

gery has the same effect as that of the *post-mortem* room; it makes one more minute and careful in one's diagnosis, and gradually also more and more accurate.

My paper would, no doubt, have been more complete if a case of pelvic cellulitis had been added, but I have already detained you too long. I trust that, incomplete and otherwise imperfect though this paper undoubtedly is, it may, nevertheless, help to show the direction in which advances are being made in our knowledge of the diseases that occur in the female pelvis, and to shed some little light upon a subject with reference to which we have still much to learn.

MEMORANDA: MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OBSTETRICAL, THERAPEUTICAL, PATHOLOGICAL, ETC.

FRACTURE OF THE ANTERIOR SUPERIOR SPINOUS PROCESS OF THE ILIUM.

I WISH to place on record a fracture which I believe to be of very rare occurrence *per se*. Whilst acting as *locum tenens* for the "visiting surgeon" at the Chester Infirmary, I was summoned to see the following case.

The patient (who was a powerfully-made bricklayer about 35 years of age) gave a history of having slipped on the kerbstone, and fallen on his side. On examination I found that the anterior superior spinous process of the right ilium was fractured and very freely movable. He had sustained no other injuries. In three weeks' time perfect union had taken place and he was able to resume his work.

Dublin.

J. N. EUSTACE, M.B., B.Ch.

SUDDEN BRONCHIAL OBSTRUCTION.

I WAS summoned in great haste to see a woman, aged 35, who for some years had suffered from phthisis. A severe haemorrhage occurred one year ago. She is an active woman, and professes to enjoy good health, beyond a slight pain in her chest and cough if she catches cold. From previous examinations I knew she had a large cavity in the upper part of the right lung, almost dry, while the left lung was sound. On her way to church she had been suddenly seized with a violent fit of coughing, which lasted in a paroxysmal fashion for several minutes; she returned home in a very breathless condition. On my arrival in about ten minutes from the beginning of the attack, I found her suffering from what at first sight looked like an asthmatic attack; her breathing, hurried and laboured, was accompanied by much wheezing. From inspection and percussion, I could gain no information, but, on auscultating over the right side of the chest, I was struck by hearing loud snoring *râles*, a new feature, which had a definite point of maximum intensity in the second interspace, about four inches from the mediastinal line. The *râles* accompanied both inspiration and expiration, and were not removed or altered in any way by frequent spasms of coughing. The left lung was perfectly free from any morbid physical signs. Feeling sure of some obstruction, I gave a simple stimulating expectorant. This state of things continued till the evening of the next day, when I was again sent for; the patient, after a violent cough, had brought up a substance which she thought was bone; it was an elongated body, of irregular shape, weighing three grains, and composed of carbonate of calcium and pus. I now found her breathing quite comfortably, and without the slightest feeling of discomfort; she obtained immediate relief on coughing out the obstructing body. The stridulous breathing and rhonchi I found had quite gone, and the lung appeared in its former condition of chronic phthisis. The features of interest are: 1. The sudden onset from no apparent cause. 2. The instantaneous relief on bringing away the foreign body. 3. The composition of the foreign body,

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F. HAROLD CARLYON, M.B., C.M.

COEXISTENCE OF ERUPTIVE FEVERS.

IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 8th is a short note by Mr. Moore, of Falmouth, of the coexistence of measles and scarlatina in the same patient. Cases of two different kinds of eruptive fever in one patient at the same time are not, I think, uncommon

Some years ago a case of small-pox and scarlatina in a child came under the care of two practitioners in this city—Dr. Giles and Mr. Weaving, both men of experience, neither of them now living.

Mr. Weaving was asked to see a child who had been ill for some days. On making his visit he found the child under an attack of scarlatina, well marked in every respect, and he told the mother that the child had scarlet fever. He did not see the child again. Some days afterwards Dr. Giles was asked to see the child. The mother told him that the child had been seen by Mr. Weaving, who pronounced the case to be scarlet fever. Dr. Giles saw that the child was suffering under the characteristic eruption and other symptoms of small-pox; there could be no mistake about it. After giving directions for the treatment, he called on Mr. Weaving to tell him, as a friend, of the mistake he had made in diagnosis. Mr. Weaving, however, would not acknowledge that he made a mistake. He said the symptoms of scarlatina at the time of his visit could not be mistaken by any practitioner. They went together to see the child, and Mr. Weaving then agreed with Dr. Giles that the case was clearly one of small-pox. They visited the child together during the illness, and as the symptoms of small-pox passed off, those of scarlatina again came out. The two practitioners attended the child throughout the attack of scarlatina as they had done through the small-pox. The child recovered favourably.

Oxford.

E. L. HUSSEY.

LATERAL SUPPORT OF THE PERINEUM.

