

water brought from the Lake Asphattites for the use of their baths.

The number of charitable establishments in the Department of the Seine in 1863 is 144, of which 17 are supported by the state, 29 administered by the Direction of Public Assistance, and 98 supported by private charity. The establishments supported by the state are the following: Les Quinze-Vingts; Charenton, Jeunes-Aveugles, and Sourds-Muets; the asylums of Vincennes and Vésinet; the orphan asylum of La Société du Prince-impérial; La Maison Eugène; Napoléon; La Caisse des Offrandes Nationales; Des Invalides; Val-de-Grâce; Gros-Caillou; Saint-Martin; and Vincennes.

Dr. Vigouroux states that every well-marked act, either of inspiration or of expiration, is accompanied with a dilatation of the pupil. He explains the fact, by supposing that whenever a centrifugal nerve-current passes into the spinal marrow as high as the two first dorsal pair of nerves, a part of the current is directed on to the pupillary filaments, which arise from these nerve-trunks, and so cause contractions of the radiated fibres of the iris.

M. Hoefer has endeavoured to upset one of the so-called proofs of the very ancient existence of man; viz., the lake-habitations in Switzerland. These lake-constructions, he says, are the work of beavers. 1. Beavers once abounded in the Helvetian lakes. 2. These constructions are identical with those of beavers. 3. They are very near the borders of the lakes. 4. No human bones are found amongst them; but bones of the beaver are there found. The presence of stone or iron weapons merely shows that men in those days hunted the beavers."

A Lyons quack, having demanded 800 francs for curing a lady of a pretended mortal disease, when remonstrated with for his charge, indignantly replied, "Madam, to obtain my specific, are you aware that I had to distil amber?" The reproach was, of course, unanswerable.

The *Gazetta Medica Italiana*, in reply to reports that the minister La Farina was destroyed by repeated venesections, declares that not one single venesection was practised on him.

M. Pereire, the Israelite millionaire, is, *L'Union Médicale* says, the descendant of a Portuguese physician remarkable for his titles and his discoveries: "Jacob Rodrigues Pereire, pensioner and interpreter of the King, member of the Royal Society of London, and one of the leading minds of the eighteenth century, and who was the founder of the Deaf and Dumb Institution in France."

M. Guipon, in a memoir, tells the Academy of Sciences of the effects of consanguinity, syphilis, and alcoholism, as observed in the same family. The conclusions arrived at by him are:—That consanguinity exercises a depressing influence on the vital

force, and particularly on the power of reproduction; and that it injuriously affects the hearing, the speech, and the sight; that, combined with syphilis or alcoholism, it may produce paralysis, etc.; that the intelligence may be also affected; that one function only seems to be increased, and that is the genital—the one whose final object, procreation, is most compromised.

M. Blache, we read, presented a memoir on diseases of the eye to the Academy of Medicine in the name of Prince Zaachen, Polish doctor of medicine.

The Academical Senate of Pesth has refused to confirm the appointment of Dr. Hasenfeld as Instructor in Balneology, on account of his being a Jew. "It will be a sad business for Hungary," writes the *Wien. Med. Woch.*, "if such principles as these are accepted, which have been long rejected by all civilised nations."

French publishers are about to reproduce the two grand and famous dictionaries of medicine—one known under the name of *Dictionnaire en 15 Volumes*, and the other as the *Dictionnaire en 30 Volumes*; the first comes out under the superintendence of Dr. Jaccond, and the last under that of Drs. Raigé-Delorme and Dechambre.

## Association Intelligence.

### SHROPSHIRE SCIENTIFIC BRANCH.

THE next meeting will be held at the George Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday, October 27, at 2.30 P.M. Dinner will be ordered at 5 P.M.

SAMUEL WOOD, Hon. Secretary.

Shrewsbury, October 14, 1863.

### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT MEETING.

THE next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, at Maidstone, on Friday, October 30th, at 2 P.M.

Dinner will be provided at the Mitre Inn at 5 o'clock. Tickets, 5s., exclusive of wine.

FREDERICK J. BROWN, M.D., Hon. Sec.  
Rochester, October 13th, 1863.

