

nancy was suggestive. In the cases described by Doran and Savage, the existence of two gravid tubes in each patient was exceedingly probable, but the facts were not quite complete. In the case the subject of this report, the existence of an impregnated ovum in each tube is beyond any doubt.

Since this report has been written, Mackenrodt<sup>4</sup> has published a case of bilateral tubal pregnancy which he observed in a woman aged 32. In May, 1890, she was seized with symptoms indicating rupture of a gravid tube; operation was refused. In October, 1891, she was seized again with the symptoms of rupture of a gravid tube. On this occasion, the abdomen was opened, and a gestation sac the size of a goose's egg removed from the left side. On the right side a second sac surrounded by matted intestines was found; it contained foetal bones. The patient made a good recovery.

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

### DIABETES INSIPIDUS IN CHILDREN CAUSED BY HOT WEATHER.

WHEN in Calcutta in May I visited the General Hospital there, and through the kindness of Surgeon-Major Crombie I was enabled to take the following notes of four cases of diabetes insipidus.

The disease occurs in India in the hot season, previous to the bursting of the monsoon, and lasts from some weeks to months; it does not seem to cause any permanent injury to the constitution of the child. In spite of a high fever of a constant type, with the passing of an immense quantity of water, the little patient keeps in fairly good general health, and presents nothing abnormal in any organ. The exact etiology of this disease is still vague. This diuresis of a large quantity of limpid urine of a specific gravity little above that of ordinary water seems to be synchronous with the fever. The treatment in every case is the administration of the tincture of belladonna pushed to complete dilatation of the pupils. This cures both fever and diuresis, which pass off never to recur or in some cases to return next hot season.

Case I was that of a male child 2 years and 6 months old. When I saw him he had been in hospital one week. The fever commenced a week previous to his admission to the hospital, and had been preceded one day by the diuresis, according to the mother's statement. Fever, 100° to 102° F.; sometimes the temperature fell to normal. Occasionally 100 or more ounces of water were passed in the twenty-four hours, the specific gravity being 1.002; except for a little bronchial catarrh the child was healthy; it was improving under 15 minims of belladonna daily.

Case II, also a male, 9 months old. He had had fever and diuresis for thirty-one days, and had been in hospital for four days. The fever varied between 99° and 102° F. His mother said she noticed he had fever and passed large quantities of water; at the same time all his organs were normal. A brother, aged 5 years, when 2 years old was attacked in the same way, and had the diuresis for nine months. Treatment was the same as in the last case.

Case III was that of a female child who was in fairly good general health and had a good appetite but very great thirst. He was about 20 months old. The fever commenced with the diuresis a fortnight before admission. The fever, which had lasted twenty-seven days, kept between 100° and 102° F., generally rising in the morning. All the organs were normal; no diarrhoea or constipation. She was taking one minim of belladonna every two hours.

Case IV presented nearly the same features as the others. The patient was a male, 1½ year old, who had had fever for fourteen days previous to admission. The fever varied between 100° and 102° F. The boy was very thirsty and drank a large amount of water. The urine was passed continually. It was limpid and almost colourless, but owing to his age the amount could not be properly estimated.

Galashiels, N.B.

JAMES BRUNTON, M.B. Edin.

<sup>4</sup> Zeitschrift für Geburt. u. Gyn., Bd. xxiii, Heft 1: *Die Verhandlungen der Gesellschaft für Geb. u. Gyn., zu Berlin, S. 301.*

### THE MECHANICAL TREATMENT OF CONSTIPATION. [Communicated by the DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.]

In the EPITOME of August 13th, par. 145, there is a notice of the treatment of constipation recently by Ivanoff by means of shot enclosed in wooden or celluloidin globes. On several occasions during the last two or three years I have successfully tried a somewhat similar method, but one which I think offers several advantages. Two circular pieces of calico about 5 inches in diameter are sewn together by their edges so as to form a round bag. This is filled to about four-fifths its capacity with shot (3½ to 4 lbs.), and the mouth of the bag closed. A somewhat globular and very yielding mass is thus formed, which the patient, lying supine, rolls about over his abdomen (preferably following the course of the colon, though this is not of much consequence) before rising in the morning, and if necessary again at night. When needed the pressure of the bag can be supplemented by that of the hands.

I first tried this method of treatment in the tropics, where, from various causes, especially on board ship, constipation is a very frequent annoyance, for purgatives soon lose their usual effect, and when given stronger often bring on trouble-some diarrhoea. The "shot bag" treatment was on every occasion on which I tried it very efficacious.

In many of the cases of "costiveness" from which women suffer this method would, I think, prove of much value, but from the nature of my service I have had naturally but few opportunities of giving it a trial. About two years ago, however, during the convalescence of a lady from a rather sharp attack of parametritis with considerable matting of tissues, and where in the treatment of the resulting constipation efficient purgatives gave much pain and the enemas produced hardly any effect, the "shot bag" proved of immediate and constant utility, and after two or three weeks' operation no further attention was necessary to this part of the illness.

Owing to the plastic nature of the bag it as it were "grasps" the inequalities of the abdomen, and thus offers a manifest advantage over the rigid balls used by Sahli and Ivanoff. The apparatus is exceedingly simple and cheap in construction, and certainly efficacious. H. B. BEATTY, Surgeon R.N.

