



### ANDERSON'S COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

SINCE the adoption of the scheme proposed by the Commissioners under the Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act, 1884, the old Anderson's University has become merged into the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College, while the Medical Faculty has become a separate and distinct institution, incorporated as Anderson's College Medical School, with memorandum and articles of association.

There is thus perpetuated the Medical Faculty, which dates back to the birth of Anderson's University, in the very beginning of this century. In 1800 Mr. John Burns commenced lectures on anatomy and surgery, which were separated into distinct lectureships in 1828; in 1819 botany was added, and in 1828 the chairs of midwifery, materia medica, and practice of medicine were instituted, followed by medical jurisprudence in 1831, theory or institutes of medicine in 1840, ophthalmic medicine and surgery in 1869, public health in 1878, and aural surgery in 1879.

As an extra-mural medical school, Anderson's University has long held a foremost position, and has provided a medical education at a cost suited to the circumstances of many who would not otherwise have been able to prosecute the study of medicine. Dr. David Livingstone, Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson, and other distinguished men adorn the roll of its students, who may be found in all quarters of the globe, in positions of usefulness and honour. Its class-rooms have supplied no fewer than fourteen professors for Glasgow University, of whom six are at present teaching there.

The new buildings are situated in Dumbarton Road, near Glasgow University, and immediately to the west of the entrance to the Western Infirmary, one of the wings of which is seen in the illustration. The new school will, it is expected, be ready for occupation in November, 1889. It provides all the accommodation which is usual in an institution of the kind.

The dissecting-room is placed on the second floor, and is entirely lit from the roof. This room is connected with the basement by a hoist, by means of which the subjects are brought to the required level. On this floor are also placed the bone-room and a small dissecting and preparation room. On the first floor are placed the anatomical museum and lecture theatre, private dissecting and operative surgery rooms, surgical and materia medica museums; also library, professors' room, and a smoking room for

students. On the ground floor are placed the class rooms for chemistry, physiology and medical jurisprudence, medicine, materia medica, and midwifery, with the necessary professors' rooms; also the chemical, physiological, and medical jurisprudence laboratories, and laboratory of public health. The preparation rooms, furnace room, etc., are placed on the basement floor. The elevation is Italian in style, and the building is intended to be roofed with red tiles.

As subscriptions are still being collected, the Governors hope that all old Anderson's College students and other friends interested in medical education will recognise the claims of an institution whose continued prosperous existence without patronage or privilege argues not only intrinsic merit but public utility. The building, constructed on the best modern principles, and provided with all the appliances requisite for the conduct and management of a fully-equipped medical school, will cost about £9,000. The Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. John Kidston, 50, West Regent Street, Glasgow.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1889.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on January 16th, April 17th, July 10th, and October 16th, 1889. 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 27th, 1888, March 28th, June 20th, and September 26th, 1889.

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*.

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.

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

A fresh inquiry into the ORIGIN AND MODE OF PROPAGATION OF EPIDEMICS OF DIPHTHERIA has been issued.

*Memoranda upon these subjects, and forms for recording observations, may be had on application to the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee, 429, Strand, W.C.*

## BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

**BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.**—The winter meeting of this Branch will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Thursday, December 20th, at 3.30 p.m. By request of the Council, Professor Chiene, of Edinburgh, will introduce a discussion, the subject selected being "Suppuration: its Causes and Treatment." Notices of papers for reading should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, H. A. LEDIARD, 41, Lowther Street, Carlisle.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.**—The next meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Walthamstow, on Thursday, January 19th, at 8.45 p.m. A paper on Diphtheria, with special reference to Treatment, will be read by A. Ernest Sansom, M.D.—J. W. HUNT, Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.**—A meeting of this District will be held at the Wandsworth Infirmary, St. John's Hill, S.W. (Clapham Junction Station), on Wednesday, December 19th, at 8 p.m. Dr. Frederick Taylor, Vice-President of the District, in the chair. Dr. J. B. Neal, Medical Superintendent of the Infirmary, will demonstrate cases of Spinal Sclerosis, and other cases of interest from the wards of the institution. All practitioners will be welcomed.—R. PERCY SMITH, Honorary Secretary, Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E.

**ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.**—The December meeting of this Branch will be held at 198, Union Street, Aberdeen, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 8 p.m. Business: 1. Minutes, nomination of new members, etc. 2. Ballot for the admission of Dr. A. W. Alcock, Surgeon and Naturalist, H.M.S. Investigator: Dr. George Rose, 75, King Street, Aberdeen; and Dr. George Gibb, 143, Great Western Road, Aberdeen. 3. Motion by Dr. Urquhart: "That Rule 9 be altered to read as follows: The annual meeting of the Branch shall be held at Aberdeen on the third Saturday of October of each year, and shall be given notice of by circular in the ordinary way." 4. Case of Trismus, by Dr. Gunn, Buxburn. 5. Case of Poisoning by Bromide of Potash, by Dr. Beveridge, Aberdeen. 6. Hyperbolic Lenses for Conical Cornea, by Dr. McKenzie Davidson. 7. Exhibition of Patient after Thyroidectomy for Intra-laryngeal Tumour, by Dr. Mackenzie Booth. 8. Dr. Ward Cousins' New Rectal Instruments. 9. Specimen of Fracture of Head of Radius, by Dr. Ogilvie Will.—ROBERT JOHN GARDEN and J. MACKENZIE BOOTH, Honorary Secretaries, 231, Union Street, Aberdeen.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at the County Infirmary, Gloucester, on Tuesday, November 20th, 1888. Dr. CURRIE, President, occupied the chair, and about twenty-five members were present. Letters of apology were read from Drs. Wilson, Cullen, etc., of Cheltenham, and Mr. Sydney-Turner, Gloucester.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

**Officers and Council.**—It was proposed by Dr. NEEDHAM, seconded by Dr. BATTEN, and carried, that Dr. Soutar and Mr. Bower be re-elected as the scrutineers. The following were declared the officers for 1889: *President*: C. J. Bennett, Cheltenham *Honorary Secretary*: G. Arthur Cardew. *Members of Council*: Drs. Batten, Bond, and Mr. Ellis (Gloucester), and Dr. Wilson (Cheltenham).