### MIDLAND BRANCH: QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE quarterly meeting of this Branch was held in the Board-room, Infirmary, Derby, on Oct. 15; Dr. GOODE, President, in the chair.

After some desultory remarks from different members, Dr. Goode read a very interesting paper on a Case of Abscess of Small Intestine opening into the Bladder.

After some discussion on this paper, it was proposed, and carried unanimously, that the spring meeting of this Branch should be held in the northern division of the county, to afford country members a better opportunity of attending.

Mr. Dolman then showed to the members a little boy, aged 2½ years, who was the subject of an immense Spina Bifida.

After transacting the usual routine business, the meeting broke up.

# Medical News.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.** At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Monday, October 19th, 1863, Smith, Edward, M.D.Lond., 16, Queen Anne Street, was duly admitted a Fellow of the College.

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen, previously extra-Licentiates, were admitted members:—

Hamilton, Mark, 7, Arundel Street  
Jones, John, Springfield, Upper Clapton

At this meeting, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, and satisfied the College of their proficiency in the science and practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, were duly admitted to practise Physic as Licentiates of the College:—

Colbeck, Thomas William, Romsey, Hants  
Emanuel, Leonard, M.D.St. Andrews, 6, Stanley Gardens, Notting Hill  
Harris, George Smith Delaval, Haxey, Bawtry  
Hindle, Frederick Thomas, Askern, near Doncaster  
Jones, Hermann Johnston, M.D. Heidelberg, Springfield, Upper Clapton  
Keene, Frederick Joseph, Holbrook, Ipswich  
Macgown, Alexander Thorburn, New Brompton, Kent  
Moore, Harry Gage, Lymington, Hants  
Smith, Richard Wagstaff, Handsworth, Birmingham

The following gentlemen were reported to have passed the first part of the Professional Examination for the Licence of the College:—

Barracough, Robert W. S., Guy's Hospital  
Freeman, Henry W., Middlesex Hospital  
Hillard, Henry C., Guy's Hospital  
Hiron, William Nathaniel, Sydenham College, Birmingham  
Perks, Charles, Queen's College, Birmingham  
Wilmot, Alfred Edward, Guy's Hospital

At a former meeting of the College, held on the 30th ultimo,

Stovell, Matthew, M.D.Aberdeen. Bombay Army was admitted a Fellow of the College.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** The following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such on October 15th.

Dunsterville, George E., Cape of Good Hope; diploma of membership dated August 13, 1841

Humphreys, Thomas B., Trinity Sq., Tower Hill; Oct. 16, 1840

Taylor, George, Derby; May 6, 1842

At the same meeting of the Council—

Martin, Arthur, of Liverpool, a Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, his diploma bearing date May 8th, 1860, was admitted an *ad eundem* member of the College.

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.** At a Congregation holden on October 15th, the undermentioned degrees were conferred:—

#### *Doctor in Medicine.*

Robinson, Charles Alexander Lockhart, Caius College  
*Bachelors of Medicine.*  
Burnaby, Thomas Frederick, Trinity Hall  
Close, Henry Gaskell, Emmanuel College  
King, Joshua, Trinity Hall  
Langton, Thomas Augustus, Caius College  
Oliver, George William, Christ's College  
Phillips, Richard Augustus Long, Christ's College  
Smith, William, Emmanuel College

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On October 15th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Costine, David Dunlop, Liverpool  
Dunlop, Robert, Drumhead, Dumfonthshire  
Jeukins, John Edwin, Stow-on-the-Wold  
Kempnor, Henry Law, Wedmore, Somersetshire  
Windle, Richard Prior, Earl's Court Terrace, Kensington

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination:—

Barraclough, Robert Wooding Sutton, Guy's Hospital  
Thomas, Robert Wrenmore, St. George's Hospital

#### APPOINTMENTS.

ANDERSON, Mark F., L.R.C.P Ed., elected Honorary Medical Officer to the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

EARLE, James L., M.D., appointed Surgeon-Accoucheur to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

FAGGE, Charles H., M.D., appointed Physician to the Royal Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children.