### TUBERCULOSIS OF THE STOMACH.

In the EPITOME of September 17th, par. 256, a case is reported in which the stomach was the seat of tubercle. As this is a rare condition, the following notes of a case may be of interest:—

E. H., a female, aged 58, came under treatment for pain in the region of the stomach, and occasional vomiting of food. She had been ailing four months; suffered from winter cough. On examination of the abdomen there could be felt in the region of the umbilicus what appeared to be a round, smooth, deeply-seated tumour, which was movable, and descended, with inspiration. There were enlarged glands in the right axilla. Examination of the chest pointed to phthisis. After this occasional vomiting occurred, and there was pain in the abdomen, but never of a severe character. Oedema of the right arm and hand, and also of both legs, set in, and the patient became very weak. Urine, specific gravity 1032, with the presence of albumen. She died nine weeks after coming under observation, but before death the oedema had entirely disappeared.

*Post-mortem Examination.*—The stomach was considerably dilated, and at its pyloric end extensive ulceration existed with thickening of the edges in places. This, on microscopic examination, was found to be tuberculous. Suppurating caseous glands stretched along the spine behind the pancreas, and also in the right axilla. The abdomen only was allowed to be opened.

Colney Hatch, N.

CECIL F. BEADLES.

### SYPHILIS AND SCARLET FEVER.

The following case may be of interest, showing, as it does, the possibility of confounding scarlet fever with syphilis.

A. B., aged 22, was taken suddenly ill with vomiting, sore throat; rash on neck, trunk, and limbs; temperature 104°. On examination the rash could not, with any certainty, be

distinguished from that of scarlet fever. The face, however, was thin and pale, there was no noticeable swelling beneath the jaws, and distress was not so accentuated as it usually is during the invasion period of scarlet fever. A doubt thus arose as to the precise nature of the case, and, on further questioning, it was elicited that the throat had been troublesome for a week previously, and that the patient had been recently treated for gonorrhœa. On careful search a cicatrix was found under the prepuce, and in the groins were the characteristic syphilitic buboes. Other considerations rendered the diagnosis certain, and the relatives were told that the case was not one of scarlet fever, while the patient himself learned for the first time that he had contracted syphilis. A grain of calomel was prescribed. In twenty-four hours the rash had almost disappeared, and the temperature touched 99°.

It may be pointed out, first, that hurried or superficial examination would undoubtedly have led to a diagnosis of scarlet fever, with what results to the patient he himself will fortunately never know; secondly, that it would be well, when treating a case of gonorrhœa, to bear in mind the probability of concomitant syphilis.

Caledonian Road, N.

J. H. HEANEY, M.B.

**EPITHELIOMA OF THE LIP IN WOMEN.**  
With reference to Dr. Sinclair's letter in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of July 30th, and previous letters on the same subject I may note that I removed an epithelioma from the lower lip of a native woman in June, 1891. The nature of the growth was verified by microscopical examination.

Ootacamund, India.

J. MAITLAND, M.D.,  
Surgeon-Major.

#### SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF URINE IN DIABETES MELLITUS.

SIR E. SIEVEKING's note in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of September 17th on the above subject recalls a case that came under my notice about two months ago. A man of over 60, who had been under my care last winter complained of an ulcer under the ball of the great toe which refused to heal. The appearance of the ulcer immediately suggested diabetes, and on my asking the patient whether I had ever examined his water he replied "No, but another gentleman did a few years ago and told me I had diabetes." I asked for a specimen and found specific gravity 1010, slightly acid reaction, no albumen. I immediately remembered having heard a very high authority on diabetes remark in the wards one day: "With specific gravity under 1030 one need not test for sugar." In spite of great veneration for great authorities a little mental uneasiness caused me to apply Fehling's test next morning and I was much surprised to find indisputable evidence of sugar.

South Petherton.

A. W. MACILWAINE.

IN support of the warning conveyed in Sir E. Sieveking's article published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of September 17th, it may be interesting to record another exceptional case now under my care. The patient, an editor, aged 56, passes about 50 ounces of urine *per diem* (the normal quantity) of a specific gravity varying from 1020 to 1022. Each ounce contains 1 grain of sugar. There is no albumen. The patient is on strict diabetic diet. He has also constant pains in both legs, sometimes of "lightning" character, loss of knee-jerk, and a gait which is suggestive of commencing tabes dorsalis.

Hampstead.

W.M. BOULTING, L.R.C.P. Lond.

**AN OFFICIAL BACTERIOLOGIST FOR NEW YORK.**—The Board of Health of the City of New York has reorganised its disinfecting corps, which till lately consisted of sixteen laymen. The corps, which is henceforth to be known as "the Division of Pathology, Bacteriology, and Disinfection," will have at its head a bacteriological expert, who will have ten medical men under him as disinfectors, to each of whom will be assigned the supervision of a particular district. Professor Herman C. Biggs, who has been in charge of the Carnegie Laboratory for many years, has been appointed chief of the new division at a salary of 3,000 dollars a year.

## REPORTS

### ON MEDICAL & SURGICAL PRACTICE IN THE HOSPITALS AND ASYLUMS OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND THE COLONIES.

#### CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

##### CASES OF METRORHAGIA.

(Under the care of Dr. ARTHUR W. EDIS.)

**Menorrhagia: Anæmia.**—A. B., aged 14, single. Catamenia commenced at 12 and recurred regularly until ten months before admission, since which time she had been losing blood by the vagina almost continuously. Although her general health was feeble, there was nothing abnormal to be detected in the condition of either the heart, liver, kidneys, or spleen. The hymen was intact, the cervix uteri small, and the uterus normal in size and position. Rest in bed, with a mixture of iron, magnesia, and digitalis was prescribed, and a nourishing diet given. After the first few days the haemorrhage ceased, and she was discharged cured at the end of three weeks.

**Incomplete Abortion: Curetting: Recovery.**—S. H., aged 28, married five years, mother of three children. Two months before admission the period came on a week later than expected, and was very profuse, accompanied by pain in the abdomen, intermitting in character; at times rather severe. The haemorrhage continued on and off for two months. The uterus was found to be bulky, anteverted, the cervix granular, and the os somewhat patulous. Dilatation of the cervix was effected by means of tents, and the interior of the uterus curetted, iodised phenol being subsequently applied. Nothing beyond thickened endometrium was detected, but there was very little doubt that conception had occurred and an early miscarriage taken place. The haemorrhage was checked entirely after the operation, and the patient left the hospital convalescent within a fortnight.

**Villous Endometritis: Menorrhagia: Curetting.**—M. W., aged 57, married twenty-seven years, mother of two children, the youngest aged 23; one miscarriage. The catamenia ceased four years before admission for two years. She then commenced to lose irregularly, the loss being severe at times. She had no offensive discharge, but for the last two years and a-half suffered from almost constant dragging pain in her back. The uterus was found to be fairly normal in size and position, mobile, the sound passing upwards and forwards readily, giving the idea that the uterine cavity was enlarged, and causing rather smart haemorrhage. The cervix was dilated and the cavity of the uterus explored. No polypus nor malignant deposit could be detected. The endometrium was curetted and the cavity swabbed out freely with iodised phenol. This was repeated on subsequent occasions. Ergot and cinchona were prescribed. The haemorrhage was checked from this date, and the patient left the hospital three weeks later, there having been no further loss of blood. This patient was seen six months after. There had been no recurrence of the haemorrhage.

**Metrorrhagia: Retention of Placental Tissue: Curetting.**—S. P., aged 23, married five years, mother of three children, youngest 14 months. She stated that she had a flooding three months before admission, but did not remember whether at a period or no. She thought she had not missed a period. There had been irregular losses ever since the flooding. The uterus was found to be bulky, fairly normal in size and position, the cervix lacerated and very granular. As the evidence of conception was not clear, and the patient's health was anything but satisfactory, there being a loud systolic apex murmur, and a very troublesome cough, rest in bed, the treatment of symptoms, and local application of iodised phenol were resorted to. The haemorrhage persisting at the end of a month, the cervix was dilated and the interior of the uterus curetted. Several portions of placental tissue were removed, and the cavity was then washed out and swabbed with iodised phenol. From this date the haemorrhage was checked, and the patient convalesced without further difficulties.

**Hæmatocoele: Menorrhagia.**—A. L., aged 44, married twenty

LEGAL.—When a local authority within the meaning of the Act have legally adopted the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, they cannot rescind such adoption either wholly or partially.

## PORT SANITARY OFFICER'S FEES.

W. D. B. asks what would be a proper fee for inspecting (and, if necessary, disinfecting) ships lying from one to two miles from land, including the necessary certificate of health or otherwise.

## LOCAL BOARDS AND THEIR CHAIRMEN.

SANITARIAN writes: A local board meeting is composed of six members including the chairman. A resolution is proposed and seconded, three voting for it. An amendment is proposed and seconded, for which three also vote, including the chairman. The chairman then gives what he calls a "casting" vote, making a second in favour of the amendment, which is said to be carried. Is this legal?

\*\* The chairman has a casting vote. If there is no other objection, the amendment is properly carried.

## VACCINATION IN COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

ONE of the medical staff of a county lunatic asylum writes as follows: In consequence of a recent small-pox scare, we have been obliged to re-vaccinate all the patients. Can we claim any fee from the guardians for successful or unsuccessful revaccination; and if so, how much?

\*\* Only public vaccinators, or others specially employed by the guardians, have any claim on them for vaccination fees.

THE new reservoir for Cardiff, situated in Taff Vawr Valley, Breconshire, recently opened in the presence of the Cardiff Corporation, has cost over £374,000.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

## UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR IN HYGIENE (B.HY.) AND FOR THE LICENCE IN SANITARY SCIENCE (L.S.SC.).—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

*Degree of Bachelor in Hygiene.*—Second Class Honours: B. J. Stokoe, M.B., B.S.Durh. Pass List: J. A. Kendall, M.B., B.S.Durh. *The Licence in Sanitary Science.*—J. J. Oakman, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.