NOT having noticed in print any mention of a way of supporting the perineum in labour which has been a great comfort to myself, I desire to draw the attention of practitioners to it, so that they may give it a trial, if they have not already done so. Leaving the schools with no definite idea how to avoid laceration, and with a prejudice against support, many like myself looked forward to the passage of the head with anxiety, and an unpleasant feeling of helplessness. "Doing nothing" was intolerable, and "support" had been condemned by our teachers as bad practice. The only resource was to give chloroform, and by relaxation of the perineum, hope to avert disaster. In this frame of mind I resorted to the following plan, which has not yet disappointed me. The hand is partially closed; so that the tip of the thumb presses on the right side, and the tips of two or three fingers on the left side of the perineum. The thumb and fingers are separated by a space of three or four inches, and no pressure whatever is exerted on this area, but firm pressure reaches the fetal head through the more fleshy tissues on each side and directs its course forward. More pressure can thus be safely applied than by inserting the finger into the rectum and pushing the head forward—a somewhat questionable proceeding. The advantages derived are:

1. Control over the downward course of the head.
2. More or less influence in preventing the recession of the head between the pains.
3. Pains are excited by the firm pressure on the perineal nerves.
4. and not the least, the sense of support to the patient at a spot where, and at a moment when most needed.

The plan aims at directing the head forwards, and is totally different from the old method of "supporting the perineum," with the palm of the hand, which if done efficiently tends to cut, as with a knife, the thin and friable tissues in the middle line.

HOLLAND J. COTTON.

Sloane Street.

CHOLERA IN JAPAN.—The epidemic of cholera which is at present raging in Japan is one of extraordinary severity. It is said to have followed an outbreak of influenza which commenced in February last, and reached its climax in April, dying away towards the beginning of summer. As soon as the influenza disappeared, however, cholera seems to have been imported from China, and, as the *Sei-i-Kwai Medical Journal* of October 25th says, "furiously invaded with tremendous rapidity." The terrible nature of the visitation may be judged from the fact that up to October 2nd, 33,863 persons had been attacked, of whom 22,560 died. Owing to the vigorous efforts of the sanitary authorities the epidemic is now, according to our contemporary, "rather rapidly fading away."

Alexander von Bunge, formerly Professor of Botany in the University of Dorpat; Dr. W. von Etlinger, Physician-Accoucheur to the Imperial Family of Russia; Dr. Nikolai Berut, one of the founders, and a former President, of the Society of Russian Medical Practitioners at Moscow; Dr. Michael Selenski of St. Petersburg, formerly *Privat-docent* of Children's Diseases in the Medical Academy of that city, and author of papers on nervous diseases, diphtheria, etc.; Dr. Hippolyt Wilkomirski, one of the oldest practitioners of Charkow; Professor V. Besser, of St. Petersburg; Dr. Paul Zimmermann, of Odessa; Dr. F. J. von Becker, Professor of Ophthalmology at Helsingfors, etc.

United States of America.

In America the profession is poorer by the death of Henry Jacob Bigelow, of Boston, a prominent figure in the surgery of the last forty years; Dr. Montrose A. Pallen, Professor of Gynaecology in the University of the City of New York; Dr. W. D. Bizzell, and Dr. R. C. Wood, both Professors in the Southern Medical College of Atlanta; Dr. J. Nelson Borland, one of the first staff of visiting physicians attached to the Boston City Hospital, and for several years Instructor in Clinical Medicine in Harvard University; Dr. R. A. Manwaring, a class mate of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, and for nearly fifty years one of the leading practitioners of Eastern Connecticut; Dr. Daniel W. Kissam, of Brooklyn; Dr. D. Henderson, of Detroit; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Cleveland; Dr. Silas H. Douglas, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Michigan, and one of the founders of the Medical Department in that university; Dr. C. S. Thomson, of New Haven, Conn., the oldest living graduate of Yale Medical College; Dr. Henry Winthrop, the oldest physician of New Orleans; Dr. S. R. Percy, for many years Professor of Materia Medica in the New York Medical College; Dr. L. H. Sayre, a son of Dr. Lewis Sayre, etc.

Other Countries.

BELGIUM has lost among others Dr. Michaux, for many years Professor of Surgery in the University of Louvain; Dr. Lebeau, a well-known surgeon of Liège, and Dr. Rasquinet, of Jupille. In Holland the principal loss has been that of Dr. Van der Burg, Professor of Pharmacy and Toxicology in the University of Leyden; in Denmark, that of Dr. G. Lehmann, Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Copenhagen; in Sweden, that of Professor Magnus von Huss, of Stockholm; and in Norway, that of Professor Dahl, the President of the recent Anti-Alcoholic Congress held at Christiania. Switzerland has lost Dr. V. Gautier, of Geneva. Cuba mourns for Dr. José Pulido Pagés, Professor of Surgical Pathology in the University of Havana; Dr. I. de la Luz Hernández, a prominent sanitarian; and Dr. Arturo Reyes. Chili has lost Dr. Ricardo Gibbs Velis, a most promising young physician and a graceful poet.

ASSOCIATION OF FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

MR. POLLOCK presided, on December 20th, at a general meeting of the Association of Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, held at 20, Hanover Square. The meeting was convened by the Association for the purpose of obtaining recognition by the Council in the negotiations between the London University and the Council in London.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the business before the meeting was the consideration of certain resolutions which would be duly put before them, and then called upon

Mr. HOLMES, who moved: "That this meeting of the Association of Fellows desires to record its emphatic protest against any final settlement between the Council of the College of Surgeons and the Senate of the University of London in the matter of the reconstruction of the University without the Council of the College having first consulted either the Fellows of the College, or, if they cannot be consulted separately, a general meeting of the Fellows and Members." Mr. Holmes said that no City company would be allowed to amalgamate with another until the freemen of the companies affected had been first consulted as to the advisability and the details of such a step. It could never be done by the masters and wardens alone. But, somehow or other, the Members and Fellows of the College seemed to have lost all their rights, and seemed to be pawns to be moved about the board by the twenty-four gentlemen which formed the Council. Such a state of things was intolerable. The apparent restriction they proposed to place upon the Council was not intended to hamper

its movements, and would enable it to work with far more energy and authority than before. The Fellows were told that they were opposed to the College, but they were not. He wished to do everything in his power to increase its usefulness and efficiency, and nothing would do that so well as to connect the Council with the great body of Fellows, and to let it have behind it the opinion and weight of the body of Fellows in England.