*Sir Morell Mackenzie's Book.*—The following resolution was brought before the Branch by the Branch Council, and was proposed from the chair by Dr. CURRIE, seconded by Mr. WADDY:

"It has been with the deepest regret that we have seen the issue by Sir Morell Mackenzie to the general public of a book, giving medical details of the case of the late German Emperor. We desire to enter the strongest protest possible against the precedent thereby set for a line of action so opposed to the best traditions of our profession, and so injurious to its true interests."

Dr. SOUTAR proposed an amendment: "That the resolution be not put." After discussion, the amendment was lost by 13 votes against it to 3 for it. The resolution was then put, and carried by 13 votes to 3. It was proposed by Dr. BATTEN, and seconded by Mr. WILTON: "That the resolution be forwarded in the ordinary course for publication in the JOURNAL." This was carried.

*Dursley Sanitary Authority and Dr. Bond.*—The resolution

printed in the JOURNAL, December 8th, p. 1315 was also brought before the Branch by the Branch Council, and was proposed by Dr. BATTEN (Gloucester), and seconded by Dr. F. COOK (Cheltenham). Before the resolution was discussed, Dr. BOND made a full statement of the circumstances of his dismissal by the Dursley Rural Sanitary Authority, and of the correspondence that had taken place thereon. He then retired from the room, when a full discussion took place. The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously. On Dr. Bond's return to the room, the PRESIDENT conveyed to him the sympathy of the meeting at the treatment he had received.

## STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

The first general meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, on Friday, November 30th, 1888. Mr. F. BOLDERO, the President, occupied the chair, and thirty-three members were present. A report of the scientific work of the meeting will be published at an early date.

*Presentation to Mr. Vincent Jackson.*—After the meeting, Mr. Spanton, as Chairman of the Presentation Committee, presented Mr. Vincent Jackson, on behalf of the members of the Branch, with a handsome silver bowl and an illuminated address as a slight recognition of his valuable services as Secretary during a period of fourteen years. Mr. Jackson feelingly thanked the members.

## SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.

The last meeting of the above District was held at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, on Thursday, November 29th, at 3 p.m., Mr. E. J. SCHÖN, of Littlebourne, in the chair.

*Next Meeting.*—Dr. FISHER was elected Chairman for the next meeting, to be held in Sittingbourne in March, 1889.

*Communications.*—Dr. FITZGERALD (Folkestone) read a paper on Massage: its Use and Misuse, after which the author gave a practical demonstration.—Mr. T. WHITEHEAD REID read the history of five successful ovariectomies he had performed, illustrated by specimens, diagrams, and patients.—Mr. COLVILLE (Ashford) read notes of a case of Extra-uterine Pregnancy, in which a large portion of the foetus was passed *per anum*. The foetal bones that had been passed were shown.—Mr. C. H. SCHÖN (Bridge) read short notes of a successful case of Traumatic Tetanus treated with hydrate of chloral.—Each of these papers gave rise to discussion, and among those who spoke were Drs. GOGARTY, T. EASTES, Messrs. BRIAN RIGDEN, F. WACHER, MAYHEW, WHITEHEAD REID, and the CHAIRMAN.

## METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.

The first meeting of this District was held at the Tottenham Hospital, the Green, Tottenham, on Thursday, December 6th, at 8 p.m., Dr. C. BRODIE SEWELL, President of the Branch, in the chair.

Some interesting cases from the hospital were exhibited.

Dr. GOODHART read a paper on Notes on the Value of certain New Drugs, after which a discussion ensued.

Votes of thanks to Dr. Goodhart and the President were given.

The meeting was well attended, there being twenty-one gentlemen present.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

## PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

*The Action of Various Oils on Healthy Animals.—Experiments on the Poisoning of Animals by Different Gases.*

M. DAREMBERG has begun by making a series of experiments on healthy animals, with the view of ascertaining the effect of different oils on tuberculous animals. He found that different oils used as food, and cod-liver oil, may be taken for three months and a half without evil effects by guinea-pigs in daily doses of one cubic centimetre, and by rabbits in doses of three to four cubic centimetres. The oil is easily administered through a glass tube placed in the animal's mouth; the animal usually sucks the tube with avidity. M. Daremberg gave subcutaneous injections

## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

## OXFORD.

THE electors for the Linacre Professorship of Human and Comparative Anatomy have appointed Mr. W. Hatchett Jackson, M.A., of New College, to be Deputy Professor for the period of one year.

## CAMBRIDGE.

FRANCIS DARWIN, M.A., M.B., has been elected to a Fellowship at Christ's College in succession to Dr. Vines.

Dr. Hill, Master of Downing College, has been appointed University Lecturer in Advanced Human Anatomy under the new scheme.

Walter Gardiner, M.A., Fellow of Clare College, has been appointed University Lecturer in Botany in succession to Mr. F. Darwin, appointed University Reader.

Dr. Guillemard, recently appointed University Lecturer in Geography, has been obliged to resign in consequence of ill-health. Applications for the vacant post are to be sent to Dr. Ferrers, Master of Gonville and Caius College, by January 8th, 1894.

A grace was passed on December 13th empowering the Museums and Lecture Rooms Syndicate to take the first steps towards improved provision for the departments of human anatomy and physiology.

There are eighty candidates for the Third M.B. Examination (Parts I and II) just commenced.