FERGUSON, William, Esq., F.R.S., elected Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

\*GOODWIN, John W., M.D., appointed an Examiner of the Candidates for Medical Degrees in the University of Cambridge, for the ensuing year.

HARLEY, John, M.D., appointed Assistant-Physician to King's College Hospital.

PEACOCK, Albert L., Esq., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the St. Marylebone General Dispensary.

TAYLOR, James, Esq., appointed Surgeon to the Ballieborough and Grousehill Constabulary, co. Cavan.

THOMPSON, Thomas, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

WINTERBOTHAM, Washington L., M.B., appointed Surgeon to the Bridgewater Infirmary.

#### POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE.

BECK, James T., Esq., to the Union House and District No 6 of the Cheshire Union, Cheshire.

CLEGG, William J., M.D.Univ. Edin., to the Brandwood District of the Rochdale Union.

DOWNING, Samuel D., L.R.C.P.Lond., to the New Workhouse, Birkenhead.

HOPKINS, George H., Esq., to the Stone District and the Workhouse of the Stone Union, Staffordshire.

KITE, William J., Esq., to the South-East District of the parish of West Bromwich.

PRITCHETT, Henry, Esq., to the Rastrick District of the Halifax Union.

SIMPSON, John H., Esq., to the District of Marksbury, in the Keynsham Union.

TRIMMER, Henry B., M.D., to the Gamlingay District of the Caxton and Arrington Union, Cambridgeshire.

#### ARMY.

BARCLAY, Surgeon A., M.D., 43rd Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* A. F. Turner.

BREBNER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon A., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 55th Foot.

DUDLEY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon W. E., to be Assistant-Surgeon 76th Foot.

REID, Surg. T. B., 92nd Foot, to be Staff-Surg., *vice* A. C. Ross, M.D.

ROSS, Staff-Surgeon A. C., M.D., to be Surgeon 92nd Foot, *vice* T. B. Reid.

TUBNER, Staff-Surgeon A. F., to be Surgeon 43rd Foot, *vice* A. Barclay, M.D.

To be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon:—

HAMMOND, G., M.D.

#### ROYAL NAVY.

DUNCAN, George, M.D., Surgeon (additional), to the *Narcissus*.

MCCLINTON, William F., B.A., M.B., Surgeon (additional), to the *Egmont*.

ROLSTON, Peter W., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Falcon*.

WALSH, John, M.D., Acting Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Sutlej*.

WAUGH, James, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Falcon*.

**VOLUNTEERS.** (A.V.=Artillery Volunteers; R.V.=Rifle Volunteers):—

ACTON, W., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Staffordshire A.V.

#### DEATHS.

CASE. On October 15th, at Croydon, Mary Cheshire, youngest daughter of the late John Case, Esq., Surgeon, of Runcorn.

DIXON. On October 20th, aged 30, Elizabeth, wife of John Dixon, M.D., of Prospect Row, Bermondsey.

MAWSON. On October 19th, aged 81, Mary Ann, widow of the late George Mawson, Esq., Surgeon, of East Isley, Berks.

\*OLIVE, George, Esq., at Northampton, aged 59, on October 16.

ROGER, Alphonse Réné, M.D., at the Maison Imperiale de Charenton, France, aged 48, on October 10.

SMITH. On October 16th, at Burbage, Wilts, aged 1 year, Charles J. P., son of C. Swaby Smith, Esq.

SIR HENRY HOLLAND, physician to the Queen of England, is on a visit to Washington. (*American Med. Times.*)

NEW WORK BY DR. WYNTER. A new volume has just been published by Dr. Wynter, entitled *Subtile Brains and Lissom Fingers*.

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL. The governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, have determined to adopt Mr. D. Wyatt's plan for the new building, modified to suit the wishes of the medical officers.

**THE NEW REGISTER.** We beg to remind our readers that the General Council has given notice, that the Register for 1864 will contain only those names which appear in the General Register on the 1st of January next.