Mr. MAYO ROBSON had great pleasure in seconding the resolution. He regretted that the Fellows had very little information with respect to the matter taking place, and so they could not discuss the desirability of a teaching University. They had merely come there to protest against the council of the College taking upon itself the right of acting for the Fellows. He said nothing about the Members, because they had nothing to do with the Members at that meeting, and besides they (the Members) were able to look after themselves.

The resolution having been carried,

Dr. COLLINS moved: "That the Committee of the Association, with power to add to its number, be authorised to act as a deputation to attend, if necessary, before the University of London, the Lord President of the Privy Council, and the Royal Commission on a Teaching University for London." He said that the deputation to the Council of the College was not productive of much help. They were told that the Council had not the power to call the Fellows together separately from the Members. They stood in an unfair position, not only in comparison with other colleges of the same character, but also with the College of Physicians. The President of the College of Surgeons stated that every Fellow of the College was consulted, because every Fellow who was what he ought to be became a member of the Council.

Mr. NORTON seconded the resolution, which was then put to the meeting and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. TWEEDY, seconded by Mr. DUNN, it was agreed to hold a dinner in April next. It was pointed out that Fellows could invite Members if they chose, but that the dinner was not designed to take the place of the general dinner, which had been dropped, but might at any time be resuscitated.

The CHAIRMAN said a great number of replies had been received from the Fellows to whom cards had been sent, while a few had intimated removals and deaths of which the Council were not previously aware. They were in a prosperous condition altogether, and when the general objects of the Association were better understood by the general body of Fellows, and that they were not antagonistic to the College, but that they advocated the advantages of the Fellows in every way they could, he felt sure they would meet with still more support; and if their objects were carried out the Council of the College would hold a stronger position in the opinion of the whole body of members that it had ever done.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1891. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on January 14th, April 15th, July 8th, and October 22nd, 1891. 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 25th, 1890, March 26th, June 18th, and October 1st, 1891.

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.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DUBLIN BRANCH.—The fourteenth annual meeting of this Branch will be held (by permission of the President and Fellows) in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on Thursday, January 22nd, 1891, at 4.30 P.M. The annual dinner will also take place on that evening, at the College.

List of Members—Correction: Perthshire Branch.—On page xxv, for W. S. Irvine, M.D., Craigalain, read R. W. Irvine, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., Rishill, Pitlochry.

In the case referred to by our correspondent, however, the woman represented herself to be a housekeeper to the gentleman in question, and it appears that in this capacity she was attended. Under these circumstances it might be that the implied rule of law above mentioned would be treated as rebutted. At any rate the point is doubtful, but threat of legal proceedings might lead to a settlement.

PROPRIETARY FOODS.

M.B. would like to know if it be ethically correct, from a medical point of view, for a qualified practitioner to put into the market, sago food for infants, and advertise it as "Dr. So-and-So's food." Would such action render the practitioner liable to any penalties or loss of diploma?

. If our correspondent will refer to the *Code of Medical Ethics*, chap. ii, sect. 1, rule 4 (which is too long for insertion), he will, we think, find that although such and like articles as that to which he specially alludes, are not specifically mentioned, they are *de facto* inferentially included therein. Advertisement, therefore, in the daily and other lay papers, relating to the registered article in question, would constitute, in our opinion, a grave breach of professional etiquette, and justly render the alleged medical proprietor thereof liable to exceptional censure. Moreover, as the practitioner's name is very prominently set forth in the advertisement, we apprehend that he thereby subjects himself to the disciplinary laws of the two Royal Colleges, irrespective of the University of which he is a member, and to the authorities of which we would advise M.B. to address a simple protesting note, signed by himself and a few other practitioners, local or otherwise. The not improbable result of such protest will be that they will call upon him for an explanation.

PARTNERSHIP BOOKS.

PERPLEXED writes: I purchased a practice last year, and now the outgoing practitioner claims the books, ledgers, etc., as his property. Are they his or mine? In the agreement of sale the only mention there is of books is the ordinary clause that for a period of six months they shall be in the surgery for reference by the agents of either party.

. We are advised that in the absence of an express provision in the agreement the books, ledgers, etc., remain the property of the vendor of the practice.

APOTHECARIES AND THE NEW PHARMACY ACT IN IRELAND.
MEDICUS writes: Will it be legal for a qualified medical man, not an apothecary, under the new Pharmacy Act, to keep open shop for the sale of medicine to the public, such shop being managed by a qualified pharmaceutical chemist?

. Considering the Pharmacy Act (Ireland) 1875, and the Pharmacy Act Amendment Act (Ireland) 1890, as one Act, we are inclined to the opinion that "a registered legally qualified medical practitioner, who, in order to obtain his diploma, has passed an examination in Pharmacy," would not be prevented from keeping an open shop in Ireland for retailing, or dispensing, or compounding poisons or medical prescriptions.