EXAMINATION FOR DEGREES IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY.—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

*Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor in Medicine.*—Second Class Honours: L. C. E. Calthrop, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., London Hospital. Pass List: W. E. Alderson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. Brown, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; W. A. I'A. Charlton, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; P. Davidson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; G. Gocher, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; W. T. Harkness, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; L. Harman, St. Thomas's Hospital; A. G. Hinks, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., St. Mary's Hospital; C. J. Jeaffreson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; W. E. Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Middlesex Hospital; F. Laughton-Smith, Mason College, Birmingham; B. J. Mayne, Middlesex Hospital; W. F. Miller, Guy's Hospital; J. R. Prior, King's College Hospital; F. W. Rowland, Guy's Hospital; T. Sanderson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. P. Satchell, Mason College, Birmingham; G. W. Scott, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; F. C. Smith, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., L.S.A., University College, London; W. Smith, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. J. Steegemann, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., L.S.A., St. Mary's Hospital; G. H. Tomlinson, Mason College, Birmingham; P. H. Wardell-Johnson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.

PASS LIST, SEPTEMBER, 1892.—The following candidates passed in:

*Surgery.*—J. N. Dobie, Cambridge, and St. Mary's Hospital; G. Grace, Bristol; G. B. Hillman, Yorkshire College, Leeds; S. L. Martin, London Hospital; G. H. Jones, Middlesex Hospital; R. A. Smith, Edinburgh.

*Medicine, Forensic Medicine, and Midwifery.*—E. Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; M. Richards, London Hospital; J. M. Swanson, Charing Cross Hospital; P. M. Thomas, Cleveland, U.S.A.; A. E. Wilson, St. Mary's Hospital.

*Medicine and Forensic Medicine.*—W. Fowler, Durham; G. L. Godwin, Edinburgh.

*Medicine and Midwifery.*—W. E. Barker, Owens College, Manchester; F. B. Lewis, London Hospital; E. D. Madge, Middlesex Hospital; J. H. Roberts, Guy's Hospital.

*Medicine.*—D. Berne, Royal Free Hospital.

*Forensic Medicine and Midwifery.*—F. V. Denne, Westminster Hospital; E. J. T. Jones, St. Thomas's Hospital; A. J. Russell, London Hospital.

*Forensic Medicine.*—B. S. Foulds, Charing Cross Hospital; S. L. Martin, London Hospital; T. E. Pallett, Westminster Hospital.

*Midwifery.*—E. C. Adams, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Messrs. Dobie, Fowler, Grace, Hillman, Lewis, Martin, Pallett, Smith, Thomas, and Wilson, were granted the diploma of the Society entitling them to practise Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## COUNCIL.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room of the Association, at No. 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Wednesday, the 26th day of October next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

September 29th, 1892.

## 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.

## BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Merthyr on Thursday, October 6th. Members wishing to read papers, etc., are requested to communicate titles to Dr. Sheen, Cardiff.—A. SHEEN, M.D., and ARTHUR DAVIES, M.B., Hon. Secs.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, on Thursday, October 13th, at 4 P.M.; Dr. Walters, of Reigate, in the chair. Dinner at 6 P.M.; charge 7s., exclusive of wine. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend, and to introduce professional friends. Agenda:—The following papers, etc., have been promised: Dr. Frederick J. Smith: Some Points in Heart Disease. Mr. Golding-Bird: Operative Procedure in Retention and Extravasation of Urine—a Clinical Study. Dr. Stone: A Case of Empyema. Dr. J. G. Ogle: Cases of Interest. Members desirous of exhibiting or reading notes of cases are invited to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary, HENRY J. FRANGLEY.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The autumn meeting will be held at Galashiels on Friday, October 14th, 1892. Members desirous of reading papers, or of bringing forward any questions affecting the Branch, are requested to give notice to the Secretary ten days before the date of meeting.—J. ALTHAM, Honorary Secretary, Penrith.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Sherborne on Wednesday, October 12th, 1892. The business meeting will be held at the Yeatman Hospital at 2.30 P.M. Mr. Williams will be pleased to see any members or friends at his residence, "The Cedars," Sherborne, to luncheon before the meeting. A conveyance will be at Pennhill station to meet the 12.52 train and take members to Sherborne, returning for the 9.52 train. Gentlemen wishing to avail themselves of it should communicate with Mr. William Rendall, Maiden Newton, two days before the meeting. Agenda:—Election of new members of the Branch. Place of the May meeting. Dr. Lush will move: 1. That a donation of five guineas be granted to the British Medical Benevolent Fund. 2. That after the present year the Branch subscription be reduced from 4s. to 2s. 6d. per annum, and that by-law 4 be amended accordingly. Discussion:—Albuminuria, its Prognosis and Treatment. Communications:—Mr. Atkinson: A case of Double Labyrinthine Deafness, with interval of three months between the attacks—a doubtful sequela of influenza. Mr. Parkinson: Case of Hypospadias after Operation. Dr. Childs: On the Work of the Anæsthetics Committee of the Association. Mr. Marsh: Pregnancy in a Rudimentary Double Uterus. Mr. Charlton: Patient with Pulmonary Fistula (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, September 17th, 1892). Dinner at the Digby Hotel at 6.30 P.M.; charge 6s. each, without wine. Members intending to be present are requested to signify the same to Mr. Williams, Sherborne, on or before Monday, October 10th.—WILLIAM VAWDREY LUSH, M.D., Weymouth, and C. H. WATTS PARKINSON, Wimborne, Honorary Secretaries.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at the Radcliffe Infirmary on Friday, October 28th, at 3.15 P.M. Members are requested to send notice of papers, cases, etc., on or before October 14th to W. LEWIS MORGAN, Honorary Secretary, 42, Broad Street, Oxford.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting will be held at the Bute Hospital, Luton, on Thursday, October 6th, at 3 P.M. The luncheon will take place at the Midland Hotel at 1.30 P.M. Gentlemen wishing to read papers, cases, etc., are requested to intimate their intention at once to the Honorary Secretary. The following communications have been promised:—Dr. Bussard: Cervical Paraplegia. Dr. Thomson (Luton): Uterine Fibroids and their Treatment. Dr. Jones: On some Affections allied to Exophthalmic Goitre. Mr. Percival: A case of Pyloric Stricture, with Operation. Mr. Bull (Stony Stratford): Some specimens of Surgical interest.—C. J. EVANS, Honorary Secretary, Northampton.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held in Marischal College, Aberdeen, on Saturday, October 15th, at 12 o'clock noon. Dr. Ogilvie Will, President, in the chair.—J. MACKENZIE BOOTH and C. THISELTON URQUHART, Honorary Secretaries.

