

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Library and Writing Rooms of the Association are now fitted up for the accommodation of the Members, in commodious apartments, at the offices of the Association, 429, Strand. The rooms are open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Members can have their letters addressed to them at the office.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1890.
ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A meeting of the Council will be held on October 15th, 1890. 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 the meeting, namely, September 24th, 1890.

Any qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any 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.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROXY VOTING.

SIR,—In the report of my remarks on proxy voting in the JOURNAL of August 2nd the following passage contains an important error: "He contended that representation on the Council did not do away with the necessity for representation at the Council meeting, which was the supreme authority in the Association as at present constituted." The words "Council meeting" are wrong. It was "general meetings of the Association" that I said. The Association as assembled in general meeting is the highest power in the Association at present, and hence representation at these meetings seems to me very important.—I am, etc.,
HUGH WOODS.

PHYSICIANS' FEES AT BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—Among the numerous evidences of superior comprehension of the conditions of social life which Birmingham presented to the members of the Association last week, there is one that I trust will not be overlooked.

The elder physicians of the midland city, I was given to understand, uniformly decline to receive a smaller fee than two guineas for an interview at their own houses, or less than three guineas for a visit outside, however short the distance.

The many London physicians who have asked a two-guinea fee, at home or abroad, to be informed that "Sir X—Y—always took one," and the many London general practitioners who have been their fellow-sufferers, will no doubt appreciate this, and wish that the true interests of the profession were as well understood here as in Birmingham.—I am, etc.,
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MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

CIRCULAR TO PATIENTS.

J. C.—Although a facsimile of an autograph would have been preferable, we fail to recognise any other valid objection to the circular note issued by the widow of the deceased practitioner, provided that its circulation was strictly limited to the *bond fide* patients. The intimated association, however, of the unqualified assistant in conjunction with Dr. M., in the conduct of the practice, is strongly to be deprecated as not only unjust to the public, but as contravening the decision of the General Medical Council in relation to unqualified assistants, for whose professional services qualified registered practitioners will do well to bear in mind that they cannot recover any charge in a court of law.

AN ILL-FITTING SPLINT.

L.R.C.P. writes: A lady consults a doctor. He, after due examination, orders an instrument maker to prepare a splint according to his directions. The instrument maker calls and takes the necessary measurements, and carries out the order. When the splint comes the lady tries it on, but finds that she cannot wear it for more than one reason: first, she cannot attend to daily necessities with it on, but has to remove it each time, and, secondly, she cannot lie down with it. It is an iron splint running down the back and fastened to hip and knee.

The lady at once wrote to the doctor that she could not wear it, etc., but he never replied; this was in April last, and the instrument maker now presents his account. Now, in the face of the medical attendant who does not reply to the remarks about the splint, what course is the lady to pursue?

** If, as there is reason to assume, the lady patient, on receiving no reply to her communication from the doctor in question, omitted to take the precaution of ascertaining whether her letter in reference to the unsatisfactory splint had been duly delivered to him, and subsequently remind him of his omission to acknowledge it, we fear that she will have no alternative but to pay for the instrument, the maker of which would no doubt fairly plead that he had made it in accordance with the instructions received, and, moreover, that he was prepared to carry out any desired alteration, and was therefore justly entitled to the payment of his account.

SUBSTITUTES AND FEES.

A JUNIOR MEMBER B. M. A. writes: A few days ago I was in the act of putting on the forceps when a call came for me to go and see a boy who had just been pulled out of the canal. I asked the messenger to go for a neighbouring practitioner, but have heard no more of the case from him. I found subsequently that the boy was dead, and that there was consequently an inquest. Should the fee have been offered to me, or should some acknowledgment have been made?

** Unless the neighbouring practitioner appealed to through the medium of a fallible messenger clearly understood, and assented thereto, that his attendance on the case in question was requested by, and as the *locum tenens* of, A Junior Member, the latter would have no legitimate claim to any portion of the coroner's fee, or to other than a simple explanatory acknowledgment of the message, to which it may be well to add that to seek obtainment of the fee under such exceptional circumstances would, in our opinion, be very questionable policy.

MAINTENANCE OF AN IDIOT BORN ABROAD.

J. T. writes: Does the Lunacy Acts make any provision for the maintenance of an idiot (epileptic and paralytic) at the expense of the ratepayers, the idiot being born of English parents but in a foreign country, where the imbecile is now living, and has lived all his life? The father of the imbecile was born in 1833 in a parish in East Lothian, where his ancestors for three or four generations lived and died. The father of the imbecile, who may be called T., lived in East Lothian till manhood, when he moved into Glasgow, from there to London, where in 1855 or 1856 he married a lady who came from Camberwell, and they lived there for a year or more. He then left England, and with the exception of two or three years has lived here, where this son, an imbecile, was born some seventeen years ago. As far as I can make out, both the father's and mother's families seem to have descended and disappeared. The mother of the boy is dead, and his father dying. After that, there is really no one to help him.

** There is not the slightest claim, either legal or moral, on British ratepayers to support or maintain, in any place, the boy whose case is referred to.

A QUESTION OF ETIQUETTE.

A MEMBER writes: A., B., and C. are practitioners in the same town. A. calls in B. to administer chloroform to his patient, who, after some months, requests B. to attend his child, saying that he had paid A., and did not intend to employ him again. B. refuses to do so, as being contrary to etiquette, so C. is called in. Should this patient at a future time again request B. to attend, could he honourably do so?