The question is, perhaps, not altogether free from doubt; for although the Pharmacy Act, 1875, Sect. 30, contains the saving clause in favour of medical practitioners duly qualified as above mentioned, yet Sect. 15 of the amending Act contains no such saving provision, and, if taken alone and literally interpreted, might practically exclude a medical practitioner qualified under the Medical Act, 1886, from selling in Ireland after January 1st, 1892, any of the scheduled poisons even in medicines. This could not, however, we think, have been the intention of the Legislature.

If by a qualified medical man our correspondent means a medical man qualified in surgery only, and not in medicine, the reply to his question would, in our opinion, be in the negative.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

CAMBRIDGE.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.—The Special Board for Medicine have issued a report, proposing that, in view of the greatly increased number of candidates for the several medicine examinations, the times at which they are held shall next year be altered as follows: The first and second examinations to begin in the Michaelmas term on the Tuesday or Friday which shall first happen after the fifth day of December, and in the Easter term on the Tuesday or Friday which shall first happen after the fifth day of June. The third examination is to begin in the Michaelmas term on the second Tuesday in December (as at present), and in the Easter term on the first Tuesday in full term (two or three weeks earlier than at present).

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS IN NATURAL SCIENCE.—*Jesus College*: G. L. Greig, Tonbridge School, £50 scholarship. *Christ's*: A. W. Rogers, Clifton College, £60; E. B. H. Panton, Dulwich School, £40; A. E. Jeaffreson, St. Paul's School, £30. Bachelor scholarship of £50 to A. H. L. Newstead, for Zoology. *Emmanuel*: H. M. King, Dulwich College, £40 exhibition; A. E. Porter, Clifton College, £30 exhibition.

THIRD EXAMINATION FOR M.B. AND B.C.—Part II. Medicine, etc.:

Batten, Trin.; Belben, Christ's; Blaker, H. Cav.; Buss, Sid.; Connolly, Cai.; Cordeux, Cai.; Fosbery; Gillett, Sid.; Graham, Joh.; Greaves, Cai.; Griffith, W. S.; Trin. H.; Hale, King's; Hardwicke; Harrison, S. N.; Trin.; Haydon, Cai.; Kellett, Joh.; Kellock, Emmam.; Knox, H. Cav.; Leaf, C. H. Trin.; Martley, Trin.; Metcalfe, Trin.; Miller, Queen's; Mitchell, E. J. D. Cai.; Molson, Emmam.; Molteno, Clare; Newman, Cai.; Panting, King's; Peck, M. S. Christ's; Pinder, Queens'; Pope, H. Cav.; Rolfe, Clare; Samways, Jon.; Simmons, W. W.; Joh.; Smith, H. E. Sutton, Clare; Thomas, Jesus; Usher, Cai.; Waggett, Pemb.; Wellford, Trin.; White, C. P., Clare; Wilkinson, G. (jun.), Emmam.; Winslow, W., Cai.; Wright, Joh.; Wyman, Trin.

DEGREE.—At the Congregation on Thursday, December 18th, Lewis Erle Shore, M.A., M.B., B.C., Fellow of St. John's College, was admitted to the degree of Doctor in Medicine (thesis: That Peptone is not Transformed in the Lymphatic System).

EDINBURGH.

STUDENTS' UNION.—Principal Sir William Muir presided at the members' dinner held on December 12th. Professors Annandale, Butcher, Crum Brown, Rutherford, and Grainger Stewart, and 130 students were present. After dinner a smoking concert was held, to which Professor Rutherford, Dr. Meadows, and others contributed. The late Secretary of the Union, Mr. G. Porter, was presented with a silver tea service in recognition of his labours for the Union, and a testimony to the respect in which he is held by the members.

ABERDEEN.

GENERAL COUNCIL.—A meeting of the Council was held on December 13th to consider the report of the Changes Committee on the draft ordinances of the Commission dealing with the rectorial elections, library, common seal, repayments, investments, and appeals. Dr. Bain, who moved the adoption of the report in an interesting speech, stated that the Committee had found it unnecessary to take action in any except in the library ordinance. The Committee considered that libraries and museums should either be managed by a larger committee than that proposed, or, better still, by separate committees. The report was, after a considerable discussion, adopted, and the Council adjourned to March 7th.

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.—At the statutory meeting of the Council the business was chiefly routine. The editors of *Alma Mater* submitted a very favourable report on the condition of the magazine. The retiring editors were thanked for their services and others were elected in their place. A committee of three, including the President, was elected to represent Aberdeen at the third annual student intervarsity conference to be held at Edinburgh this week. Progress was reported in connection with the proposed Scottish students' song book. Communications were submitted from the Senatus and Professor Japp, and from Mrs. Carnelley, thanking the Council for their vote of condolence. The Amusement Committee were instructed to organise a "student night" at Max O'Rell's meeting.

UNIVERSITY BALL.—The University ball was held at Marischal College on Monday, December 15th. It is several years since the ball was last held in the University buildings, but, after all, it did not seem to be as well patronised by University circles as formerly. The arrangements were good, and all passed off very successfully.

