

Alleged Cholera at Hull.—Mr. MACDONA asked the President of the Local Government Board whether he was aware that on August 24th a boy named James Henry Fortman, aged 11 years, died of Asiatic cholera at Havelock Terrace, Danson Lane, Hull, in the midst of a densely populated part of the town; and whether he could inform the House how the disease was imported, or where it originated.—Sir W. FOSTER said that, as additional circumstances had come to light, the Government had sent down inspectors to Hull to inquire into the case.

The Army Medical Service.—Mr. A. C. MORTON asked the Secretary of State for War whether the War Office, in allotting bearer company and field hospital equipment to various garrisons for training the medical service for the army, would include Netley in the distribution, so that the medical officers for the Indian army could benefit by instruction there.—Mr. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN, in reply, said: The officers of the Imperial Medical Service receive their special training in ambulance and hospital field duties at Aldershot. The question as to the sufficiency of the training of Indian medical officers is one for the Government of India.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

FEES UNDER THE NOTIFICATION ACT.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that he notified a case of infectious disease in August, 1892, and rendered an account for payment of the fee of half a crown in respect of the same in January, 1893. The local authority declines to pay the fee, on the ground that the account should have been rendered at Michaelmas, 1892, the fees for certificates under the Notification Act being dealt with each quarter, and the claim advanced in January being therefore "out of date." Our correspondent appears anxious to press the authority for payment, and asks for advice in the matter.

** Surely the common sense view of the case is that our correspondent should take care in future to send in his claims for payment with due regularity, and so avoid any possibility of their being declared "out of date."

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN thirty-three of the largest English towns, including London, 6,392 births and 4,283 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday, August 26th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 20.9 and 22.8 per 1,000 in the preceding two weeks, declined to 21.6 during the week under notice. The rates in the several towns ranged from 13.4 in Croydon, 15.0 in Plymouth, 15.1 in Birkenhead, 15.9 in Portsmouth, and 16.6 in Gateshead to 26.4 in Bradford, 26.6 in Wolverhampton, 27.0 in Hull, 27.9 in Sunderland, 28.0 in Sheffield, and 33.2 in Blackburn. In the thirty-two provincial towns the mean death-rate was 22.2 per 1,000, and was 1.4 above the rate recorded in London, which was 20.8 per 1,000. The 4,283 deaths registered during the week under notice in the thirty-three towns included 1,026 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, against 974 and 1,066 in the preceding two weeks; of these, 707 resulted from diarrhoea, 74 from whooping-cough, 66 from diphtheria, 62 from measles, 55 from scarlet fever, 55 from other forms of "fever" (principally enteric), and 7 from small-pox. These 1,026 deaths were equal to an annual rate of 5.2 per 1,000; in London the zymotic death-rate was equal to 4.4 per 1,000, while it averaged 5.8 in the thirty-two provincial towns, among which these diseases caused the lowest death-rates in Birkenhead, Bristol, Swansea, Croydon, and Portsmouth, and the highest in Salford, Burnley, Blackburn, Sunderland, and Hull. Measles caused the highest proportional fatality in Sheffield; "fever" in Preston; and diarrhoea in Norwich, Sheffield, Preston, Burnley, Bradford, Leeds, Salford, Blackburn, Sunderland, and Hull. In none of the thirty-three towns did the rate from scarlet fever or from whooping-cough reach 1.0 per 1,000. The 66 deaths from diphtheria included 56 in London, 2 in Brighton, 2 in Leicester, and 2 in Manchester. Three deaths from small-pox were registered in London, and one each in West Ham, Leicester, Oldham, and Blackburn, but not one in any other of the thirty-three towns; 181 small-pox patients were under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and in the Highgate Small-pox Hospital on Saturday last, against 246, 221, and 209 at the end of the preceding three weeks. Nineteen new cases were admitted during the week, against 26 in each of the preceding two weeks. The number of scarlet fever patients in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital was 2,894 at the end of the week, against 2,944, 2,875, and 2,891 on the preceding three Saturdays; 341 new cases were admitted during the week, against 318 and 365 in the preceding two weeks. The 162 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs in London were 10 below the average, and were equal to an annual rate of 2.0 per 1,000.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, August 26th, 851 births and 571 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality, which had been 19.7 and 18.5 per 1,000 in the preceding two weeks, rose again to 20.3 during the week under notice, and was 1.3 per 1,000 below the mean rate during the same period in the thirty-three large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the lowest death-rates were 15.7 in Aberdeen and 18.2 in Greenock, and the highest rates 24.0 in Perth and 27.4 in Dundee. The 571 deaths in these towns included 158 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, equal to an annual rate of 5.6 per 1,000, which was 0.4 above the mean zymotic death-rate during the same period in the large English towns. The highest zymotic death-rates were recorded in Leith, Greenock, and Dundee. The 265 deaths in Glasgow included 37 from diarrhoea, 19 from whooping-cough, 6 from scarlet fever, 4 from "fever," 2 from diphtheria, and 1 from measles. Twenty-seven fatal