** The course pursued by B. in the above case was in strict accord with the true principles of medical ethics and the acknowledged rules of professional etiquette, as understood and practised by all honourable practitioners. At the same time, it may be well to note that, inasmuch as the right of a patient to change (or discard, under certain restrictions) his medical adviser is indisputable, and, further, as the illness in question occurred after the lapse of several months, his (B.'s) attendance thereon would not have constituted a *de facto* breach of the ethical code, though it may possibly have caused an interruption of the friendly relations existing between him and A., which, however, in the contingency alluded to, should, in our opinion, be averted by B. communicating to the latter his recent action in the case, and, as the result of his refusal, the calling in of C.

EXEMPTION FROM SERVING ON JURIES.

R. W. C. writes: A friend of mine, a retired army surgeon not practising his profession, has been warned to attend as a jurymen when summoned. He is a M.R.C.S. Lond. I have informed him that when I was presented with my surgeon's diploma I distinctly remember being told that one of my privileges was being exempted from serving on a jury. Would you kindly inform me if such is the case, and if my friend can reasonably object?

** The exemption given by the Juries Act, 1870, is to members of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons actually practising as surgeons; there is, therefore, no exemption for retired practitioners. Even persons entitled must claim their exemption when the lists are made out; it is too late to wait till summoned. We have known many cases in which professional men, summoned in respect of their private residences, have had to serve.

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Friday, August 1st.

Pharmacy Act (Ireland) (1875) Amendment Bill.—This Bill passed through Committee on recommitment, some verbal amendments being agreed to.

Monday, August 4th.

Pharmacy Act (Ireland) (1875) Amendment Bill.—The report of amendments to this Bill was received and agreed to.

Census (England and Wales) and Census (Scotland) Bills.—These Bills passed through Committee.

Tuesday, August 5th.

Pharmacy Act (Ireland) (1875) Amendment Bill.—This Bill as amended was read a third time and passed.

Census (England and Wales) Bill.—The report of amendments to this Bill was agreed to.

Census (Scotland) Bill.—This Bill was read a third time and passed.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Monday, August 4th.

Public Health Acts Amendment Bill.—This Bill, as amended, was considered. On Clause 42, Mr. J. C. R. KELLY moved an amendment providing that before a road was taken over by a local authority it should be properly metalled and sewered.—On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost. The Bill was read a third time.

Insanitary Burial.—Mr. KIMBER asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many coffins of deceased persons remained above ground in Brompton Cemetery, and if their number was allowed to be increased every year; was he aware that such coffins were sometimes found to have become so deteriorated by age as to allow the escape of noxious gases from their contents; and whether, in the interests of the public health of the metropolis, he would consider the expediency of prohibiting any further interments in open catacombs, or of entirely closing the cemetery as a place of burial or for any other purpose than an open space.—Mr. MATTHEWS said he was informed by the inspector that there were 557 leaden coffins deposited above ground, and about ten fresh ones were placed in the catacombs every year. It was the fact that the lead of some of these coffins occasionally gave way; but as the catacombs were daily visited anything amiss was immediately discovered and dealt with. With regard to the cemetery generally, the inspector was satisfied that the regulations now in force would prevent it from becoming dangerous to the public health. With regard to the coffins deposited in the catacombs, he was in communication with the Office of Works with the view of adopting more stringent regulations for removing all reasonable cause for apprehension.

Tuesday, August 5th.

Vaccination in the Doncaster Union.—Mr. LABOUCHERE asked the President of the Local Government Board whether a Government inspector was recently sent down to inquire into certain charges made against Mr. Rowland Hills, the public vaccinator at Denaby, Yorkshire; whether it was proved to the satisfaction of the inspector that Mr. Hills had made an arrangement with a man to vaccinate babies, to charge for the same, and then to give the parents unsigned certificates, which were subsequently signed by Mr. Hills and presented to the Doncaster guardians, when they were again charged for as though the vaccination had been free; and what further action the Local Government Board intended to take in the matter.—Mr. RITCHIE said one of the medical inspectors of the Local Government Board had recently made inquiries into alleged irregularities in the performance of public vaccination in the Doncaster Union. There appeared to be no doubt that Mr. Hills, the public vaccinator, had made an arrangement by which children were vaccinated by a Mr. Smith, an unqualified medical practitioner. The certificates of vaccination were filled in with the usual particulars by Mr. Smith, who vaccinated the children, and were then submitted by him to Mr. Hills, who, after signing them, as having himself performed the vaccination, forwarded the certificates to the vaccination officer. In some of the cases, although the vaccination fees were charged to the guardians, payment was made to Mr. Smith by the parents. The Board had communicated with the guardians, and requested them immediately to determine the contract with Mr. Hills, and had informed them that it would devolve upon them to consider what action they would take with regard to the cases in which they had been improperly charged with the vaccination fees.

Banstead Asylum.—Mr. RITCHIE, in reply to Mr. BAUMANN, read a letter from the chairman of the Asylums Committee of the London County Council, in which the writer stated that proper inspection was maintained at the asylum, and that he, therefore, saw no ground for taking away the duty of visiting the asylum from the London County Council, and handing it over to the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

Wednesday, August 6th.

Infant Life Protection Bill.—The order for going into Committee on this Bill was read and discharged.

The Census (Ireland) Bill.—The House went into Committee on this Bill.—Mr. SEXTON asked the Government not to call upon the patients in Irish hospitals and workhouses to state their names and diseases in full.—Mr. BALFOUR thought it would be sufficient if their initials were placed before their diseases.—On the motion of Mr. WEBB, a new clause was inserted directing the Chief Secretary to obtain, as far as possible, particulars relating to houseless persons, travellers, and persons on shipboard.—The Bill was then reported as amended to the House.

Education of Blind and Deaf-Mute Children (Scotland).—The House went into Committee on this Bill, which was read a third time.

NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

BRITISH MEDICAL SERVICE.—We have received from the War Office the following list of surgeons on probation of the Medical Staff of the British Army who were successful at both the London and Netley examinations. The prizes are awarded for marks gained in the special subjects taught at the Army Medical School.

The final positions of these gentlemen are determined by the marks gained in London added to those gained at Netley, and the combined numbers are accordingly shown in the list which follows:—

	Marks.		Marks.
Smithson, A. E.	5,302	Jackson, R. W. H.	5,008
Whiston, P. H.	5,249	Mawhinny, R. J. W.	4,810
McLoughlin, G. S.	5,243	Bray, G. A. T.	4,800
Perry, H. J.	5,117	Forde, B. A.	4,785
Beveridge, W. W. O.	5,113	Ferguson, J. D.	4,683
Fred. Smith, 1st Class Staff-Sergeant M.S.C., 2,503 (Netley marks only) gained the Herbert prize of £20, with the Montefiore second prize.			

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following is the list of surgeons on probation in Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service who were successful at both the London and Netley examinations. The prizes are awarded for marks gained in the special subjects taught at the Army Medical School. The final positions of these gentlemen are determined by the marks gained in London added to those gained at Netley, and the combined numbers are accordingly shown in the list which follows:—

	Marks.		Marks.
1 Macnab, A. J.	5,895	3 Wilson, W. McN.	5,285
2 Jackson, J.	5,852	Sutherland, W. D.	5,280
4 Smith, H.	5,805	Carr-White, P.	5,180
5 Lucas, H. B.	5,745	Wright, E. H.	5,178
Wimberley, C. N. C.	5,613	Molesworth, W.	5,160
6 Hore, E. W.	5,590	Fearnside, C. F.	5,134
Street, A.	5,452	Johnston, C. A.	5,085
Heath, A. J.	5,442	Giffard, G. G.	5,075
Jameson, J. B.	5,430		

1 Gained the Montefiore medal and prize of 20 guineas.

2 Gained the prize in Pathology presented by Sir Joseph Fayrer, K.C.S.I.

3 Gained the Martin Memorial gold medal.

4 Gained the prize in Clinical Medicine presented by Surgeon-General W. C. Maclean, C.B.

5 Gained the Parkes Memorial bronze medal.

6 Gained the De Chaumont prize in Hygiene.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

EXAMINING BOARD IN ENGLAND BY THE ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.—The following gentlemen, having passed the necessary examinations, have been admitted Diplomates in Public Health:

Name.	Qualification.	Medical School.	Address.
Adie, Alexander L.R.C.P.	Charing Cross	49, Newman Street, W. James
Aldridge, Norman M.B.Edin.	Edinburgh	1, Prospect Place, Southamptn
Bond, Chas. Knox L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	St. Thomas's	City Hospital, South Liverpool
Brook, Henry Darer L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	St. Thomas's	Fareham, Hants
Copper, Ardaseer L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	Bombay	Surat, India
Dossabloy Crabb, James ... M.D.Edin.	Edinburgh	409, Holloway Road, N. Univ. Coll.
Cross, Robert Geo. L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	St. Bart's	Petersfield, Hants
Dumbleton, Chas. M.R.C.S.	Camb., Middx.	9, Robert Street, N.W. & Univ. Coll.
Green, Charles M.D.Lond & L.R.C.P.	St. Thomas's	Addison House, Upper Edmonton, Middlesex
Gubbin, George L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	Westminster	St. George's Barracks, Trafalgar Square
Heaven, John L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	Bristol & St. 2, Queen Square, Bristol	
Cooksley Jollye, Francis M.R.C.S.	King's College	Warminster, Wilts
William Lamb, John Mar. M.B.Aberd.	Aberdeen	175, Kennington Road
Leach, John Co. M.B.Durh., M.R.C.S.	University Coll.	Sturminster Newton, Dorset
McLearn, Isaac M.B.Edin.	Belfast & Univ. Coll.	Holborn Infirmary, Archway Road, N.
Crauford Monk, Hy George M.R.C.S.	King's Coll. & Univ. Coll.	26, Maryland's Road, Maida Vale
Hawkins Scott, Gavin Steel M.D.Glas.	Glasgow	188, Sherlock Street, Birmingham
Smith, James ... M.D.Edin.	Edinburgh	Levington Hall, Ipswich
Thompson, Chas. M.D.Dub.	St. Thomas's	21, Half-Moon Street, Piccadilly, W.
Valentine, T. Harcourt Ambrose	L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	St. Bart's	Weybridge
Waldo, Frederick Joseph	L.R.C.P. & M.R.C.S.	Cambridge	4, Park Place, S.W.
Whitehead, Hayward Reader	F.R.C.S. & L.R.C.P.	St. Bart's	Charing Cross
Warry, John King M.B.Lond.	London	Guard's Hospital, Vincent Square
			Queen Adelaide Dispensary

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen, having conformed to the by-laws and regulations, and passed the required examinations, were, at a meeting of the College on July 31st, admitted Licentiates:

Addison, H. C., King's College
Aldridge, A. H., Manchester and St. Bartholomew's
Allden, S. J., Durham & St. Thomas's
Atkinson, A. E., Middlesex
Austen, H. W. C., St. Bartholomew's
Ballance, H. S., King's College
*Bayliss, R. A., St. Thomas's
Beesley, A. J., Liverpool
*Bell, G. L., Melbourne
*Bennett, F. D., St. Bartholomew's
Bennett, W. E., Birmingham
Benson, C., Leeds
Berry, A. E., Manchester
*Biden, G. H., Charing Cross
Black, G. F., University College
Bryant, J. H., Guy's
*Burt, C. C. B., Westminster
*Butterfield, N. A., University College
Carruthers, A. E., St. Bartholomew's
Clarke, B. R., University College
Clowes, N. B., Guy's
Coleman, A. T., Westminster
Collins, J. N., London
Collum, A. T., Charing Cross
Cooper, H. S., St. Thomas's
*Crosby, H. T., St. Thomas's
Curgenven, W. B., St. Bartholomew's
Davies, A. C., University College
Dawes, G. H., Sheffield
Dawson, B. E., London
Dickson, J. W., St. George's
Dobie, H., Edinburgh
Draper, T. M., Liverpool
Drew, D., University College
Dumergue, H. W., St. Thomas's
Farncombe, W. T., St. Bartholomew's
Gane, E. P. S., St. Bartholomew's
Garrett, P. G., Middlesex
Gaskin, A. C., Birmingham
Gibbs, C., Charing Cross
*Guinness, H. G., London
Hall, E. G., Bristol
Hancock, W. J., Manchester
Harper, H. C., Westminster
Head, H., University College
Hodgson, H., Guy's
Hogarth, B. W., Guy's
Horrocks, H., Manchester
Hubbard, A. O., St. Bartholomew's
Hughes, W. K., St. Bartholomew's
Ionides, T. H., University College
Irvine, A. G., Birmingham
*Ivatts, E. R., Dublin
*Johnston, G. S., Birmingham
King, A., St. Thomas's
Krohn, R. E. S., University College
Lake, C. L., Westminster
Leaf, C. H., London
*Louranz, C. B., Ceylon
Lucas, A., Manchester
McGregor, G., Guy's

* Candidates who have not presented themselves under the regulations of the Examining Board.

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH AND FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—At the July sittings of the examiners in Glasgow, the following passed the examination for the Triple Qualification:—

First Professional Examination.—Of 40 candidates, the following 27 passed: Stella Irene F. Greaves, Sydney; J. Garraway, Glasgow; H. Brown, Lincoln; F. Evered, Curry-Rivell; G. J. Stones, Birkenhead; A. E. Lewis, Swansea; Agnes M. Williams, London; J. Macintosh, Glasgow; W. C. Alexander, Glasgow; D. Stephen, co. Down; J. Livingston, Glasgow; A. E. Downey, Glasgow; J. P. Roberts, Ruthin; Martha M. Stewart, Newry; J. Munro, Stornoway; W. C. Paterson, Wetherby; G. W. Beesley, Liverpool; G. Gibson, Tyrone; H. E. C. Corkery, Bombay; R. H. Wright, Broom Edge, Lymington; J. W. Gibson, Moneyamore; H. T. Hollings, Yorkshire; S. Tully, Stranraer; F. W. Barton, Lincolnshire; G. F. Hulme, Huntingdon; R. R. Stitt, Birkenhead; and Kristina Datta, Calcutta.

Seco ad Professional Examination.—Of 60 candidates, the following 34 passed: Rosa B. Bale, Barnstable; Mary C. Murdoch, Elgin; Kate E. Pepper, London; Edith Lucy Nicholas, London; C. H. Hibbert, Marple; W. H. Anderson, Burton-on-Trent; I. Baldwin, Bradford; A. W. Forrester, Malone; R. H. Darwent, Barnard Castle; F. C. Godfrey, Gibraltar; C. H. Andrews, Cape Town; H. Wellis, Poona, India; Jogendra Nath Banerjee, Bengal; W. A. Collier, Dunkineely; F. W. Barton, Lincolnshire; W. A. Gosford, Hampshire; P. O'Gorman, Ballytown; R. Murdoch, Old Cumnock; F. L. Taylor, Cape of Good Hope; T. E. Magner, Owens, co. Cork; J. Philp, Glasgow; E. R. Pollard, Burnley; R. A. Mate, Salop; C. E. Whitteher, London; W. C. Croxford, Brentford; E. Callender, Haydon Bridge; W. T. Rogers, Gadeney, Lincolnshire; A. L. Chignell, Wingham, Kent; R. A. Potterton, co. Meath; M. Jones,

Merioneth; A. H. Peters, Calcutta; W. Morris, Pontypridd; H. Brown, Lincoln; and J. Wardrop, Glasgow.

Final Examination.—Of 39 candidates, the following 11 passed, and were admitted Licentates of the three co-operating Colleges: F. Rawlings, Reddih, Lancashire; P. M. Dwyer, Dublin; J. Craig, Glasgow; Jane B. Henderson, Portobello; W. J. Howarth, Pendleton; Lillias Hamilton, Kensington; J. Mackenzie, Falkirk; P. A. Docherty, Comrie; M. O'Shaughnessy, Ardagh, Limerick; W. H. Carlisle, Belfast; and J. P. Lyons, Clare Castle, co. Clare.

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE BERMUDAS AS A HEALTH RESORT.

THE 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards have been sent to Bermuda, not for the benefit of their health, but as a punishment for insubordination and grave and dangerous breaches of discipline. It would ill become the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* to join in the noisy outcry of certain politicians and others against those in authority who are responsible for the discipline of the army. We recognise the fact that want of discipline in an armed body of men constitutes an enormous danger to the State and to society. This being so we forbear entering on the question referred to as one quite unsuitable to the pages of a scientific journal.