OPENING UP MARISCHAL COLLEGE.—There is a fair prospect of the unsightly buildings in front of Marischal College being removed. The public bodies interested have taken the matter up, and negotiations are pending. It is hoped that within a short time, not only will this eyesore be removed, but that the approach to the College from the infirmary will be uniformly widened from School Hill.

DUBLIN.

At the winter commencements, held in the Examination Hall of Trinity College on Thursday, December 18th, 1890, the following degrees in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery were conferred by the University Caput, consisting of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosse, K.P., Chancellor; the Rev. George Salmon, D.D., Provost of Trinity College, and the Rev. J. W. Barlow, M.A., Senior Master, non-regent, in the presence of the Senate of the University:

Accalauress in Chirurgia.—R. R. H. Moore.
Baccalaureus in Medicina.—R. R. H. Moore.

Baccalaurei in Medicinā, in Chirurgiā, et in Arte Obstetriciā.—W. S. Alexander, A. A. Ali, C. R. Browne, R. S. Carnegie, W. R. Dawson, G. Donaldson, H. H. S. Dorman, E. J. Doyle, R. D. Freeman, T. D. Halahan, J. M. Heron, A. H. Jeremy, J. A. Johns, R. L. Joynt, A. J. M'Farland, L. A. Mitchell, R. W. Moore, H. G. Ormsby, E. S. Pollock, V. L. Roberts, C. J. Robinson, E. A. Seale, S. B. Smyth, E. H. Taylor, P. C. Walker, J. M. P. White.

Doctors in Medicinā.—A. M'N. d'Evelyn, R. D. Freeman, J. W. H. Jellett, H. N. H. Joynt, R. R. H. Moore, P. W. M'Crea, A. Pentland, T. M. Tate.

Doctor in Medicinā, in absentia.—M. D. Moriarty (stip. cond.).

VICTORIA.

DR. RALPH STOCKMAN has been appointed External Examiner in Materia Medica and Pharmacy, and in Pharmacology and Therapeutics, in succession to Dr. Mitchell Bruce, who has resigned.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

EXAMINATIONS FOR DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—The following gentlemen having passed the necessary examination have been granted the Diploma in Public Health of the College:

D. E. Flynn, Lic. 1873, Fellow 1885, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Lic. 1874, Member 1882, Royal College of Physicians in Ireland; C. R. C. Tichborne, L.A.H. Dub. 1887, L.R.C.S. I. 1889; and H. Whitaker, M.D., Queen's Univ. 1859, M.R.C.S. Eng. 1858, L.A.H. Dub. 1856.

CONJOINT EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMAS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND APOTHECARIES' HALL OF IRELAND.—At the examinations held in April, July, and November, 1890, the following gentlemen passed:

W. F. Bruen, C. Casey, C. A. P. Treman, H. J. Twamley, V. L. Watts, H. W. M'Quaid, W. J. Patterson, G. A. Hickey, S. H. Browning, B. Byrne, E. C. Clancy, E. H. Condon, G. F. Macnamara, J. U. Macnamara, W. O'Gorman, A. P. Swanson, W. A. Thompson, E. A. Montgomery, W. Montgomery, and J. Evans.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE Braintree Urban Sanitary Authority have decided to adopt the Infectious Diseases Notification Act from February 1st next.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF LUNATICS IN WORKHOUSES.

QUEROR writes to ask what fee he is to charge the guardians for examining, by direction of the clerk, twenty-one inmates of the workhouse whom a Lunacy Commissioner decided to be insane, and for certifying to the insanity of twenty of these.

. If "Queror" is, as we suppose, the medical officer of the workhouse, he is not entitled to any fee for this duty. We assume that he certified as to their fitness to remain in the workhouse, and the accommodation there was sufficient for their requirements, and that he did not certify for the removal of any to an asylum.

MEDICAL NEWS.

It is announced that a sanatorium designed expressly for the carrying out of Koch's treatment will shortly be opened at Nervi by Dr. Launien.

PROFESSOR HEINRICH JACOBSON, Director of the Medical Side of the Jewish Hospital at Berlin, died suddenly on December 10th, aged 64. He had long suffered from angina pectoris.

It gives us much pleasure to inform our readers that the Treasurer of Epsom College has received an anonymous donation of £500 "for the good of Epsom College."

A VOLUME of *Studies in Statistics*, by Dr. G. B. Longstaff, will be issued by Mr. Edward Stanford early in the new year. The subjects dealt with are multifarious, but a good deal of space will be devoted to statistics of disease.

PRESENTATIONS.—Dr. J. Kellett Smith, who has been elected consulting surgeon to the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, after filling the post of honorary surgeon for twenty years, has, at a compli-

mentary banquet given by the medical board and in the presence of a large and representative assembly of medical and other gentlemen connected with the hospital been presented with a congratulatory address.—At Over petty sessions last week Dr. Okell was the recipient of a handsome silver mounted malacca cane presented by the constabulary members of his St. John ambulance class as a token of esteem.

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.—The biennial prize competition held at the London Scottish head-quarters on Monday, December 8th, was a very keen one, no fewer than twenty teams competing, and the marks were so good that the winning team of last year would have only taken the eighth place in the present class. Brigade-Surgeon Clark complimented Surgeon Stokes on the general efficiency of the men, and noted the very high marks they had obtained. The prizes were distributed at the annual dinner held on December 13th.