## IN RE CHOLERA.

M.D. writes: Should cholera unhappily slip past our sanitary sentinels, I see it is proposed by the public health authorities to appoint extra medical men to assist them in dealing with it. May I remind these authorities that there are a large number of army medical men in the country who have had practical experience of the disease in its worst form in tropical countries, and know how to deal with it? The appointment of such men as cholera experts might do much to allay panic.

## MAXIMUM AGE OF CANDIDATES.

M.B. sends us extracts of correspondence in some of the Irish papers, advocating the extension of age for admission into the Medical Staff, to compensate for the extra year of study enforced by the General Medical Council. The limit is now 28, but our correspondent thinks it ought to be 29 or 30, as he says, "the great majority of students enter on their medical study at 21." We are not prepared to say yes or no to this suggestion without full discussion, and hearing all sides of the question. We cannot but think it is an absurd mis-statement to say the "great majority" do not begin medical study until 21; the average age is certainly much younger. But be that as it may, we fear that the mature man of 30, of formed habits, is not likely to take kindly to army medical life; this, we know, is the experience of those best acquainted with the service, and we have an idea that the military authorities like to catch their medical (as other) recruits young. We believe that during recent years the average age of successful candidates for the medical staff has ranged between 23 and 24 years, and it has been noticed during the varying fortunes of the department, that as its popularity waxed the average age fell, and as it waned it rose. Various inferences may be drawn from this curious fact, but we doubt if it would be considered a ground for extending the age of competitors.

## SICK LEAVE.

A.M.S. writes: Will any of your correspondents answer the following question: Whether a surgeon-captain, compelled by medical board, through bad health incurred by tropical service, to take the full amount of sick leave granted (eighteen months on full pay) will suffer either towards promotion or retirement?

\*\* The question is easily answered by referring to the Regulations; the officer will not suffer if he has only the maximum sick leave allowed; if leave goes beyond that, of course he suffers certain disabilities clearly laid down.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

MR. W. DUNNETT SPANTON has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for Staffordshire.

DR. D. NOËL PATON, Lecturer on Physiology in the Edinburgh School of Medicine, and formerly Examiner in Physiology in the University of Edinburgh, has been appointed Examiner in Physiology for Degrees in Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

A MEMORIAL tablet has been placed on the house at Bergen, in Rügen, in which Professor Billroth, who on October 1st celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of his appointment to the chair of Surgery in the University of Vienna, was born on April 26th, 1829. The tablet was formally dedicated by Professor Schmidt, of Leipzig. A *Festschrift* is being prepared by Professor Billroth's pupils in honour of his jubilee, and the students are to have a *Festcommers*, to be followed by the usual torchlight procession in the evening.

ITALIAN CONGRESS OF MEDICINE.—The programme of the fifth Italian Congress of Medicine, which, as already announced in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, will be held in Rome on October 26th, 27th, and 28th, includes discussions on the following subjects: Focal Changes in the Cerebellum, and Curative Measures, to be introduced by Professors L. Bianchi and F. Vizioli; Aërotherapeutics, to be introduced by Professors C. Forlanini and B. Luzzatto; and Rheumatic Infection, to be introduced by Professors A. Riva and T. Gualdi.

UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA.—From the prospectus of the University of Vienna for the winter semester of 1892-93, which has just been published, it appears that last summer the number of students was 4,919, of whom 2,380 belonged to the medical faculty. Of these, 606 were "extraordinary" students. Among the foreigners the Russians head the list with 81, the United States coming second with 47. The active teaching staff numbers 60 professors, and 71 lecturers and assistants, who during the forthcoming winter semester will give 190 courses of lectures and practical instruction.