The Bermudas are a group of about 300 small islands in the Atlantic, situated in lat. 32° 20' N. and long. 64° 50' W. The surface is for the most part low, and composed of a shelly coral-line rock. The islands are surrounded by coral reefs and in the winter season they are liable to heavy gales of wind. The climate is salubrious in a high degree, and such diseases as prevail there are distinctly the product of bad sanitation, for example, enteric fever. Last year the Leicestershire Regiment had 139 cases with 22 deaths, all, or nearly all, being, as usual, young soldiers. The Bermudas are liable to visitations of yellow fever, invariably imported. One of the most memorable epidemics occurred during the American Civil War, when Bermuda, being the headquarters of the blockade runners, was overcrowded. The lamentable history of this epidemic was given in a published lecture at Netley, by Surgeon-General Maclean, then Professor of Military Medicine in the Army Medical School. The severe comments of the lecturer on the faulty sanitary condition of the principal town, the refusal of the authorities to listen to the warning by competent medical authorities, of the near advent of the epidemic, and the miserable arrangements of those in military command when the disease broke out, caused extreme irritation on the part of those whose obstinacy and contempt for skilled advice had grievously aggravated the epidemic. Instead of recognising that the professor had not, as he himself said, "invented the facts," the authorities were ill advised enough to complain to the War Minister, who, after perusing the lecture, saw nothing worthy of condemnation or rebuke in it. This epidemic cost the lives of 125 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men. It is to be hoped that the lesson of 1866 was not thrown away, and that the shameful want of even decent sanitation, productive of such terrible results, no longer exists, and that should the "still vexed Bermoothes" be subjected to another visitation of yellow fever during the service of the Grenadiers, the idiotic faults in military administration will not be repeated.

The close intercourse between the United States and the Bermudas affords many opportunities for desertion, of which the Grenadiers, in their present temper, may be tempted to avail themselves. We understand that the 2nd West Riding Regiment lost many men in this way.

It has sometimes happened that sending a regiment to an unhealthy station has been attended with more severe penal consequences for misconduct than the authorities contemplated. The 13th Light Dragoons, a great many years ago, were punished in this way. They were sent from Bangalore, the finest station in the Madras command, to Arcot, about the worst. This station has always had an evil reputation as a favourite haunt of cholera. On this occasion its bad name was more than justified, cholera broke out, and there was a frightful mortality among the men. A tall pillar in the dismal graveyard there records the fact. The military authorities are not open to the charge of sending the Grenadiers to a bad climate; on the contrary, the climate is all that can be desired, and we hope the sanitary arrangements are not what they were.

MEDICAL NEWS.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Dr. W. S. Kerr, of Dumfries, who was discovered in his bath-room on July 31st, life being quite extinct.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

- CELBRIDGE UNION.**—(Kilcock Dispensary) Medical Officer. Salary, £215 per annum, and fees. Applications to Mr. John Field, Honorary Secretary. Election on August 19th.
- CHELSEA, BROMPTON, AND BELGRAVE DISPENSARY,** 41, Sloane Square, W.—Visiting Surgeon to the Western District. Must live in the District. Applications to the Secretary by August 7th. Election on August 21st.
- CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST,** Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician. No salary, but board and residence and allowance for washing provided. Applications to the Secretary, T. Storrar-Smith, by August 15th.
- COUNTIES OF CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND.**—Medical Officer of Health for the above counties. Must possess a degree or certificate in Sanitary Science, Public Health, or State Medicine. A knowledge of Gaelic a recommendation. Salary, £400 per annum, with £100 for travelling and other expenses. Applications to the County Clerk, James Brims, Thurso, by August 12th.
- COUNTY COUNCIL OF ROSS AND CROMARTY.**—Medical Officer of Health for the County. Salary, £300 per annum, with actual travelling outlays, and 15s. for each night when engaged from home. Any exemption desired from the regulations of the statute not to hold other appointment or engage in private practice should be stated. Applications to W. J. Duncan, County Clerk, County Buildings, Dingwall, by August 30th.
- COUNTY OF ARGYLL.**—Medical Officer of Health for the County. Salary, £350 per annum, with £150 a year for all travelling and personal expenses; must reside in the county and not take private practice; may act as medical officer of health or consulting medical officer of health for any of the burghs of the county. Applications to Mr. Dugald MacLachlan, County Clerk, Lochgilphead, by September 15th.
- DONCASTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.**—In-door Dispenser and Assistant to House-Surgeon; third or fourth year's student. No salary, but board, lodging, and washing. Applications by August 16th to William Clark, Honorary Secretary.
- DUDLEY DISPENSARY.**—Resident Medical Officer. Fellow or Member of Royal College of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh, or Dublin; doubly qualified. Salary, £130 per annum, with furnished house (except beds and linen), coals, gas, and water found, and rates and taxes paid. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, H. C. Brettell, by August 12th. Election by August 20th.
- HEBBURN LOCAL BOARD.**—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £75 per annum. Applications addressed to the Chairman of the Building, Sanitary, and Nuisance Committee, Board Room, Hebburn, by August 9th.
- MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT,** Hardman Street, Deansgate, Manchester.—Honorary Assistant Physician; graduate in Medicine or Member of the Royal College of Physicians. Applications to the Secretary, C. W. Hunt, by August 26th.
- MANCHESTER ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon, qualified. Salary, £70 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications, endorsed "House-Surgeon," to the Chairman of the Board of Management by August 15th.
- MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Resident Medical Officer of the Convalescent Hospital at Cheadle, not less than 25 years of age, unmarried, double qualifications. Salary, £150 per annum, board and residence. Applications to the Chairman of the Board by August 9th.
- NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Resident Surgical Assistant; qualified man or fourth year's student. Applications to the General Secretary, E. M. Keely, by August 9th.
- PARTISH OF KILMALLIE,** Inverness-shire.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Parochial Board. Salary, £80 per annum, and £10 per annum for medicines and appliances. A knowledge of Gaelic indispensable. Applications to John Robertson, Inspector of the Poor, Fort William, by August 10th.
- RIPON DISPENSARY AND COTTAGE HOSPITAL.**—Resident House-Surgeon and Dispenser; single. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Duties to commence on October 1st. Applications to F. D. Wise, Honorary Secretary.
- WANTAGE UNION.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Brightwalton District of the Union. Salary, £40 per annum; may also be appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Union at £20 per annum. Applications by August 11th to E. Ormond, Clerk to the Guardians, Wantage.
- WHITCHURCH (HANTS) UNION.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the St. Mary Bourne District of the Union. Salary, £40 per annum, exclusive of extra fees. Applications by August 9th to Spencer Clarke, Clerk.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- ARMOUR, H. F., M.A., M.B., C.M.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.
- BLACKMAN, J. G., M.D., M.R.C.S.,** reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Portsea Island Rural Sanitary Authority.
- BLANEY, James, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Perranarworthal District of the Falmouth Union.