PROFESSOR CARL WEIGERT.—We are happy to say that the report of the death of Professor Carl Weigert, of Frankfort, which appeared in all the principal medical journals of Germany, turns out to be unfounded. It is true that the distinguished pathologist was very seriously ill from septic infection following a *post-mortem* wound on the right hand received on November 18th. Thanks, however, to the skilful treatment of his colleague, Dr. Hirschberg, he is now making rapid progress towards recovery. We are sorry to have joined in killing Professor Weigert before his time, and heartily hope he may live for many years to enjoy the general chorus of praise—unquestionably sincere, though a trifle premature—sounded over his coffin.

AN INDIAN FEMALE NURSING SERVICE.—The Government of India has, through Sir Frederick Roberts, organised a "female nursing service" for the army hospitals in that country. The nurses to be employed are, it is said, ladies, who will be required to show that they have undergone training for at least twelve months in a civil hospital in England in which male patients receive medical and surgical treatment. The scheme constitutes a modification of that inaugurated by Lady Roberts. The number of nurses to be employed will be fixed by the Government. For administrative purposes the service will be divided into four circles, each under a superintendent, with their headquarters at Meerut, Rawal Pindi, Bangalore, and Poona.

HEALTH AND LONGEVITY OF ABSTAINERS.—At the last meeting of the British Medical Temperance Association, a paper was read by Dr. C. R. Drysdale, in reply to some doubts as to the superior health and longevity of total abstainers from alcohol. He referred to the report of the Collective Investigation Committee of the British Medical Association on alcoholic habits and mortality, which is still being used extensively by opponents of total abstinence, in spite of the disclaimer of Dr. Owen and the explanations given by others. After quoting the statistics of Dr. Ogle, Mr. Neison and others, which showed the very high mortality of persons engaged in the liquor traffic, he instanced the results of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, which showed that, from 1866 to 1889, 6,894 deaths, and claims for £1,470,147, were expected in the General Section (non-abstainers), and that 6,645 deaths occurred = 96 per cent., and £1,428,671 were claimed; in the Temperance Section (total abstainers), 4,542 deaths, and claims for £983,307 were expected, and 3,198 occurred = 70 per cent., and £664,832 were claimed, showing an immense difference in favour of the total abstainers. The Sceptre Life Association was also instanced as having two sections, and in this office in the General Section during the last six years 569 deaths were expected, and 434 occurred = 76 per cent.; in the Temperance Section 249 deaths were expected, and 143 occurred, or 57 per cent. At the same time the average age of those dying in the General Section was 51.3 years, and in the Temperance Section 44.2 years—a result, as was explained in the discussion—due to the fact that the average age of abstainers is at present much below that of all males. He also noted the fact that several accident insurance offices reduce the premium to abstainers, the secretary of one having explained this as not so much due to the number of accidents being slightly less, but to the fact that abstainers recover more quickly. He also compared the rates of mortality in the Foresters and Rechabites, showing a constant difference in favour of the latter at every age. The days of sickness per member were for the Rechabites 6.16, for the London Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance 5.5, and for the Oddfellows 10.5 days.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following Vacancies are announced:

DENBIGHSHIRE INFIRMARY, Denbigh.—House-Surgeon. Must be qualified and conversant with the Welsh language. Salary, to commence £35 per annum, with board, residence and washing in the house. Applications to W. Vaughan Jones, Secretary.

DR. GRAY'S HOSPITAL, Elgin.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £36 per annum, with board. Applications to Hugh Stewart, Clerk and Treasurer, by January 1st, 1891.

ECCLES AND DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Applications to the Secretary, Mr. James Ramsdale, 15, Byron Street, Patricroft.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to the Committee of Management, at the Hospital, by December 29th.

GENERAL INFIRMARY, Birmingham.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Must possess surgical qualifications. No salary, but residence, board, and washing provided. Applications to the House Governor, Dr. J. D. M. Coghill, by December 22nd, election on January 2nd, 1891.

GERMAN HOSPITAL, Dalston.—Honorary Assistant Physician. Must be a native of Germany, or must be fully acquainted with the German language and the peculiarities of the German medical science; must hold diploma of foreign or British University, be Member of the College of Physicians, and fully qualified to practise in Great Britain. Applications to A. Walbaum, D.D., Secretary, by January 20th, 1891.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Surgeon to the Out-patients, must be F.R.C.S.Eng. Applications to William T. Grant, Secretary, by December 30th.

INVERNESS DISTRICT ASYLUM, Inverness.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with bed, board, and washing. Applications to Dr. Aitken, Medical Superintendent, by December 30th.

LADIES' CHARITY AND LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Liverpool.—Honorary District Medical for No. 2 District. Must reside in or near district. Applications to William Grisewood, 5, Dale Street, Liverpool, by January 7th, 1891.

MORPETH DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon; double qualifications. Salary, £120 per annum, with house, coal, and gas free. Applications to G. O. Wright, Honorary Secretary, by December 27th.

PARISH OF BRIGHTON.—Medical Officer for the Eastern District of the Parish. Salary, £125 per annum. Applications to Alfred Morris, Clerk to the Guardians, Parochial Offices, Church Street, Brighton, by December 30th.