PROFESSOR MOLESCHOTT.—The friends and admirers of Professor Jacob Moleschott, of Rome, who celebrated the comple-

tion of his seventieth year on August 9th, propose to commemorate his services to science by placing a bronze bust of him in his lecture room. A committee has been formed for the purpose, which includes the names of Professor Bizzozero, Mossa, Albertoni, Struever, Luciani, and others of hardly less note. An appeal has been issued for subscriptions. It is intended to postpone the formal celebration of Professor Moleschott's Jubilee till December 16th, which will be the 31st anniversary of his first academical lecture (in the Ateneo at Turin) in Italy. Professor Moleschott, was born at Herzogenbusch in Holland in 1822, and after lecturing privately at Heidelberg, was called to Zürich in 1856, was appointed to the Chair of Physiology at Turin in 1861. He was called to the corresponding chair in Rome in 1878. He was created a Senator of the Kingdom of Italy some years ago. The list of his contributions to scientific literature is a long one, beginning with a dissertation entitled "De Malpighianis pulmonum vesiculis," presented to the University of Heidelberg for his degree in 1845.

PROPOSED HIGHER MEDICAL DEGREE IN FRANCE.—The French Minister of Public Instruction has, it is stated, submitted to the Council of the Faculties of the Universities of France a proposal for the establishment of a medical degree superior to the ordinary M.D., carrying with it the style and title of "Docteur ès Sciences Médicales" (Doctor of Medical Science). The utility of the proposed new degree is not apparent, but the mere fact that such a proposal has been seriously made in a country like France, where the titles question has no real existence, will serve to show what may be expected on this side of the Channel when we are all full-blown Doctors of Medicine.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Dr. Franz Romeo Seligmann, Emeritus Professor of the History of Medicine in the University of Vienna, and a distinguished Orientalist, aged 85; Dr. C. E. Pillat, Honorary Professor in the Medical Faculty of Lille; Dr. W. J. Poráí-Koschiz, *Privat-Docent* of Dermatology and Syphilitography in the University of Charkoff; and Dr. Anders Anderson, some time Professor of Obstetrics and Gynæcology in the Medical Faculty of Stockholm.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.—Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is now at work dictating reminiscences of his long and well-filled life. He has not, it is stated, yet made up his mind whether they shall be published during his lifetime, or kept till he is beyond the reach of reviewers—and interviewers. In the latter case we hope the delay in the appearance of the book may more than fulfil the Horatian precept, *Nonum prematur in annum*.—Messrs. Oliver and Boyd have in the press the first volume of a large work by Dr. J. W. Ballantyne, of Edinburgh, entitled, *Diseases and Deformities of the Fœtus*, which is described as an attempt towards a system of antenatal pathology.—It is announced that the Rev. H. R. Haweis is writing a memoir of the late Sir Morell Mackenzie, which will be published by Messrs. W. H. Allen and Co. early in 1893.—A medical journal, entitled *Excerpta Medica*, has just made its appearance at Basle. The new periodical, which is on the lines of our own EPITOME, will be published monthly by Carl Sallmann.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

BETHLEM HOSPITAL, S.E.—Two Resident Clinical Assistants. Apartments, rations, and attendance provided. Applications, endorsed "Clinical Assistantship," to the Treasurer by October 3rd.

BRIGHTON THROAT, AND EAR HOSPITAL, 23, Queen's Road, Brighton. Non-resident House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum. Applications to the Secretary by October 12th.

CHARING CROSS MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Lecturer on Organic Chemistry. Remuneration a guaranteed minimum of £100 per annum. Applications to Stanley Boyd, Dean, 62 to 65, Chandos Street, Strand, by October 18th.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Pathologist. Salary, 100 guineas per annum. Applications to the Secretary, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C., by October 19th.

CLAYTON HOSPITAL AND WAKEFIELD DISPENSARY, Wakefield.—Junior House-Surgeon; unmarried. Honorarium, £40 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by October 4th.

- COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT.—Medical Officer of Health for the District of the Borough, and to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, and Surgeon to the Police. Salary, £400 per annum. Applications, endorsed "Application for Appointment of Medical Officer of Health," to Walter Hyde, Town Clerk, 2, Lord Street, Stockport, by October 15th.
- COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL, 10, Hay Lane, Coventry. Assistant to the House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Honorarium, £15, with board, residence, washing, and attendance. Applications marked "Applications for Assistant House-Surgeon" to Arthur Seymour, Secretary, by October 11th.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—House-Physician. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to be sent to Mr. Howard J. Collins, House-Governor, by October 7th.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Pathologist (non-resident). Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to be sent to Mr. Howard J. Collins, House-Governor, by October 1st.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Surgical Casualty Officer (non-resident). Salary, £70 per annum. Applications to Mr. Howard J. Collins, House-Governor, by October 1st.
- HOLBORN UNION.—Resident Medical Officer for the Workhouse, Shepherdess Walk, City Road, N. Salary, £200 per annum, with furnished apartments, gas, coals, and washing. Applications, endorsed "Application for Resident Medical Officer," to James W. Hill, Clerk to the Guardians, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., by October 4th.
- HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—House-Physician. Applications to the Secretary by October 13th.
- HUDSFORD INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician. Applications to Mr. F. Eastwood, Honorary Secretary, by November 1st.
- KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon; unmarried. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Secretary by October 8th.
- KENT COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Barming Heath, near Maidstone.—Third Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried. Salary, £175 per annum, rising £5 yearly to £200, with furnished quarters, attendance, coal, gas, washing, garden produce, and milk. Applications to Francis R. Howlett, Clerk to the Visiting Committee, 9, King Street, Maidstone, by October 11th.
- KIMBERLEY HOSPITAL, Kimberley, South Africa.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £750, with quarters. Applications to H. A. de Beer, Secretary Kimberley Hospital Board, by October 10th.
- NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, 144, Euston Road, N.W.—Female Clinical Assistant for In-patient Department, fully qualified. Appointment for six months. Applications to M. M. Bagster, Secretary, by October 3rd.
- ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL, Bath.—House-Surgeon; must be M.R.C.S. Eng. Appointment for one year. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Walter Stockwell, Secretary-Superintendent, by October 13th.
- TAUNTON UNION.—Medical Officer of the Workhouse. Salary, £60 per annum, and 10s. extra for midwifery cases. Applications to W. F. B. Dawe, Clerk, by October 7th.
- UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.—Six Examiners for Graduation in Medicine. Grant of £30 per annum each. Applications to Robert Walker, Secretary of the University Court, by October 1st.
- MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.**
- BLUETT, John, M.R.C.S., L.M., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Chesterfield.
- BOSTOCK, John, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer for the Wymeswold District of the Loughborough Union, vice John Woodruffe Brown, M.R.C.S. Eng., deceased.
- BRATTON, James Allen, M.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer of the Ewell District of the Epsom Union, vice George R. Barnes, M.D., deceased.
- BROWNE, Dr., appointed Second Assistant Surgeon to the Derby Friendly Societies' Medical Association, vice Frederick W. Stanfield, M.B. Vict., resigned.
- BURNS, Robert John, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed, *pro tem.*, Surgeon to the Sunderland Police, vice J. C. Wood, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.
- BYASS, Edgar Spy, M.B., C.M., L.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Medical Officer for the No. 2 District of the Cuckfield Union.
- COWAN, Richard Hamilton, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, vice Robert F. Woodcock, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., deceased.
- DALISON, Bernard E., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Puddletown District of the Dorchester Union.
- DREW, Clifford Luxmore, M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Coroner for West Middlesex, vice T. Bramah Diplock, M.D., deceased.
- HOLMAN, H. C., M.R.C.S. reappointed Medical Officer for the No. 2 Sanitary Districts of the Hailsham Union.
- HOSKINS, E., M.R.C.S., reappointed Medical Officer for the Little Eaton Sanitary District of the Shardlow Union.
- HYATT, James Taylor, L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S., appointed District Medical Officer of the Shepton Mallet Union.
- INNES, John Caithness, L.R.C.S., L.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Cromford District of the Bakewell Union.
- JACKSON, Arthur M., M.D. Oxon., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent County Asylum, near Maidstone.
- JACKSON, Robert, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Deputy Medical Officer of the Sutton District of the Prescott Union.
- KNOX, John, M.D. Aberd., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Hartington Middle Quarter District of the Bakewell Union.
- MOON, D. S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Honorary Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Dundee.
- MOORE, Samuel Johnstone, M.D. Glas., appointed Consulting Medical Officer to the Caledonian Railway Company, vice Sir George H. B. Macleod, deceased.
- PRITCHARD, Ernest James, M.B., C.M. Glasg., reappointed Medical Officer for the Stoke Golding District of the Hinckley Union.
- PURVIS, George Carrington, M.D., B.Sc. (Pub. Health) Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health (temporary) to the Port of Leith.
- READMAN, Thomas, L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., and L.F.P. & S.G. and L.M.E., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Aldbrough District of the Skirraugh Union.
- SHORTRIDGE, Thomas Wood, M.D. Brux., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Honiton Town Council.
- SMITH, Robert Bradshaw, L.R.C.P. Edin., L.R.C.S. Irel., reappointed Medical Officer for the Wolverley District of the Hinckley Union.
- STOCKWELL, Frederick, M.D. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed District Medical Officer the Shepton Mallet Union.
- STONE, Ralph, appointed Surgeon to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Service.
- STROVER, Herbert Charles, L.S.A., L.A. H. Dub., appointed Medical Officer of the Sandy District of the Biggleswade Union.
- THOMPSON, Dr. S., appointed Medical Officer for the Buckland District of the Bideford Union.
- WELSH, Robert C., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer of the Tempsford District of the Biggleswade Union.
- WILLIAMS, Frederick Mann, L.R.C.P., L.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., D.P.H. Camb., appointed Medical Superintendent of Quarantine at Port of Plymouth, vice Francis Fox, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.
- WILLIAMSON, Archibald S., M.A., M.B., C.M. Aberd., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Sandal Local Board, vice J. W. Walker, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.
- WILMOTT, C. C. Eardley, M.B. Durh., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer of Health to the Middlesex County Asylum, near Tooting, S.W.
- DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.**
- WEDNESDAY.**
- OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown by Dr. Galabin, Dr. McAdam Eccles, Dr. Horrocks, Dr. Rutherford, Dr. Amand Routh, and Dr. Cullingworth. Dr. Cullingworth: The Value of Abdominal Section in certain cases of Pelvic Peritonitis.
- FRIDAY.**
- WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, Board Room, West London Hospital, 8.30 P.M.—Opening address by the President, Mr. Swinford Edwards: Urinary Surgery of the Present Day contrasted with that of Twelve Years Ago.
- 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 orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure insertion in the current issue.*
- BIRTHS.**
- PRATT.—September 27th, at Weedon, Northamptonshire, the wife of W. Sutton Pratt, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., of a daughter.
- SCOTT.—September 21st, at Heathfield, Bromley, Kent, the wife of John Scott, B.A., M.B., M.R.C.S., of a son.
- MARRIAGES.**
- CARPENTER—FROOM.—September 24th, at St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace, by the Rev. Canon Duckworth. Percy Tranter Carpenter, M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., younger son of the late Alfred B. Carpenter, solicitor, to Amelia, younger daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Froom.
- CHAMBERS—DOWLING.—On July 19th, at St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, by the Rev. John Deacon T. Stewart Chambers, F.R.C.S. Edin., etc., of Hanover, Cape Colony, to Harrington Fanny (Pearl), third daughter of William Dowling, Esq., late of Over Wallop, Hants.
- LAWRY—BATTLEY.—On July 21st, at the Wesleyan Church, Mt. Albert, Auckland, N.Z., by the Revs. H. H. and A. C. Lawry, father and brother of the bridegroom, Thomas Spencer Lawry, M.B., C.M. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., to Florence Mabel, second daughter of Frederick Battley, Esq., General Manager of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.
- DEATHS.**
- ANDREWS.—On September 21st, Henry Charles Andrews, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., L.M., late of 11, Addison Terrace, Notting Hill, London, aged 65. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
- COMPTON.—On September 28th, at Pelham House, Poole, Francis Charles Compton, M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P., aged 38.
- GARNEYS.—On September 20th, at Waveney House, Bungay, Thomas Garneys, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., in his 65th year.
- HESLOP.—On September 21st, at 92, Windsor Road, Southport, Robert Heslop, L.R.C.S.E. and L.S.A., Consulting Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, aged 65.
- LONGSTAFF.—On September 23rd, at his residence, Butterknowle, Wands-worth, George Dixon Longstaff, M.D., in his 94th year.
- RICHARDS.—On September 25th, the result of an accident. Robert Crout Richards, M.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.I., L.M., of Orchard House, Shotley Bridge, aged 40, son of Alfred Richards, Portreath, Cornwall.