**UNIVERSITY OF BONN.** A report has reached us from Germany, that Dr. Hofmann has accepted the appointment of Professor of Chemistry at Bonn, where they are about to erect the most splendid laboratory in Europe, at a cost of 150,000 thalers. (*Chemical News.*)

**A CORONER FOR BRIDLINGTON.** There is a vacancy for the coronership at Bridlington, and a medical man is in the field for the same. Let us sincerely hope that our medical brethren will on this occasion resemble the united bundle of sticks.

**MUNIFICENT GIFT.** Mr. Mackenzie, of Fawley Court, has transmitted to the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, £14,000 in redemption of his promise to indemnify them to the extent of what may be termed the "capital" expenditure upon that institution.

**THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL STUDENTS** now pursuing their studies at our metropolitan schools, is rather under the number registered in October last, and considerably under those registered in 1860, when the number reached 1230.

**OPHTHALMIA IN THE DOVER UNION.** The ophthalmia which has prevailed amongst the children in the Dover Union for some time past has been checked, the sanitary measures recommended by Mr. John Woolcott, surgeon to the Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, having been rigorously enforced.

**TO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.** The following advertisement adorns the pages of *The Times* :—" *Medical Editorship.* The proprietors of *Who to Consult*, 7s. 6d., are desirous of securing the services of four gentlemen, viz., two M.D.'s and physicians and two F.R.C.S.'s, to form a council to conduct the new edition of that popular work *Who to Consult.* Apply, by letter only, to Junius, care of Messrs. Aylott and Son, 8, Paternoster-row, London.

**DEATH OF A RUSSIAN DOCTOR.** Dr. Alexis Georghesky, chief surgeon of his Imperial Russian Majesty's screw steam frigate *Oleg*, 51, now in Plymouth Sound, died on the 14th inst., on board, rather suddenly. He joined at Cronstadt September 15, and has been suffering lately from an affection in the throat. For the last three days Dr. Georghesky received unremitting attention from the surgeon of Her Majesty's screw steam corvette *Pelorus*. Mr. Ludovich Ignatievich, the assistant-surgeon, is now the only medical officer in charge of the crew, 685 men.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND.** The annual meeting of the Queen's University for conferring degrees and the distribution of prizes took place on the 13th instant, in Dublin Castle, in presence of the Lord Lieutenant, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, etc. The Lord Chancellor addressed the assembly on the progress of the Queen's Colleges. He announced a remarkable increase in the numbers of the graduates and students. The numbers for 1862 were 141, the largest heretofore, while the examinations of this academic year have been attended by 177 students. Of these 26 have been found qualified for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and 42 have passed the first University examination for that degree.

**RECRUITS.** The army returns for the year 1861 show that in that year 12,191 recruits were examined, and 4,600 of them were pronounced unfit for service. A much smaller number of men being required, greater strictness in the selection was observed. As in the preceding year, the proportion of rejections was highest among the natives of Scotland and Ireland, and lowest among the Welsh. The highest proportion of rejections was among the manufacturing artisans, and the lowest among the shopmen and clerks. Small or malformed chest gave rise to a much larger number of rejections than any other cause. Upwards of two-fifths of the re-

jections were for causes indicative of ill-health or feeble constitution, and one-fifth for defects which would have affected the marching power of the men. The returns show, as in the previous year, a considerable excess in the amount of diseases of the eyes and eyelids in Ireland.

**ROMAN EXILES AND A NEW PUFF.** Dr. Maggiorani has left, too happy in being permitted to do so, *exile* being the condition of his passport. Surgeon Feliciani is in the agonies of the same course, as is also Signor Porretti, who holds in Chemistry the reputation corresponding to that of the other two in physic and surgery. The poor Romans are thus deprived of their best resources in a department not over rich in talent or science. One would think that the government was in league with certain doctors of the right sort, who, having emigrated from Naples, cover the walls of this ancient city with puffs of original or translated works, "sold only at the residence of the authors."