## LONDON.

## M.B. EXAMINATION.—EXAMINATION FOR HONOURS.

## Medicine.

*First Class.*—W. P. May, B.Sc. (Scholarship and Gold Medal), University College; H. M. Fernando, B.Sc. (Gold Medal), University College; \*H. P. Dean, B.Sc., University College; P. Ashworth, B.Sc., Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary; and A. Parkin, Guy's Hospital (equal); J. H. Abram, University College, Liverpool and London; B. Pierce, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and J. Wilkie, St. Bartholomew's and Brompton Consumption Hospitals (equal).

*Second Class.*—H. J. Macevoy, B.Sc., St. Thomas's Hospital; J. L. Roberts, B.A., B.Sc., Guy's Hospital; J. J. Clarke, St. Mary's Hospital; J. R. Bradford, D.Sc., University College; A. A. Kanthack, B.A., B.Sc., Liverpool Royal Infirmary and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and E. H. Starling, Guy's Hospital (equal).

*Third Class.*—G. H. O'Reilly, Northampton General Infirmary and King's College; W. G. Willoughby, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; F. R. Blaxall, University College; H. E. L. Canney, University College, and H. Williams, St. Bartholomew's Hospital (equal); L. W. D. Mair, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and G. B. M. White, University College (equal).

## Obstetric Medicine.

*First Class.*—A. A. Kanthack (Gold Medal), Liverpool Royal Infirmary and St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

*Second Class.*—G. W. Sutherland, B.A.Syd., University College, London, and University of Edinburgh; Helen Webb, London School of Medicine and Royal Free Hospital; H. P. Dean, University College, and J. L. Roberts, Guy's Hospital (equal); P. Ashworth, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary, and J. L. Firth, University College (equal).

*Third Class.*—E. O. Ashe, London Hospital, H. Duncan, St. Thomas's Hospital and Cambridge, and A. Parkin, Guy's Hospital (equal); S. K. Alcock, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

## Forensic Medicine.

*First Class.*—E. H. Starling (Scholarship and Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital; H. M. Fernando (Gold Medal), University College; A. Parkin, Guy's Hospital; \*B. Pierce, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; H. E. L. Canney, University College.

*Second Class.*—J. Wilkie, St. Bartholomew's and Brompton Consumption Hospitals; J. E. Gould, University College; H. P. Dean, University College, and A. A. Kanthack, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and St. Bartholomew's Hospital (equal); W. G. Willoughby, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. O. Ashe, London Hospital, P. Ashworth, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary, and B. Melland, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary (equal).

*Third Class.*—H. A. Sansom, St. Thomas's Hospital; W. P. May, University College, and W. C. Swayne, Bristol Medical School and Guy's Hospital (equal); A. Lyndon, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and G. H. O'Reilly, Northampton General Infirmary and King's College (equal); H. Duncan, St. Thomas's Hospital and Cambridge, and G. W. Sutherland, University College, London, and University of Edinburgh (equal).

\* Obtained the number of marks qualifying for a Gold Medal.

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

## B.S. EXAMINATION.

*First Division.*—P. Ashworth, B.Sc., Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary; A. T. Brown, Guy's Hospital; H. E. Crook, Guy's Hospital; H. E. Cuff, Guy's Hospital; H. P. Dean, B.Sc., University College; B. W. Goodall, M.D., Guy's Hospital; A. A. Kanthack, B.A., B.Sc., University College, Liverpool, and St. Bartholomew's Hospital; B. Moss, Guy's Hospital; A. Parkin, Guy's Hospital; E. H. Starling, Guy's Hospital.

*Second Division.*—R. Bird, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; E. H. Brock, Guy's Hospital; F. Edge, B.Sc., Owens College and Manchester Royal Infir-

mary; P. Leech, Owens College; G. B. Smith, Guy's Hospital; R. V. Solly, St. Thomas's Hospital; J. B. Thompson, Owens College; W. E. Tresidder, Guy's Hospital; J. A. Wheeler, Guy's Hospital.

## M.S. EXAMINATION.

A. Carless, King's College; L. A. Dunn (Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital; C. Gross, M.D., Guy's Hospital.

## DURHAM.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

At Convocation holden on Tuesday, December 11th, the following were recommended for the degree of Doctor in Medicine for practitioners of fifteen years' standing:

E. Hussey, L.R.C.P. (Edin.), L.R.C.S. (Edin.); W. Bennett, L.R.C.P. (Edin.), L.R.C.S. (Edin.); J. Utting, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; C. F. Webb, F.R.C.P. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.), M.R.C.S.

The following were recommended for the degree of M.D.:

G. T. Giddings, M.B., M.R.C.S.; A. J. H. Montague, M.B., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; A. C. A. Packman, M.B., M.R.C.S.; H. Renney, M.B., B.S.; J. N. Richardson, M.B., M.R.C.S.; W. O. Travis, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; J. Wilding, M.B., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; J. P. Williams-Freeman, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

The following were recommended for the degree of Master in Surgery (M.S.), old Regulations:

E. H. Gibbon, M.B., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; A. Lingard, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., St. Thomas's Hospital.

The following were recommended for the degree of Bachelor in Medicine (M.B.):

W. H. Coates, L.R.C.P., L.S.A., London Hospital; A. Lingard, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., St. Thomas's Hospital; H. Fawcett, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; G. Newstead, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; G. A. Robinson, London Hospital; P. S. Webster, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), London Hospital; J. W. Sandoe, M.R.C.S., Guy's Hospital, London; A. J. Gregory, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., London Hospital; C. N. Loveley, London Hospital; T. M. Kimpster, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; L. A. McNabb, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; G. S. McLoughlin, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; A. M. Jones, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Guy's Hospital, London; L. W. Keiffenheim, Guy's Hospital, London.

The following were recommended for the degree of Bachelor in Surgery (B.S.):

H. Fawcett, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; A. J. Gregory, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., London Hospital; T. M. Kimpster, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; L. W. Keiffenheim, Guy's Hospital, London; L. A. McNabb, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; G. Newstead, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; J. W. Sandoe, M.R.C.S., Guy's Hospital, London; G. A. Robinson, London Hospital; R. Thompson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Guy's Hospital, London; L. A. Baine, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## OBITUARY.