## 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. W. 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.
- LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.** *Hours of Attendance.*—Medical, M. Tu. F., 2; Surgical, M. Th., 2. *Operation Days.*—M. Th., 4.30.
- 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., 1.30, S., 2; (Obstetrical), Th., 2.
- NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC.** *Hours of Attendance.*—M. Tu. W. 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; 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 the Rectum, males, W., 8.45; females, Th., 8.45. *Operation Day.*—Tu., 2.
- 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, exc. W. and S., 2; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu., 2; o.p., daily, exc. 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., 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; 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.

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*.

QS 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.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER writes: Having occasion to buy a new microscope, I should be glad of advice as to maker and instrument.

S. H. would be glad to know of a comfortable home or institution for a patient (male) suffering from locomotor ataxy, who cannot afford to pay high terms.

AMBULANCE would like to know where cheap wooden splints can be purchased fit for lecture purposes, without paying the fancy prices asked by the ordinary dealers.

MR. F. J. JOYNES (Dursley, Gloucester) asks how many beds should an infectious disease hospital contain in a rural district with twelve to thirteen thousand inhabitants? The present available number for treatment of such cases, and those occurring amongst paupers, is eight only.

### SNORING.

THE WIFE OF A MEMBER would like to know if there is an effectual cure for snoring?

### M.D.BRUX.

L.R.C.P.E. writes: Would anyone who has taken this degree give information as to subjects of examination, textbooks, fees, time to be there, and state the nature of the examination?

### SCHOOL FOR BACKWARD EPILEPTIC BOY.

DR. EDWARD MORAN (Dublin) writes: Could any of your correspondents inform me where a youth of backward education, aged 14, would receive a comfortable home, with instruction suited to his capacity, in conjunction with from four to twelve other youths under present educational supervision? He suffers from occasional slight attacks of epilepsy. Please state what the annual expense would be.

### “THE TRUTH ABOUT VACCINATION.”

MR. RICHARD T. CESAR (Wellington) writes: To ask where he can obtain a copy of *The Truth about Vaccination*, by Mr. Ernest Hart, published by Smith, Elder, and Co.

\*\* The little volume has been out of print some time, and it is not, we find, to be purchased anywhere. Will anyone lend a copy? It will be taken every care of and safely returned. The author has himself no copy left.

### THE DENTAL CURRICULUM.

DENTIST writes: I am a young medical man, and I want to take up dentistry. How long will it take me to become a dentist, and what examinations shall I have to pass?

\*\* In two years a medical man can present himself for examination for the L.D.S. He will be examined only by the dental section of the Examination Board. During the two years it will be necessary for him to learn both the operating and mechanical portions of the profession, so that simultaneously he must be attending a dental hospital, or a dental department of a general hospital recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons, and learning the mechanical work in the laboratory of a dental surgeon. He will have to send in a schedule certifying that he has done two years' mechanical dentistry and two years' operative dental surgery, courses of lectures on dental anatomy, dental surgery, dental mechanics, and metallurgy. Only one examination is necessary.

### ANSWERS.

“PROTECTION OF A PRACTICE.”—The question is one for a private solicitor.