- CAMERON, James Spottiswoode, M.D. Edin., C.M., B.Sc., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Honorary Consulting Physician to the Huddersfield Infirmary.
- CARNEY, Patrick, L.R.C.P.I., L.K.Q.C.P.I.,** appointed Medical Officer to the Tullyvine Dispensary of the Cootehill Union, vice Dr. John Christie, resigned.
- CARRUTHERS, Alan E., B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Dover Hospital and Dispensary, vice Hardinge C. C. McNielle.
- CROOM, John Halliday, M.D., F.R.C.S.,** appointed Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital, vice Dr. Underhill.
- CUNNINGHAM, Dr.,** appointed Port Sanitary Officer to the Newhaven Local Board.
- DOBSON, Parke Shaw, M.B. Dub., B.Ch.,** appointed Medical Officer to the Newtonmore Dispensary District of the Bawnbay Union, vice Dr. George Spotton, resigned.
- HAG, Patrick E., M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed Resident Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children.
- HENDERSON, Albert Edwd., M.B. Aberd., and C.M.,** appointed Medical Officer to the Pottaloch Estate and to the Parishes of Kilmartin and Craignish, Argyllshire.
- HUGHES, W. Lewis, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Carmarthen, vice Mr. John Hughes, F.R.C.S., resigned.
- JONES, William R., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin.,** reappointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Second District of the Halstead Union.
- KELLETT, Robert Guy, L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I.,** reappointed Medical Officer of the First District (Division 2) of the Halstead Union.
- MORRIS, Edward Griffith Freeman, M.R.C.S. Eng.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth District of Bridge Union.
- MORTLOCK, Dr.,** appointed Deputy to the Medical Officer of the Stokesley District and Workhouse of the Stokesley Union.
- MURRAY, Milne, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.P.,** reappointed Assistant-Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.
- PARKE, John Latimer, L.R.C.P.I., L.F.P.S. Glas., L.S.A.,** appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon, Lingwood, Gilcar, and Milsbridge, vice W. Roberts, resigned.
- PHILIP, James P., M.B.,** appointed Visiting Medical Assistant to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Dispensary.
- RUDOLF, Robert D., M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed Resident Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children.
- SEATON, Daniel, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.,** appointed Deputy District Medical Officer to the South Stoneham Union.
- STEELE, Sidney Thomas, L.R.C.P. Edin., and L.M., M.R.C.S. Eng.,** reappointed Medical Officer of Health for Morley.
- WALKER, Hunter U., L.M., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.R.C.P. Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer to the Carlton District of the Workop Union, vice Dr. James Spurr, resigned.
- WELLS, Geo. Lee, M.B. Lond., and B.S., F.R.C.S. Eng.,** appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Leeds Public Dispensary, vice R. N. Hartley, M.B., B.S. Lond., resigned.
- WILKINSON, J. Howard, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond.,** appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Liverpool Northern Hospital, vice E. O. Turner, resigned.
- WILLIAMS, D. E.,** appointed Ambulance Surgeon to the Liverpool Northern Hospital, vice G. M. Arkle, resigned.
- WILLIAMS, J. Lawson, M.B., C.M.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Order or Stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday Morning, in order to insure insertion in current issue.

BIRTHS.

- BULL.**—On August 3rd, at St. Oswald's House, Stony Stratford, Bucks, the wife of William H. Bull, F.R.C.S., of a son.
- HUNT.**—On July 30th, at The Poplars, Ockbrook, Derbyshire, the wife of J. Aspinall Hunt, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., of a daughter.
- STILES.**—On July 12th, at Sherwood House, Hornsey Rise, N., the wife of C. B. Stiles, M.B., C.M. Edin., of a daughter.
- WATKEN.**—On July 15th, at 18, York Place, Clifton, Bristol, the wife of John Hancock Watken, L.R.C.P.E., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BARRS-NELSON.**—On July 31st, at the Parish Church of Leeds, by the Rev. E. S. Talbot, D.D., Vicar of Leeds, assisted by the Rev. T. H. May, Rector of Heswall, Cheshire, brother-in-law of the bride, Alfred George Barrs, M.D., of 22, Park Place, Leeds, to Alice Bywater, youngest daughter of Henry Nelson, J.P., St. John's Cottage, Leeds.
- LAMBERT-MURRAY.**—On August 6th, at the Congregational Church, Redhill, by the Rev. James Menzies, Frederick Samuel Lambert, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., of Lincoln, to Martha, fourth daughter of the late George Murray, Esq., of Oaklands, Earlswood, Surrey.
- McFEELY-CRAIG.**—On August 5th, at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh, by the Rev. W. B. McFeely, Buncrana, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Dunlevy, and the Rev. G. B. Culhane, Joseph D. McFeely, M.D., Coroner for co. Donegal, to Sarah, only daughter of the late John Craig, linen merchant, Belfast.