DENIS CHARLES O'CONNOR, LL.D. Camb., A.B., M.D. Dub. Dr. DENIS O'CONNOR, whose death it becomes our duty to record, has stood forth amongst the medical profession of Cork as a skilful and successful practitioner, and his reputation has extended far beyond the bounds of his native county. Dr. O'Connor was born in Bandon in the year 1808, and received his early education at a school endowed by the Duke of Devonshire in that town. He entered Trinity College, Dublin, in 1826, where he distinguished himself at the sessional examinations and bore off the poor honours which were then attainable by the yet unemancipated Roman Catholics. Three years after he became a student of Trinity College he commenced the study of medicine, and obtained the degree of A.B. in 1830. In 1833 he obtained the licence of the Royal College of Surgeons, and the year after the degree of M.D., T.C.D. Thus qualified he proceeded to Paris, where he derived experience which was most beneficial to him in his subsequent career. He spent a short time in London also, and in 1838 he settled down to practise in Cork.

A few years afterwards he obtained an appointment as medical officer of the Cork workhouse, a position in which his zeal, ability and philanthropy won him the admiration of all who knew him, especially during the famine of 1846 and 1847, when his services were exceedingly valuable. In 1861 he published an interesting pamphlet, recording his experiences of that dark period, and of his labours under the Poor Law Board. Dr. O'Connor, on the opening of the Queen's College in Cork, was appointed Professor of the Practice of Medicine, a post he held till his death, and during the meeting of the British Medical Association in Cork in 1879 was chosen the president of the Association.

In consideration of his services to the Association he had conferred upon him the honorary degree of M.D. of the Queen's University in Ireland, and in 1880 the degree of LL.D. of Cambridge University. From his establishment as a practitioner in

**HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.**—During the week ending Saturday, December 8th, 807 births and 487 deaths were registered in the eight principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality, which had been 17.8 and 19.1 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, further rose to 19.3 during the week under notice, and exceeded by 0.7 per 1,000 the mean rate during the same period in the twenty-eight large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the lowest rates were recorded in Dundee and Leith, and the highest in Greenock and Paisley. The 487 deaths in these towns during the week included 49 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, equal to an annual rate of 1.9 per 1,000, which was 1.0 below the mean zymotic death-rate during the same period in the large English towns. The highest zymotic death-rates were recorded in Glasgow and Greenock. The 211 deaths registered in Glasgow during the week included 10 from scarlet fever, 7 from diphtheria, 5 from whooping-cough, 3 from measles, 3 from diarrhoea, and 1 from "fever." Four fatal cases of measles and 3 of diphtheria were recorded in Greenock. The death-rate from diseases of the respiratory organs in these Scotch towns during the week under notice was equal to 4.7 per 1,000, against 3.4 in London.

**HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.**—In the sixteen principal town districts of Ireland the deaths registered during the week ending Saturday, December 8th, were equal to an annual rate of 23.4 per 1,000. The lowest rates were recorded in Wexford and Waterford, and the highest in Dundalk and Armagh. The death-rate from the principal zymotic diseases averaged 2.6 per 1,000 in these towns during the week under notice, against 2.9 in the twenty-eight large English towns during the same period. The 183 deaths registered in Dublin during last week were equal to an annual rate of 27.0 per 1,000, against 25.9 and 22.9 in the two preceding weeks. These 183 deaths included 13 which resulted from the principal zymotic diseases (equal to an annual rate of 1.9 per 1,000), of which 8 were referred to "fever," and 1 each to measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping-cough, and diarrhoea.

#### MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

"**QUERY**" cannot be re-appointed to any county district unless he is legally qualified in the practice of medicine, surgery, and midwifery, except the Local Government Board, for reasons brought to their notice, may see fit to allow the election. This requirement will come into operation as soon as the district is a county district.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—The following gentlemen having passed the necessary examinations on November 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, were, at a meeting of the Council on December 13th, admitted Fellows of the College.

Adams, John, L.R.C.P. Ed., 184, Aldersgate Street, E.C., Membership dated July, 25th, 1872.  
Brodie, Charles Gordon, L.R.C.P. Lond., 30, Harley Street, January 24th, 1883.  
Codd, Arthur Frederick Gambell, 2, Melrose Terrace, West Kensington Park, April 18th, 1882.  
Coombe, Russell, L.R.C.P. Ed., Devon and Exeter Hospital, July 23rd, 1886.  
Deakin, James, L.S.A., 6, Great Ormond Street, W.C., January 20th, 1879.  
Douglas, Claude, L.R.C.P. Lond., 12, New Walk, Leicester, November 19th, 1879.  
Goody, Edward Samuel, L.R.C.P. Lond., 89, Lambeth Palace Road, October 30th, 1885.  
Johnson, Raymond, M.B. Lond., 131, Gower Street, W.C., July 31st, 1885.  
Lucy, Reginald Horace, M.B. Ed., 8, College Yard, Worcester, May 4th, 1886.  
Rawes, William, M.B. Durh., Nether, Newcastle-under-Lyne, August 3rd, 1885.  
Spicer, William Thomas Holmes, M.B. Cantab., 6a, Bedford Square, W.C., January 21th, 1884.  
Stabb, Ewen Cartliw, L.R.C.P. Lond., 19, Vincent Square, S.W., July 28th, 1886.  
Taylor, Alfred Ernest, M.B. Lond., Norwood House, Southall, July 29th, 1881.

Thirty-one candidates presented themselves for examination, of whom sixteen passed, including three candidates who have not yet attained the legal age (25), and fifteen were referred.

The following gentleman, who passed the necessary examination on May 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1887, having attained the legal age of 25 years, was also admitted a Fellow of the College.

Rowell, George, L.R.C.P. Lond., Guy's Hospital, S.E., July 30th, 1886.