PARISH OF PADDINGTON.—Assistant to Medical Superintendent at the Infirmary, and Assistant Medical Officer at the Workhouse; unmarried, between 23 and 30 years of age. Salary, £100 per annum, rising £5 annually to £120, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent at the Infirmary, 289, Harrow Road, W., by December 30th.

PARISH OF SOUTH UIST.—Two Medical Officers for the Parish. Salary, £70 each (to include medicine to the paupers). Gaelic essential. Private practice may be considered worth £80 to £100 additional per annum. Applications to the Chairman, the Rev. Roderick Macdonald Drimsdale, South Uist, by January 3rd, 1891.

PORTSMOUTH LUNATIC ASYLUM, Milton, near Portsmouth.—Assistant Medical Officer; double qualifications, unmarried, age not to exceed 30 years. Salary, £120, with furnished apartments, board, fuel, lighting, and washing. Applications to W. C. Bland, Medical Superintendent, by December 29th.

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William Street, West Strand, W.C.—Clinical Assistants. Applications to T. Beattie-Campbell, by December 31st.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Physician, Accoucheur, and Lecturer on Midwifery. Applications to William Henry Cross, Clerk, by December 31st.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Physician Accoucheur. Applications to William Henry Cross, Clerk, by December 31st.

SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmunds.—Honorary Assistant Medical Officer. Applications to the Chairman of the Committee by December 29th.

TOWNSHIP OF TOXTETH PARK.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Infirmary; double qualifications. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, washing, and apartments. Applications, marked "Assistant Medical Officer," to J. Moulding, Clerk to the Guardians, 15, High Park Street, Liverpool, by December 31st.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.—Assistant Examiner in Medical Jurisprudence Annual fee, £30. Applications to the Secretary of the University Court, Mr. A. E. Clapperton, 91, West Regent Street, Glasgow, by January 10th.

WEST RIDING ASYLUM, near Sheffield.—Pathologist also to act as Fourth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, rising £10 yearly to £150, with board, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by January 7th, 1891.

WILTS COUNTY ASYLUM, Devizes.—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary, £120 per annum, with an annual increase to £150, and board, residence, attendance and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by January 6th, 1891.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL, Wolverhampton. Resident Assistant. One qualification preferred. Board lodging and washing provided. Applications, inscribed "Application for Resident Assistant," to the Chairman of the Medical Committee, by December 29th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ANGUS, Henry Brunton, M.B., B.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BENJAFIELD, Wm. B., M.B., C.M., appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse at Edmonton, *vice* Dr. W. W. Day.

BEVERIDGE, Arthur, M.B., C.M., appointed Medical Officer to the parish of Assynt, Sutherlandshire, *vice* A. W. McFadyen.

BRINTON, R. D., M.D., appointed Chloroformist to the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent Square, *vice* A. W. Addinsell, M.B., resigned.

BRUMFOLD, Geo. William, L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., reappointed Medical Officer of the Scalthwaiterigg District of the Kendal Union.

EVANS, O. C. Fenrys, M.D., B.S. Durh., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital, *vice* W. Moore, resigned.

FITZGERALD, Dr. Richard, appointed Medical Officer to the Walshawmore East Dispensary District.

GALE, Arthur, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Physician to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Queen's Road, Chelsea, *vice* Joseph A. Arkwright, M.B.

GRAY, H. St. Clair, M.D. Glas., appointed Assistant Obstetric Physician to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital.

GREEN, Charles D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., appointed District Medical Officer of the Edmonton District, *vice* Dr. W. W. Day.

HALL, Arthur John, B.A., M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Honorary Physician to the Sheffield Public Hospital and Dispensary.

KEAN, Hugh Joseph, M.D., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Officer of the Leigh Dispensary District.

KEMPE, Arthur, M.D. Brux., M.R.C.P., reappointed Medical Officer of Health, Budleigh Salterton Local Board for one year.

MASON, Francis J., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer for the No. 5 District of the Cheltenham Union, *vice* Mr. Cottle, resigned.

NATRIN, Robert, M.D., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Queen's Road, Chelsea, *vice* C. W. F. Young, M.D.

NOBLE, Samuel Clarke, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., reappointed Medical Officer of the Grayrigg District of the Kendal Union.

POLLOCK, W. Rivers, M.B. Cantab., M.R.C.P., appointed Assistant Physician to the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent Square.

RAW, Nathan, M.B., B.S., L.S.C. Univ. Durh., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Bolton Royal Infirmary and Children's Hospital, *vice* Dr. Kingsford, resigned.

REID, Charles, M.B., C.M. Aberd., appointed Honorary Physician to the Staffordshire General Hospital, *vice* Dr. George Reid, resigned.

REYNOLDS, Ernest Septimus, M.D., M.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Visiting Physician to the Workhouse Infirmary at Crumpsall, Manchester Union.

RODEN, Percy, M.B., C.M. Aberd., reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Droitwich.

SHARPE, W. Cecil, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Resident Junior Physician to Smedley's Hydrostatic Establishment, Matlock, *vice* C. J. Whithy, M.B.

SINCLAIR, J. E., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Attending Medical Officer to the Western Dispensary, Westminster, *vice* Dr. W. N. Whitney, resigned.

SWEETEN, Benjamin, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed House-Surgeon to Alnwick Infirmary, *vice* W. Smyth, M.B., C.M.

WEDDERBURN, Dr. A. M'Legan, appointed Medical Officer of Health for the County of Forfar.