DEATHS.

- DONAHOO.**—On August 4th, at his residence, 135, Kennington Road, S.E., of pleuro-pneumonia, after two days' illness, Thomas Malcolmson Donahoo, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., L.M. Lond. For nearly fifty years in practice in South London. Deeply regretted by his family, friends, and numerous patients.
- KERR.**—At 20, Castle Street, Dumfries; William Smith Kerr, M.D. Glas., aged 55 years.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AND OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- CANCER, Brompton (Free).** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 2. *Operation Days.*—Tu. S., 2.
- CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC.** *Operation Days.*—Daily, 2.
- CHARING CROSS.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9. Throat and Ear, F., 9.30. *Operation Days.*—M., 3; Th., 2.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operation Days.*—M. Th., 2.30.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.** *Operation Day.*—F., 2.
- GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Wed. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, Tu. Th., 2.30; Ear, M. F., 2.30; Diseases of the Skin, W., 2.30; Diseases of the Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental Cases, W., 2. *Operation Day.*—W., 2.
- GUY'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 1; Skin, Tu., 1; Dental, daily, 9; Throat, F., 1. *Operation Days.*—(Ophthalmic), M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 1.30.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Chelsea.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 10. *Operation Days.*—M. Th., 2.
- KING'S COLLEGE.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, daily, 1.30; o.p., Tu. W. F. S., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ophthalmic Department, W., 2; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, F., 1.30; Dental, Tu. Th., 9.30. *Operation Days.*—Tu. F. S., 2.
- LONDON.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30, and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9. *Operation Days.*—M. Tu. W. Th. S., 2.
- METROPOLITAN.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 9; Obstetric, W., 2. *Operation Day.*—F., 9.
- MIDDLESEX.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., M. F., 9. W. 1.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4. Th. 9.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30. *Operation Days.*—W., 1, S., 2; (Obstetric), W. 2.
- NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operation Day.*—W., 10.
- NORTH-WEST LONDON.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, Tu., 2; Dental, F. 9. *Operation Day.*—Th., 2.30.
- ROYAL FREE.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Diseases of Women, Tu. S., 9; Eye, M. F., 9; Dental, Th. 9. *Operation Days.*—W. S., 2; (Ophthalmic), M. F., 10.30; (Diseases of Women), S., 9.
- ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 9. *Operation Days.*—Daily, 10.
- ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1. *Operation Day.*—M. 2.
- ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1. *Operation Days.*—Daily.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, W. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopædic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9. *Operation Days.*—M. Tu. W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu. Th., 2.
- ST. GEORGE'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 12; Obstetric, Th., 2; o.p., Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2; Throat, Th., 2; Orthopædic, W., 2; Dental, Tu., S., 9. *Operation Days.*—Th., 1; (Ophthalmic), F., 1.15.
- ST. MARK'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Fistula and Diseases of Rectum, males, W., 8.45; females, Th., 8.45. *Operation Days.*—M., 2, Tu. 2.30.
- ST. MARY'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45, o.p., 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Orthopædic, W., 10; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electrotherapeutics, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30. *Operation Days.*—Tu., 1.30; (Orthopædic), W., 11; (Ophthalmic), F., 9.
- ST. PETER'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—M., 2 and 5, Tu., 2, W., 2.30 and 5, Th., 2, F. (Women and Children), 2, S., 3.30. *Operation Day.*—W. 2.30.
- ST. THOMAS'S.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. W. Th., F., 1.30; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, F., 1.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10. *Operation Days.*—W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu., 4, F., 2.
- SAMARITAN FREE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operation Day.*—W., 2.30.
- THROAT, Golden Square.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Daily, 1.30; Tu. and F., 6.30. *Operation Day.*—Th., 2.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetrics, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; Ear, M. Th., 9; Skin, W., 1.45, S., 9.15; Throat, M. Th., 9; Dental, W., 9.30. *Operation Days.*—W. Th., 1.30; S., 2.
- WEST LONDON.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Dental, Tu., F., 9.30; Eye, Tu. Th. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 10; Orthopædic, W., 2; Diseases of Women, W. S., 2; Electric, Tu., 10, F., 4; Skin, F., 2; Throat and Nose, S., 10. *Operation Days.*—Tu. F., 2.30.
- WESTMINSTER.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, W., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15. *Operation Days.*—Tu. W., 2.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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, answers, and communications relating to subjects, to which special departments of the JOURNAL are devoted, will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

F.R.C.S. writes: I am interested in a hospital that is to be built near my place of residence. It will cost £28,000. I should be grateful for any reference to accounts of similar buildings that will guide me in instructing the architect.

EMIGRATION MEDICAL SERVICE.

SEA HOLLY would be much obliged for any information regarding the Emigration Medical Service, or for reference to any publication on the subject.

DROITWICH.

MR. C. WILD (Norwich) writes: Can you, or any of your correspondents, give me any particulars about Droitwich, in Worcester? I am told that it is an excellent place for bathing for those affected with gout, etc. Can good lodgings be obtained there?

HOME FOR A CASE OF SENILE MELANCHOLIA.

DR. JAMES McCONECHY (Bramley) writes:—I have a patient, an old lady, suffering under what may be called senile melancholia. Her only daughter is completely prostrated by night and day nursing, and is anxious to know if her mother could be received into some kind of a home for a few months and looked after. She is, of course, willing to pay a weekly sum for her maintenance.

EXAMINATION FOR STAFF SURGEON IN THE NAVY.