The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary examinations, and having obtained Medical Qualification, were admitted Members of the College.

Bryden, Frank William Augustine, L.S.A., 45, Trinity Square, S.E.  
Cox, William Alfred Spencer, L.S.A., Heald Place, Rusholme, Manchester.  
Hayward, Gerald Cobden, L.S.A., 90, Huddleston Road, Tufnell Park.  
Jubb, Frank, L.R.Q.C.P.I., Akeds Road, Halifax, Yorks.

Manners, William Francis, L.S.A., 106, Fentiman Road, South Lambeth.  
Potter, Paul de Cresse, L.S.A., Ringley Parsonage, Stoneclough, Manchester.

**SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.**—The following gentlemen having satisfied the Court of Examiners as to their knowledge of the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, received Certificates entitling them to practise as Licentiates of the Society, in November, 1888.

Holt, Henry Mainwaring, Yorkshire College, Leeds.  
Marshall, Charles Frederic, Owens College, Manchester.  
Cox, William Alfred Spencer, Owens College, Manchester.  
Coates, William Henry, London Hospital.  
Farquharson, George Sinclair, London Hospital.  
De Butts, Arthur John, St. Mary's Hospital.  
Manners, William Francis, University of Cambridge and St. Thomas's Hospital.  
Gunn, Frank Walter, King's College.  
Basu, Baman Das, Lahore University, Calcutta.  
Hayward, Gerald Cobden, Middlesex Hospital.  
Spratley, Ernest Richard Woody, University College, Liverpool.  
Dodd, Charles Edward, University College, Liverpool.

#### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

**BALLYMENA UNION.**—Medical Officer for Ballymena Dispensary. Salary, £120 per annum, and fees. Applications to Mr. James Mallaghan, J.P., Honorary Secretary. Election on January 3rd.  
**CHORLTON-UPON-MEDLOCK DISPENSARY, Manchester.**—Honorary Medical Officer. Applications by December 20th to W. Stones, Esq., Honorary Secretary, 113, Market Street, Manchester.  
**EVELINA HOSPITAL, Southwark.**—Physician to Out-Patients. Applications by December 29th, to the Committee of Management.  
**GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.** Assistant House-Surgeon. Board, lodging and washing. Applications by December 29th to the House Governor.  
**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.**—Assistant Physician. Applications by December 19th to the Secretary.  
**LEICESTER UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—Non-Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum with unfurnished house, cab and other fees. Applications by December 26th to the Secretary, 114, High Cross Street, Leicester.  
**LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.**—Registrar and Chloroformist. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by December 15th to the Secretary.  
**MILLER HOSPITAL AND ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, Greenwich Road, S.E.**—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £30 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 15th to the Honorary Secretary.  
**MILLER HOSPITAL AND ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, Greenwich Road, S.E.**—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £90 per annum, with board, etc. Applications by December 15th to the Honorary Secretary.  
**PORTSMOUTH LUNATIC ASYLUM, Milton, near Portsmouth.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with apartments, board, etc. Applications by December 15th to the Medical Superintendent.  
**QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Cork.**—Professor of Practice of Medicine. Candidates should forward applications with testimonials, to the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, by December 20th. Appointment to be held for a period not exceeding seven years.  
**ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL, Devonport.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board, and lodging. Applications by December 15th to the Chairman of the Managing Committee.  
**STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £70 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by December 18th to the Secretary.  
**TOWNSHIP OF TOXTETH PARK.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications by December 19th, to J. Moulding, Esq., Clerk to the Guardians.  
**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.**—House-Physician. Board and lodging. Applications by December 20th to the Secretary Superintendent.  
**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.**—House-Surgeon. Board and lodging. Applications by December 20th to the Secretary Superintendent.

#### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ALTHORP, C. F. M., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed House-Physician to the Bradford Infirmary and Dispensary, vice J. C. Vaughan, M.B., resigned.  
BRAY, H. A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the King's College Hospital.  
BREEN, Henry, L.R.C.S.I., and L.M., appointed Medical Officer to the Derrylin Dispensary, Linaskoe Union, vice C. G. Westropp, L.R.C.P., L.M. Edin., resigned.  
BRYETT, L. T. F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A. Lond., appointed House-Physician to the King's College Hospital.  
CHEATLE, A. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Assistant House Accoucher to the King's College Hospital.  
CHEATLE, G. L., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Physician to the King's College Hospital.  
FINUCANE, Morgan, M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the Birmingham Borough Asylum, vice Percy Pope, M.R.C.S., resigned.

GRAY, Miss Sarah, appointed Clinical Assistant to the Metropolitan Asylums Board Eastern Hospitals.

GREEN, T. H., M.D., F.R.C.P., appointed Physician to the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, *vice* Douglas Powell, M.D., F.R.C.P.

HUGHES, S. Henry, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, *vice* F. O'Kinealy, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.

HUMPHREYS, G. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Resident Medical Superintendent to the Bradford Fever Hospital, *vice* S. E. Evans, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., resigned.

JOHNSTON, Francis, M.B.Glas., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Wirral Hospital for Sick Children, Birkenhead, *vice* George Barfoot, deceased.

KEELE, J. R., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton, *vice* H. Wynter Shettle, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.

LLOYD, Jordan, M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Acting Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Free Hospital for Sick Children, *vice* G. Elkington, M.R.C.S., resigned.

MACKENZIE, A. C., L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., appointed House-Surgeon to the Dover Hospital and Dispensary, *vice* Charles Wood, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., resigned.

MILLS-ROBERTS, R. H., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the Stroud General Hospital, *vice* M. C. Moxham, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P., resigned.

ORR, A. A., M.B., B.S.Oxon., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Kensington Dispensary, *vice* J. K. Barton, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.

PAGDEN, T., M.B.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

PENNY, J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed House Accoucheur to the King's College Hospital.

READ, Henry G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A., L.D.S.Eng., appointed Dental Surgeon to the National Dental Hospital, *vice* Thomas Gaddes, resigned.