WILLIAMS, E. C., B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., appointed Receiving-Room Officer to the London 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.

GORDON.—On Wednesday, November 19th, at Trimulgherry, the wife of Surgeon P. C. H. Gordon, Medical Staff, of a son (stillborn).

MACINTYRE.—At 2, Portland Terrace, Troon, N.B., on December 19th, the wife of Alexander Macintyre, M.D., L.R.C.S. and P. Edin., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BANTER—**SHAKSPEARE**.—On December 17th, at St. James's Church, Swansea, by the Rev. Roger Williams, Rector of Llanedy, assisted by the Rev. D. Wilson, M.A., William Whittington Bantner, M.R.C.S., of Glastonbury Valley, to Clara, widow of the late John Shakespeare, of West Cross, Swansea, and fourth daughter of the late R. M. Sampson, of Deveron, Cornwall.

LENOX-CONYNGHAM—**BRADSHAW**.—On November 15th, at Christ Church, Rawal Pindi, Punjab, by the Rev. A. Spens, Chaplain of Rawal Pindi, assisted by the Rev. C. Gillmore, Chaplain of Karachi, Gerald Ponsonby, Royal Engineers, fifth son of Colonel Sir William Lenox-Connyngham, K.C.B., of Spring Hill, co. Derry, Ireland, to Elsie Margaret, eldest daughter of Deputy Surgeon-General A. F. Bradshaw, Army Medical Staff.

O'DONNELL—**ROGERS**.—On December 13th, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Madras, India, by His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Colgan, Archbishop of Madras, assisted by the Very Rev. T. Meyer, V.G., and the Rev. M. O'Carroll, Dr. Thomas J. O'Donnell, Surgeon to the Gold Fields, Kolar, to Annie M., only daughter of Michael Rogers, Piercetown House, co. Meath, Ireland.

DEATH.

GORDON.—At Trimulgherry, of pneumonia, on Wednesday, November 26, Constance, the beloved wife of Surgeon P. C. H. Gordon, Medical Staff. (English papers please copy.)

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*.—W. Th. F., 3.

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, Soho. *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; (Obstetrical), W., 2.

NATIONAL ORTHOPÄDIC. *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 ORTHOPÄDIC. *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; Orthopaedic, 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; Orthopaedic, 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. 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; Orthopaedic, W., 10; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electro-therapeutics, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30. *Operation Days*.—Tu., 1.30; (Orthopaedic), 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.

ST. THOMAS'S. *Hours of Attendance*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except W. and S., 2; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu., 2; o.p., daily, except S., 1.30; Ear, M., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 1.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10. *Operation Days*.—W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu., 4, F., 2; (Gynaecological) Th., 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., 9; 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; Orthopaedic, 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.

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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 BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are devoted, will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

J.M. writes: Is there a good work on the Progress of Sanitation? If so, please mention author and publisher.

J.T.S. writes: I should feel obliged if anyone would suggest something to relieve a severe pain in the tongue. The patient is a man over 71 years of age, and has suffered from anaemia for some months now, due, I believe, to want of rest and bad cookery; he has been convalescent for three weeks, the pain in the tongue being the only thing which gives him trouble. Cocaine tablets have been tried with little or no benefit.

MEMBER would be obliged for any information regarding the M.D. "for practitioners of fifteen years' standing" at the Northern Universities, especially with regard to examinations.

EXCESSIVE YAWNING.

A FUTURE MEMBER asks for hints as to what is likely to be useful in almost uncontrollable yawning, occurring at all times and at most inconvenient moments.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR LIFE ASSURANCE.

A FUTURE MEMBER asks to be recommended a book of moderate size on the medical examination of persons proposing to effect an insurance on their lives?

* * * *The Medical Adviser in Life Assurance* (by Sir Edward Sieveking), published by J. and A. Churchill, 2nd edition, 1882, would probably meet our correspondent's requirements.

ANSWERS.

NURSING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES. MEMBER might apply to the Lady Superintendent of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, or the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, or of the Hospital for Sick Children, Pendlebury, Manchester.

PILOCARPIN IN DEAFNESS.

DR. ARCHD. D. MACDONALD (Liverpool) writes: Here is an answer, almost complete, to M.D.'s inquiry. For eight days previous to July 23rd last I gave a man, for "M.D.'s" inquiry, ten minims of tr. jaborandi thrice daily; no result; on the date mentioned one-sixth of a grain of pilocarpin hypodermically. 25th. Hearing improved, one-fourth of a grain given. 27th. Heard ordinary conversation and "A" pitchfork at 9 feet; one-sixth of a grain again to confirm cure. Has heard well since.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

EROS appears to have been one of the presiding deities at the recent Berlin Congress as well as Esculapius if it be true, as stated in a German newspaper, that some four hundred matrimonial engagements formed during that great scientific gathering have since been made public.

ADVERTISING INJECTORS.

ACCORDING to the *St. Petersburger med. Wochenschrift*, a homeopathic practitioner in the Russian capital, who has somehow managed to secure a bottle of Koch's fluid, is using this fact as an advertisement for a sanatorium which he proposes to establish in Finland. Even in Germany the great discovery seems to be used as what the melancholy Jaques termed a "Ducdame," that is "an invocation to call fools into a circle," of which, it is needless to say, the

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