R.N. writes:—I shall feel much obliged if you will allow me to ask, through the correspondence columns of the JOURNAL, what the best books would be to read for the examination for Staff Surgeon Royal Navy. The books I thought of are Holmes's *Surgery*, small edition, Roberts's *Practice of Medicine*, and Wilson's *Hygiene*. But perhaps there are better and later books than these. Some naval surgeon who has recently passed might be good enough to answer.

WANTED A SUGGESTION.

F. F. M. AND A. S. would feel obliged for any hints on the following case which has made little progress, although all recognised treatment, both externally and internally, has been for a long time persevered in:—

F. C., a girl aged 25, who has had rheumatic fever twice and ague once, early last spring had a severe attack of bronchitis, and, on recovering from this, she was seized with a severe attack of rheumatism, which affected chiefly the muscles about the neck, causing acute pain on the slightest movement of her head. Various remedies seem to do good for a little time, but gradually lose their effect. Massage has been tried, but with no marked improvement. Heart not affected; pulse fairly good. There is no rise in the temperature now. Appetite good. Patient rather anæmic.

THE MEDICAL CURRICULUM AT CAMBRIDGE.

AN old member of the B. M. A., whose son is going into the medical profession, will be much obliged to the Editor if he will kindly answer the following questions:—

1. His son is now 18, and is anxious to go to Cambridge. Will going to the University prolong the time before he is able to qualify? What will be the shortest course of study that he can pursue?

2. When does the five-year curriculum come into force?

* * 1. The Cambridge course of medical study extends over five years, dating from the time when the first year's subjects (chemistry, physics, and biology) are commenced. Usually, however, six years at least are required before the degrees of M.B. and B.C. are obtained. Particulars of the examinations, etc., may be obtained on application to the Registrar of the University, or to the tutor of the college at which the student proposes to enter.

2. The five years' curriculum will come into force in 1892.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

MEDICAL BOOK-KEEPING.

DR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH (Accrington) writes: In answer to "Rustic," I wish to give a simple plan of book-keeping, useful for all kinds of practice; and I

shall be glad to forward sample sheets of the system to anyone who may apply to me for them.

Two books only are required, namely, daybook and ledger. The daybook is for entries of each day's work, prescriptions being written and every other item, the amount charged being stated at the margin, every night. The ledger is a book of 1,000 pages and plainly ruled. Of these pages the first 170 are for an index, divided according to the frequency with which names of each initial occurs. In commencing an entry in the ledger, the name, address, year, and month are put down; and the amount charged then entered immediately over the date. There are thus two lines in the ledger giving all particulars necessary for making out an account, a lower one giving dates, and an upper one amounts. The first and last dates are taken, and the amounts added up with great ease, and a statement is made with the least expenditure of space. When items are required by a patient, the dates beneath each amount give reference to the particulars in the daybook. As each account is made out, the amount is put at the end of the figures with the capital letter D. (delivered) appended, which can be changed to P.D. (paid) as settlement occurs. Four lines are given to each name.

J. G. writes: In reply to the inquiry of "Rustic" in the JOURNAL of July 12th as to a simple and inexpensive method of medical book-keeping, may I offer the following? In addition to the usual visiting list, two books only are required, one a "day book," a long narrow account book, about two or three quires (the cash ruling is no objection and more cheaply and easily obtained), vellum bound, costing about 3s., is very suitable. The page is commenced by writing distinctly the date, thus, Monday, July 21st (I never use the old pedantic "Dies Lune," etc.). Then each name is entered from the visiting list and the word "vis." for visit and "cons." for consultation at home, then any remarks as to examinations, and the prescription in full; a line is drawn across the page below this, and the next patient's name, etc., entered. This must be done every evening. The second book, similar in size, but with an index at the beginning, and the pages numbered (these are quite easily obtained for about 3s. 6d.) is the account book or ledger. In this an account is opened with each patient by heading the page with full name and address of the patient, entering the name and number of the page in the index. Under the heading the dates of attendance are entered from the day book, and should be done at least once a week. Against the date the word "vis." or "cons.," "letter," etc., as the case may be, and a brief reference to the mixture, pills, etc., given. In the cash column the fee is added, thus:

1890.	Miss	—	£	s	d.
July 20	Vis. Pil. gent.; et rhel c. soda; mist. ferri carb.		5	0	0

The fees are added up when the attendance ceases or the accounts are sent in, and a note made to that effect at the bottom, "paid" being added when the sum is received.

This account book is thus not only a list of fees, but is a complete index to the day book, a mixture or pill being easily found, and by the date the original full prescription can be turned up; also, in case of patients who have not been seen for a long while, a reference to the account book may furnish a clue to the previous illness and refresh the memory, especially such entries as "Mist. soda salicylati," or "Ung. gallæ c. opio," etc. I enclose two specimen pages from my own books, which perhaps you will kindly forward to "Rustic" to further explain the method. No other books are requisite except a general account book to enter fees received or practice expenses. The account book also acts as a bill book, as a tick can be placed against an account sent out, and for every fresh time it is sent out till paid. The books are numbered and dated when put away.

DEGREES FOR LONDON MEDICAL STUDENTS.

M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.LOND., writes: Amidst the number of conflicting interests aroused, the question of degrees for London medical students appears to be still far from a satisfactory settlement. The bulk of the profession would regret any course of action which would detract from the value of the degrees of rank by the London University; but the rank and file of metropolitan students are surely numerous enough and strong enough to act for themselves, and to cut the Gordian knot of the difficulty of their allowed grievance, by applying for a charter founding a metropolitan college of medicine and surgery; and appointing examiners for degrees, which would give them the opportunity of placing themselves on an equality in the eyes of the public with those who have studied their profession at a provincial medical school, attached to a provincial university.

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