SHETTLE, H. Wynter, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton, *vice* G. A. K. Lake, M.D., M.R.C.S., resigned.

STEPHENS, R. J., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, *vice* Dr. Wheatley, resigned.

TATLOCK, B. B., F.R.S.E., F.I.C., appointed City Analyst for Perth, *vice* Dr. Wallace.

THOMSON, W. S., M.D., F.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Kensington Dispensary, *vice* W. Tyrrell, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., resigned.

WALLIS, C. J. Boyd, appointed Surgeon-Dentist to the St. George's Hanover Square Provident Dispensary, *vice* Mr. H. J. Kluht, resigned.

WARD, H. P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to the King's College Hospital.

WEISS, Felix Henri, appointed Dean of the National Dental Hospital and College, *vice* Thomas Gaddes, resigned.

WHITE, E. R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the King's College Hospital.

WILSON, Charles, M.B.Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Physician to the London Hospital.

**HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.**—The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, held at the Mansion House, received a very favourable report of the work of the Council, the amount of money collected last year being slightly larger than any that had been received before. Five per cent. of the fund will in the future be devoted to the purchase of surgical appliances, instead of 4 per cent. The most important incident was the carrying of a resolution moved by Mr. A. L. Cohen, a leading member of financial circles in the city, for the formation of sub-committees consisting of three leading members of the chief professions and banking and commercial firms in London, to canvass for donations, and the result of these contributions to be advertised under the respective heading of the profession or business, namely, the Bankers' subscription, the Stock Exchange subscription, the Corn Exchange subscription, etc. If this resolution, which proceeds from a very able and energetic person, be well carried out, as no doubt it will be, a considerable accession to the income may be expected from this source. Sir Polydore de Keyser, the Rev. W. G. Pascoe, and the Rev. James Baillie were appointed to fill vacancies in the Council.

**ANTIPYRIN AND NITROUS ETHER.**—When a solution of antipyrin is mixed with spiritus ætheris nitrosi, a nitrous compound of antipyrin is formed, which crystallises out in bright green acicular crystals. It has been very positively asserted that this compound is extremely poisonous. In consequence of an action for malpraxis, the properties of this body have been carefully tested by Dr. Ludwig Bremer, of New York, who has given it as his opinion that it is not poisonous; and the editor of the *National Druggist*, who has given the compound to animals and has taken it himself, is of the same opinion.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HOSPITALS.**—The Sunday school children of Birmingham have now for nine years raised a Sunday School Fund for the benefit of the hospitals. Five hundred schools have this year contributed to the fund sums varying from 2s. 1d. to £24 each. This year's collection amounts to £337. Since it has been started something like £2,235 has been the net result in the shape of contributions to the Birmingham Children's Hospital from this source. This suffices to keep five beds going for a year, and means the relief of sixty in-patients, independently of out-patients. The arrangements made are such as to prevent this movement conflicting with the interests of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Funds.

**BEQUESTS.**—A citizen of Glasgow, who died recently, Mr. Wm. Baxter, has left £2,500 to the University of Glasgow to found a demonstratorship of geology, and £50 each to the Western and Royal Infirmarys, Dumfries Infirmary, Widows' and Old Man's Friend Societies, and the Old Woman's Friend Society, as well as all his geological and other specimens to the Town Council of Dumfries, in trust for the community, with £50 towards a free library in the same town. The Royal Infirmary of Glasgow has also received £400 by the will of the late Mr. Findlay, of Dennistoun, Glasgow, who has also left £400 to Quarrier's Orphan Homes, £100 to Barnardo's Homes, £100 to the Glasgow Asylum for the Blind, as well as other bequests to other institutions.

**"ABSINTHISM."**—At a recent meeting of the Academy of Medicine, M. Dujardin-Beaumetz reported the results of M. Mairé's experiments with absinthe and alcohol introduced into the stomach. He found that absinthe only determined epileptiform attacks when taken in sufficient quantities to cause complete intoxication, and when the doses were continued for several consecutive days. The attacks only occurred when the animal's life was seriously endangered. M. Mairé considered that the epileptiform attacks were due to the alcohol contained in absinthe, epilepsy being quite as frequently met with in acute alcoholism as in acute absinthism.

**MEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHS.**—Messrs. Done and Ball, successors to Brown, Barnes and Bell, photographers to the Queen, are issuing from their studios, 12, Baker Street, Portman Square, W., a new series of medical photographs of remarkable excellence. Among the series are strikingly good portraits of Sir William Bowman, Sir Henry Thompson, Dr. George Johnson, Dr. Handfield Jones, Dr. Pye-Smith, and others. It is proposed to extend the series. Those already issued are of first rate merit.

**DIAGNOSIS OF ACTINOMYCOSIS (?).**—A case is noted in *La Semaine Médicale* in which M. N. Matschinski recognised the fungus of actinomycosis in the expectoration of a patient suffering from pneumonia and typhoid fever. He was looking for the pneumococcus, and found instead what he believed to be the rosettes of actinomycetes; the patient succumbed to this complication of diseases, and at the base of the right lung was found a cavity containing pus, in which the actinomycetes were also found.

**THE DOG'S BEST FRIEND.**—On Saturday last a replica of a picture exhibited at the Royal Academy was placed in the board room of King's College Hospital. It records an incident at the hospital on Sunday morning, July 31st, 1887, when a disabled collie was led to the front entrance by two fox terriers, who barked till help came. The picture, which is, we understand, the gift of a lady to the governors of the institution, will form a permanent memorial of an interesting incident in the annals of this institution.

**THE FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR** has requested the directors of the sanitary administration to provide all officers and soldiers on active service with dressings, to consist of a strip of fine linen from seven to ten feet long, two small antiseptic compresses, and a safety pin, which are to be enclosed in an oil-skin wrapping. A similar system has been long adopted in some other armies.

