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

LONDON.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, 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., 1.30; 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., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Throat, To. 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; 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., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

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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.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

CANNON BALLS IN CHRONIC CONSTIPATION.

MR. FRANK SMITH (Bath) writes: It may interest your readers to know that Dr. Hermann Sahli's method of massage is not altogether new to this country. About fourteen years ago, when living for a little time in London, I spent a good deal of time in the various gymnasia, and took occasional lessons in the noble art of self-defence of an old "pro," since dead, whose method of training was unique and thoroughly unorthodox in many particulars, but he was allowed, even by "the fancy," to be a "deep un." The professor's treatment for what he delicately termed "stoppage of the innards," was to make his pupil lie on his back and roll a light dumb-bell to and fro and up and down the bare abdomen the first thing in the morning after having taken a sip of cold water. This treatment, which was for a long time a professional secret, usually had a better effect than any internal remedy.

SULPHIDE OF CALCIUM IN ELEPHANTIASIS.

DR. P. D. ANTHONISZ (Ceylon) writes: Elephantiasis of the extremities, and also of other parts of the body, is endemic in this island, especially in the southern and western provinces. I have given the subject a little consideration after the cause of the disease was found out by Dr. Manson, of China, who attributes it to the presence of *filaria sanguinis hominis*. The manner in which the parasite enters the body is supposed to be by the sting of the mosquito, which carries it in its proboscis, or by impure drinking water.

Various modes of treatment have been tried; ligaturing the principal artery of the extremity affected, bandaging, strapping, and an endless variety of ointments containing iodine, mercury, etc. None of these remedies have been of any use. Dr. Manson's discovery suggested to me that the right mode of subduing the disease would be by preventing the parasite from multiplying in the body, which, according to Dr. Manson, it does with amazing rapidity. I experimented with carbolic acid and salicylic acid, but without result. My thoughts next turned to sulphurous acid. Knowing how easily this acid is decomposed, I resolved to give it in combination with lime in the form of sulphide of calcium.

I tried it first in the case of a young woman, who came to me with recent inflammation of the leg with considerable swelling; and enlarged and painful glands in the groin. She was slightly strumous. I ordered one-grain pills of the sulphide of calcium, with an ointment for the groin of two grains of iodoform with an ounce of lard or vaseline. To my great surprise, the swelling subsided in less than three weeks, and when she called for some other ailment three months after, I could not say which had been the swollen leg. She took for the first week one-grain sulphide of calcium pills twice a day, and after that two-grain pills twice a day until the swelling subsided. This induced me to give the remedy a more extensive trial. Two lads, about 17 years of age, who had the disease for several years, were put under a like treatment. One of them had a foot so swollen that he was obliged to have a shoe for it very much larger than the other. After having been under this treatment for about a year and a half, the swollen foot was almost the same size as the other.

Several cases were treated in this manner by some of my medical friends—Mr. Thomas amongst others—and the same results followed in their hands. At the present moment I have a man, between 50 and 55 years of age, who had both his legs enlarged, one of them being nearly as large as his waist, and the other only a little smaller. It is now more than a year since he has been put under treatment, and at the present time his legs are nearly the size of his thighs. I am in hopes of effecting a complete cure in another year or so. The duration of the disease in this case is about thirty years in one leg, and about twenty years in the other.

I would like to hear that this practice for elephantiasis is tried in other countries where the disease is common. The remedy should be persevered in for a lengthened period, and not given up until the disease subsides. It is necessary to suspend the use of the sulphide of calcium when it affects the stomach and causes irritation, going on with it again after the irritating effects have subsided.

THE HAIR IN ANÆSTHETIC LEPROSY.

DR. THOMAS CHAPLIN (Anerley Park) writes: In your review of Sir Risdon Bennett's book on the *Diseases of the Bible*, the following passage occurs: "Surely one certain characteristic of the disease given by Moses himself, namely, that the hair in the plague is turned white, is almost decisive that true anæsthetic leprosy was intended." Permit me, in the interests of scientific truth, to say that white hairs are not a characteristic of anæsthetic leprosy. I speak from knowledge, having, as physician to a leper's asylum, closely observed that disease during sixteen years.

. While giving our correspondent every credit for accurate observation, the fact that the hairs on the anæsthetic patch are frequently white, or at least decolorised, has been too frequently remarked by reliable authors to allow us to accept his dictum as other than an expression of an exceptional experience. See, for instance, the description of J. Hillis (quoted in Ziemssen's *Handbook*, p. 313, by Professor Neisser: "[The white spots] are to be interpreted as local atrophic processes, and lead, also, to the loss of pigment in the hair situated within their confines." See also Fagge's *Med.*, ii, 743, etc. Cf. Kaposi in Hebra's work.

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MR. C. T. DENT writes: With reference to an answer to a correspondent on p. 1368 of the *JOURNAL*, will you kindly take note that Mr. Stephen Paget, F.R.C.S., 57, Wimpole Street, has succeeded me as Secretary of the Association for the Advancement of Medicine by Research. All communications relating to the objects of the Association should be addressed to him.

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