cases of diarrhoea and 8 of whooping-cough were registered in Dundee, and 4 of measles in Greenock. The death-rate from diseases of the respiratory organs in these towns was equal to 2.3 per 1,000 as compared with 2.0 in London.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

IN sixteen of the principal town-districts of Ireland the deaths registered during the week ending Saturday, August 19th, were equal to an annual rate of 23.8 per 1,000. The lowest rates were recorded in Limerick, Newry, and Lisburn, and the highest rates in Londonderry and Wexford. The death-rate from the principal zymotic diseases averaged 5.3 per 1,000. The 179 deaths registered in Dublin were equal to an annual rate of 26.7 per 1,000 (against 28.9 and 26.1 in the preceding two weeks), the rate during the same period being 22.5 in London and 15.6 in Edinburgh. The 179 deaths in Dublin included 31 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases (equal to an annual rate of 4.6 per 1,000), of which 12 resulted from diarrhoea, 10 from different forms of "fever," 7 from whooping-cough, and 2 from measles.

INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

INDIA.

RESIDENCY SURGEONS AT NATIVE COURTS.—Some of our Indian contemporaries seem to be exercised in their minds at some recent appointments made in Rajputana. Dr. Hendley, the residency surgeon at Jeypore, has declined "the greatly superior appointment at Mount Abu." The reason for this officer's refusal need be no mystery. Superior in a technical sense the Abu appointment may be, but in point of emolument the one at the native court is probably worth more than double the "superior" appointment at Abu. The grievance seems to be that Dr. Hendley was not "seconded" when he declined to leave his position at Jeypore, where, as at all native courts, the field for lucrative private practice is much greater than at nine out of ten civil stations. In bygone days the practice of "seconding" medical officers did not obtain; residency surgeons at native courts were required to vacate their appointments only on promotion to a higher grade in the service. A more unusual departure from the old system is also noted and unfavourably commented on. The residency surgeon at Jodhpore has been allowed to accept the Abu appointment, retaining the personal allowance of Rs. 500 per mensem from the Maharajah of Jodhpore. The effect of this will be that his successor as residency surgeon at the Jodhpore Court will have his emolument curtailed by the above-named sum. No reason is officially given for this certainly novel arrangement. It is probable that if the successor of Dr. Adams at Jodhpore proves to be a *persona grata* to the Maharajah, he will not be allowed to suffer this pecuniary loss; but, without some good reason not divulged, this peculiar arrangement seems a little "rough" on the native prince as well as on the successor of Dr. Adams. Medical officers are not the only men who stick to office at native courts as long as possible. It appears that officials from other branches of the service, when so employed, are as reluctant as the doctors to leave their posts.

MEDICAL NEWS.