**GLASGOW MAGDALENE INSTITUTION.**—The annual meeting of the Glasgow Magdalene Institution was held on December 10th, the Lord Provost presiding. The report showed that the cases dealt with, including those remaining in the Homes on October 31st, numbered 222, the average number resident during the year being 155. The number of inmates restored to parents and friends was 45; placed in situations 36; and 1 sent abroad.

**SURGEON-MAJOR G. WATERS, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,** has been appointed First Physician and Surgeon, R. Manser, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Second Physician, to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital.



**THE SURGICAL AID SOCIETY.**—The report presented at the annual meeting, presided over by the Lord Mayor, showed that during the first ten years of the existence of the society the patients assisted numbered 7,286; in the second ten years they had reached 29,110; and in the third ten years they reached the total of 37,597, making a total aggregate of 73,933 persons relieved since the establishment of the society.

**ECZEMA OF THE EYELIDS.**—In chronic, long, persistent eczema of the eyelids, which is not associated with a scrofulous constitution, Dr. Unna recommends a weak resorcin ointment. His formula is cold cream 10.0, resorcin 0.2, to be gently rubbed into the eyelids three or four times a day.

**M. LANGIER** described to a recent meeting of the Académie de Médecine of Paris a case of suicide, in which a woman had inflicted 140 wounds upon herself. Of this number, only six, inflicted on the neck or abdomen, were serious; each of these, however, would alone have been capable of causing death.

**THE** foundation stone of the Hereford new Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital (to be built in commemoration of the Queen's jubilee at a cost of about £2,500) was laid on December 6th by the Countess of Chesterfield.

**SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION.**—Dr. W. H. Torbock, of Polruan, Cornwall, has received, for the second time, the Government grant for successful vaccination in the fourth and fifth districts of the Liskeard Union.

**STRAY AND RABID DOGS.**—According to official statistics just issued, 1,139 stray dogs were captured in London by the police during the last month. Of this number, 13 were mad or ferocious dogs, killed in the streets.

**THE** professorship of obstetric theory in the Paris Faculty has been replaced by a professorship of clinical obstetrics.

## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

### MONDAY.

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON,** 8.30 P.M.—Clinical Night. Dr. J. Hughlings Jackson, F.R.S.: Case of Paralysis of Lower Part of Trapezius. Dr. Seymour Taylor: Injury of Brachial Plexus. The President (Sir William MacCormac): Case of Osteoplastic Resection of Foot. Mr. John H. Morgan: Peculiar Deformity of Upper Extremity. Dr. Angel Money: Cases of Neuro-muscular Irritability in Children. Dr. Fowler: Cirroid Aneurysm. Mr. Bernard Pitts: Slow-growing Tumour of Upper Jaw. Dr. Acland: Acute Varioliformis.

### TUESDAY.

**PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON,** 8.30 P.M.—Mr. Hutchinson: Skeleton of a Short-Limbed Dwarf. Adjourned debate on the Pathology of Chronic Alcoholism; Drs. Dickinson, Buzzard, Savage, Sharkey, Finlay, Ormerod, Hadden, Pearson, and others will take part in the discussion or show illustrative specimens.

### WEDNESDAY.

**ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY** (30, Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.), 7 P.M.—Mr. Charles Harding: Note on the Prolonged Spell of Cold Weather from September, 1887, to October, 1888. Rev. T. A. Preston: Report on the Phenological Observations for 1888. Captain D. Wilson-Barker: A Winter's Weather at Massowah.

### THURSDAY.

**THE SANITARY INSTITUTE** (Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, W.), 5 P.M.—Mr. Ernest Hart: On the New Local Government Act and the County Councils, especially in Relation to Sanitary Administration.

**NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON,** National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, 8.30 P.M.—Discussion on Cerebral Localisation in its Practical Relations. Introduced by David Ferrier, M.D., F.R.S.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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

### BIRTHS.

**EVANS.**—On December 5th, at 13, Westbourne Park Road, Bayswater, W., the wife of W. T. Evans, M.B., C.M. Edin., of a daughter.

**HERRING.**—November 28th, at St. Mary's House, Atherstone, the wife of Dr. J. F. Herring, of a daughter.

### DEATHS.

**BOYLE.**—On the 6th instant, at Newquay, Cornwall, Thomas Boyle, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., aged 51.

**HERRING.**—December 10th, at St. Mary's House, Atherstone, Hetty, the beloved wife of Dr. J. F. Herring, aged 28 years.

**SMITH.**—On December 5th, at 27, Wilson Patten Street, Warrington, in his 77th year, Joseph Smith, M.D., J.P.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST POST ON WEDNESDAY.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 429, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 429, 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, 429, 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.

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

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.

#### BUNIONS.

SCOT asks for information as to the season at Neuenahr, and whether Dr. Schmidt still practises there?

**PERIOSTITIS** writes: After the normal repair of a Pott's fracture, a patient has a slightly raised painful spot, about the size of an orange, on the inner side of the tibia, about two inches above the ankle-joint, which renders walking very difficult, and has now existed eight months. I have tried rest, water dressing, poultice, lin. iodii, oleate of mercury, and lin. saponis cum oplo, all to no purpose. I shall feel obliged if any member can give me a hint which will help me out of the difficulty. The patient declines to see a consultant.

W. T. asks for information as to the best treatment for "bunions."

### ANSWERS.

I. F. D.—The question is too vaguely worded.

**DEPUTY LIEUTENANT.**—According to the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, lord lieutenants of counties are officers who, upon any invasion or rebellion, have power to raise the militia, and to give commissions to colonels and other officers, and to arm and form them into regiments, troops, and companies. Under the lord-lieutenants, are deputy-lieutenants, who possess the same power; these are chosen by the lord-lieutenants, out of the principal gentlemen of each county, and presented to the sovereign for approbation.

### NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

**ERRATUM.**—In the report of the proceedings of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland on page 1223, second column, line 15, for tannin read savin.