**DEATH OF NEARLY A WHOLE FAMILY FROM EATING TOADSTOOLS.** On September 12th, John Deute, a boy of 12, went into the woods near Coniston, to seek nuts. He came upon a large bed of what he supposed to be mushrooms; gathered a quantity, and on reaching home his father selected twenty or thirty to be stewed for supper; Mr. Deute did not fancy the dish, but Mrs. Deute, Amelia, and John partook of them. During the night Mr. Deute became poorly, and on Sunday was worse, and the doctor was called in. Amelia attended church in the morning, and though suffering from uncomfortable sensations, went to the chapel in the evening. Mrs. Deute died on Tuesday, Amelia on Thursday, and John on Friday, and on the following afternoon, at four o'clock, they were laid, side by side, in one grave, in Coniston churchyard.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** From an examination of the annual list of Fellows, Members, Licentiates in Midwifery, and of persons who have received the certificate of qualification in dental surgery, just published by the Council of the College of Surgeons, it appears that the total number of Fellows amounts to 1296, of which number 286 passed the examinations for the honour. The Members of the College are about 14,000 strong. The Licentiates in Midwifery which last year numbered 840, have only increased their number by an addition of 38; owing, no doubt, to the Diploma of the College of Physicians, which includes this branch of the profession, possessing greater attractions. There are now 192 persons upon whom the Dental Certificate has been conferred.

**DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.** A lady, unknown, has given £500 to University College Hospital, and the same sum to the Middlesex Hospital. The Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children has also received £250 from an anonymous benefactor. Other charitable institutions have been benefited, probably from the same generous hand. The Duke of Marlborough has forwarded 100 Guineas to the Radcliffe Infirmary, at Oxford, being the proceeds of fees from visitors to Blenheim Palace and Gardens. Richard Owen, Esq., of Wakefield Lodge, Northamptonshire, has bequeathed £500 to the London Fever Hospital, and to the Brompton Consumption Hospital, £1000.

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.** *Medicine.* The examinations for medical degrees in the ensuing term will commence on Monday, November 23rd, at 9 a.m., in the Arts' Schools. Gentlemen, candidates for the degree of M.B., intending to offer themselves for examination, are required to signify the same to the Regius Professor of Physic on or before November 9th, specifying whether they offer themselves for the first or second examination, and to send at the same time their certificates. A fee of £3: 3: is paid to the professor by each student when his name is sent in for the first examination for the M.B.

degree. The classical subjects for the ensuing examination for the M.B. degree are: Hippocrates, the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th sections of the *Aphorisms*; Aretaeus, *On the Causes and Symptoms of Chronic Diseases*, the 8th to the 14th chapters inclusive of the first book; Celsus, the 3rd and 4th books. Candidates will be required to satisfy the examiners in the portions selected from each of the above authors.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** From the annual return of the receipts and expenditure of the Royal College of Surgeons in the year from Midsummer-day 1862, to Midsummer-day 1863, and only just published, it appears that the former amounted to £12,410:1, against £14,135:13 received in the previous year, showing a reduction of £1735:12 in the income of the College. The disbursements amounted to £12,418:17:1 against £14,200:7:6 of the year 1862, and an excess of expenditure over receipts of £8:16:1. The chief sources of income arose from the primary and pass examinations for the diploma of member which amounted to £9323:5. Rent from chambers adjoining the College (and which appears to have been a very good investment of collegiate funds) produced £678:11:6. Certificates of qualification in Dental Surgery gave £514:10. The Midwifery License amounted to £191:2. The Fellowship amounted to £409:10. Of the Disbursements the principal amounting to £7585:5, appear to be for fees to courts, boards, committees, diploma stamps, list of members, coal, salaries, wages, etc., all lumped under one head. The museum department absorbed £2324:18:3 for catalogues, specimens, spirit, bottles, salaries, wages, etc. The balance at the Bankers at Midsummer-day last, amounted to £3081:1:4.

**VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST A HERBALIST.** At Yeovil, last week, an inquest was held on Elizabeth Fox; and after a long inquiry, the jury returned a verdict of "Manslaughter" against a well-known herb doctor, Robert Slade Colmer. The unfortunate girl who was only 20 years of age, had remained at Colmer's house for a week, at the end of which time she had a miscarriage, and died on Sunday morning, October 4th. At the opening of the inquiry on Tuesday, the 6th inst., the wife and daughter were examined, and they stated that deceased had come to the house, complaining that she had something the matter with her liver, that she took no medicine while there, and that she died on the night after the miscarriage. The inquiry was adjourned for a post-mortem examination, which showed that the womb had been ruptured by some violent application, and death must have been almost instantaneous. Colmer, who is a well-known herb doctor, has been living at Yeovil for about twenty years. His son, Dr. Colmer, a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh, lives with him, and, although he attended the young woman at her death, he stated at the inquest that he rarely interferes with his father's patients, although he has patients of his own in the town. The prisoner, a man about 50, is said to have known something of "astrology," and was consulted on matters touching the recovery of stolen sheep, pigs, etc., but it is understood that he has refused to have anything to do with such matters for the past twelve months. However, some extraordinary revelations came out at the inquest, which prove that Colmer has not altogether divested himself of a faith in the superstitious. He states that he took the child with the after-birth, etc., and burnt them, in accordance with the idea that such a proceeding would relieve the pains of the young girl. The deceased was a domestic employed at a rectory at Rimpton, Somerset, and her parents live in Dorsetshire. She left the rectory with the avowed intention of going home. The evidence of several surgeons distinctly proved that death was caused either by an improper interference of the hand, or an unskillful use of instruments.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....	Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.
TUESDAY.....	Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY...	St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY.....	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY.....	Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
SATURDAY.....	St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

## POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—OCTOBER 17, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

Births. Deaths.

During week.....	{ Boys...1001 Girls... 938	1939	1205
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62 .....		1843	1149

**Barometer:**

Highest (Sat.) 29.860; lowest (Tu.) 29.198; mean, 29.404.

**Thermometer:**

Highest in sun—extremes (Fri.) 94.0 degs.; (Th.) 64.0 degs.

In shade—highest (Wed.) 63.7 degs.; lowest (Sat.) 46.9 degs.

Mean—53.8 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.+3.6 degs.

Range—during week, 16.8 degrees; mean daily, 11.9 degrees.

Mean humidity of air (*saturation*=100), 84.

Mean direction of wind, S.E. & S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.29.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\* \* \* All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 87, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

**CORRESPONDENTS**, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

**S. P.**—The following is the list of names erased from the Register by order of the Council:—John Edward Protheroe, entry fraudulently made; Richard Organ, infamous conduct; John Burton, entry fraudulently made; John Broatch, obtaining admission by a false declaration; John Kearney, infamous conduct; Daniel de la Cherois Gourley, convicted of misdemeanour; Hugh Brown, diploma obtained by false statement of age; Daniel Dougal, diploma obtained by false statement of age; David Griffith Jones, convicted of misdemeanour; Evan Thomas, convicted of perjury; Robert Wrixon, convicted of forgery; Samuel La'Mert, for infamous conduct; Robert Jacob Jordan, name removed from the list of members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

**PHYSICIANS' FEES.**—SIR: Will you be kind enough to say in your ensuing number of the JOURNAL, what is the customary consultation fee paid to a London physician or surgeon? I have repeatedly accompanied patients to those gentlemen, who have always accepted one guinea. Recently, a patient, with *quite an ordinary case*, was charged two guineas, to his and my surprise.

I am, etc., A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

[The actual fees taken by London physicians and surgeons are things (as Lord Dundreary would say) which no man can explain. We believe that they come under a very extended scale, varying from five shillings up to two guineas a visit. The recognised fee for a visit of a patient at a physician or a surgeon's house is one guinea; and two guineas for a consultation. The ordinary fee for a visit at the patient's house is the same; but there have been physicians who have refused to visit patients at their own houses for less than two guineas. And, of course, all physicians make an extra charge beyond a certain radius from their own house.]

**COMMUNICATIONS** have been received from:—Dr. FREDERICK J. BROWN; Dr. CHRISTISON; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE HARVEIAN SOCIETY; MR. J. C. WORDSWORTH; MR. HENRY LEE; DR. W. O. SANKEY; MR. ERASMIUS WILSON; A YORKSHIRE MEMBER; JEV. MR. DOLMAN; L.S.A., ETC.; MR. C. CARDWELL; MR. J. PENNEFATHER; MR. M. B. HILL; MR. STONE; MR. WILLIAM CORNEY; and A STAFF-SURGEON.