#### TO RENDER THE HANDS ASEPTIC.

D. H. G. writes: There is another mistake, I think, made in rendering the hands aseptic, and that is washing them in hot water after a *post-mortem* or any other operation that makes the hands offensive. Hot water relaxes the skin, and it becomes more absorbent, retaining its foul odour, and I presume septic condition, much longer than when cold water is used.

#### STERILISED MILK.

**DR. A. DUNBAR WALKER** (56, Ladbroke Grove Road, W.) writes: In the JOURNAL of December 8th, page 1304, you refer to sterilised milk being made in St. Petersburg, and distributed in that capital to the Children's Hospital, and for the use of private families. You further remark, that it might be made available for passage steamships and yachts. For the information of your readers, I may mention that sterilised milk can be procured in London in tins of one and two quarts, and that for more than a year it has been successfully used in many of the steamship companies. The milk is procured from Norway, and is sterilised by a process known as Dahls. The head depôt for the milk is 11, John Street, Minories, E.C.

#### THE TREATMENT OF YELLOW FEVER.

**DR. JASPER CARGILL** (St. Andrew, Jamaica) writes: In the JOURNAL of October 20th, 1888, I observe notice of "a new method of treating yellow fever," proposed by Dr. George Sternberg. "He points out that in this disease the vomited matters, the contents of the intestines and the urine are highly acid." Having in view this acid condition peculiar to yellow fever, he adopts a treatment, namely, large doses of an alkaline mixture with small quantities of perchloride of mercury, which treatment has been very satisfactorily tested by Dr. Raphael Weiss, in the Garcin Hospital, Havannah. In August, 1877, in a letter to the late Dr. James Thompson, of Leamington, a copy of which will be found in the *Lancet*, of October 27th, 1877, I stated, in referring to certain cases of yellow fever under my care: "In all cases of recovery the urine suddenly becomes alkaline, as soon as the albumen and acidity disappear; the urine then effervesces on the addition of nitric acid. Black vomit and the faeces are both acid. Does this sudden alkalinity point out any treatment as likely to counteract this extremely acid condition of the system?"

Dr. George Sternberg seems to have answered my question as "his new method of treating yellow fever, founded on theoretical considerations is reported to have met with an encouraging amount of success." I observe that

Some time ago, while surgeon of one of the Atlantic liners, I attended a little girl, aged 3 years, who was suffering from retention of urine, following on very painful micturition. She had been vaccinated fully two weeks before coming on board, and the arm then was still swollen and painful. There was a secondary vesicle at the right side of the nose. No urine had been passed for twenty-four hours, except a slight dribble while asleep. On examination, the orifice of the urethra was found to be closed by the swelling from a vesicle situated immediately posterior to it. Cocaine was applied to cause shrinkage and allow of dilatation, but chloroform had to be given ere anything could be done. A small catheter was at last passed and retained, cooling lotions being applied till the swelling went down. Here there was a history of threadworms, which led to the scratching. In this case, as in others I have observed, the child was strumous, which may or may not have been a coincidence.

#### HYPERTROPHIED HYMEN.

DR. MULVILLE THOMSON (Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts) writes: A few weeks since a young woman, accompanied by a female relative (both strangers to me), came from a considerable distance for advice, the exact ailment not being very evident. After much circumlocution she admitted having recently lost her situation through being suspected of being *enante*; that a young man with whom she was keeping company had acted improperly with her in June last; that she had not been regular since; and that she was considerably stouter in front than formerly. I casually examined the abdomen, which was prominent, and remarked that I had no doubt her mistress's surmises were correct, and that her ailments were due to that state, and she had better make arrangements accordingly—an opinion which did not apparently surprise either the young woman or her friend. However, I suggested her coming to me again in a week's time, when I would examine her more minutely. She did so, and on my endeavouring to make a vaginal examination I found no orifice whatever except what would admit a No. 4 catheter, and even that gave her much pain. The hymen was completely hypertrophied, and apparently as solid as the perineum, from which there was no distinction, the other external organs being likewise very deficient.

A few days afterwards, with the assistance of a friend, I passed in a bent director down to the floor of the vagina, and made upon it, under chloroform, a longitudinal incision, opening into a very fairly-sized vaginal passage. She made an excellent recovery, has since menstruated painlessly, and is now back in her place, much gratified at so happy a termination to her trouble.

#### A CORRECTION.

DR. SYMONS ECCLES desires to correct an error which occurred at page 1212 in the JOURNAL of December 1st in the sphymographic tracings illustrating his paper. The third diagram of both series, "Example H. After temperature records before abdominal kneading," and "Example B. After abdominal kneading," have been printed upside down.

DR. SOLOMON C. SMITH (Halifax), who has also noted this mistake, writes: For the consolation of your compositor I may add that he sins in good company. A well-known textbook of medicine got, at any rate, to its third edition with the woodcut illustrating its description of a sphymographic trace in an inverted position, much to the confusion of the text. Proof-readers are conversant with many languages, but we can hardly expect them to correct our sphymograms.

#### RETENTION OF URINE.

DR. JOSHUA PARSONS (Frome) writes: While other cases of retention of urine from mechanical causes are in the memory of your readers, the following—more curious, I admit, than useful—may interest them. I was called to a man, aged 84, suffering from retention. On attempting to pass a catheter I found, in the place of a penis, a round, firm mass about the size and colour of a cricket ball, connected with the pubis by a small, firmly constricted neck. On further examination, I discovered, projecting from this neck, the shanks of two door-keys, the bows of which were causing the constriction. It appears the old man suffered much inconvenience from the rubbing of his clothes against the prepuce, and before going out for a walk had arranged the keys to keep it back. Before his return he was unable to remove them. With much trouble I managed to pass a flexible strip of copper between the skin and the keys, and, after nearly a night's work, to file through the keys on both sides and get them away. No ill effects ensued.

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