CHANGES AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—At St. Thomas's Hospital the following changes have occurred during the past year: Dr. Harley and Sir William MacCormac retire from the staff—Dr. Harley by virtue of age, Sir William MacCormac on having served the full term of office of twenty years. As an acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by Sir William to the medical school, he has been offered, and has accepted, an Emeritus Lectureship on Clinical Surgery. Mr. Bernard Pitts has been elected to the Grant Lectureship, vacant by the retirement of Sir William MacCormac. The school has to deplore the premature death of Dr. Hadden; he is succeeded in the Grant Lectureship by Dr. H. P. Hawkins. Dr. H. W. G. Mackenzie has been appointed an assistant physician. A vacancy for a third assistant physician will shortly be filled up. Mr. Lawford succeeds Mr. Nettleship in the lectureship on diseases of the eye. Mr. S. W. G. Toller has been appointed Demonstrator of Practical Medicine, Mr. H. B. Robinson Demonstrator of Morbid Histology, and Mr. E. C. Stubb Demonstrator of Practical Surgery. Two larger wings are being added to the medical school buildings; one will be devoted to laboratories for the use of classes in pathology, elementary biology, and operative surgery; the other will contain a large dining-room on the ground floor, and above it on the first floor a reading and smoking room for the use of members of the amalgamated clubs.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD.—Medical Officer of Health for the Urban Sanitary District. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications, endorsed "Medical Officer," to John Middleton, Town Clerk, by September 4th.

CAMBERWELL HOUSE.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried. Initial salary, £100, with subsequent increase, board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent, 33, Peckham Road, S.E.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST. Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician. Appointment for six months. Board, residence, and allowance for washing provided. Applications to the Secretary at the office, 24, Finsbury Circus, E.C., by September 14th.

DENBIGHSHIRE INFIRMARY. Denbigh.—House-Surgeon; must be conversant with the Welsh language. Salary to commence £28 per annum, with board, residence, and washing. (At the end of year's engagement, if satisfactory, a gratuity of £15 is given.) Applications to W. Vaughan Jones, Secretary.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—House-Physician. Salary, £70 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to Howard J. Collins, House Governor, by September 2nd.

KENT COUNTY ASYLUM. Chartham, near Canterbury.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary, £125 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and attendance. Applications to the Clerk of the Committee of Visitors, Allen Fielding, Solicitor, Canterbury, by September 20th.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE AND URINARY DISEASES. Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.—House-Surgeon; must be M.R.C.S. Appointment for six months. Honorarium, 25 guineas, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by September 11th.

STAFFORD GENERAL INFIRMARY. Stafford.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board and residence provided. Applications to the Secretary by September 9th.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.—Eleven Examiners in Medicine. The Examiners in Medicine and Surgery will receive a grant of £50 each, and the other nine a grant of £40 each. Applications to Robert Walker, Secretary, the University Court, by September 25th.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.—Professor of Comparative Pathology in the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Applications to the trustees of the late Dr. G. Y. Heath, care of Dr. Phillipson, 7, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by September 9th.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL. Hammersmith Road, W.—House-Physician and House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Board and lodging provided. Must be registered under the Medical Act. Applications, with testimonials, must be sent to R. J. Gilbert, Secretary-Superintendent, by September 20th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ALLARDICE, Wm. C., M.B., C.M.Glasg., appointed Senior House Surgeon to Macclesfield General Infirmary, *vice* A. L. Macleod, M.B., C.M.Glasg., resigned.

ANDERSON, Jas. Keith, M.D., L.R.C.P. & Edin., reappointed Parochial Medical Officer for St. Vigeans.

ANDERSON, William H., M.B., C.M.Glasg., appointed Medical Officer for the Third District of the Birkenhead Union.

BATHE, Anthony John, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Surgeon to the Southampton Dispensary.

BENSON, H. P. D. A., appointed Medical Officer for the Skenfrith District of the Monmouth Union.

BETENSON, W. B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Medical Officer for the Bungay District of the Wangford Union.

BIRD, G. W. H., B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed non-Resident House-Physician to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

BOSTOCK, John, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., reappointed Medical Officer for the Wymesford District of the Loughborough Union.

BOWER, H. E., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Budworth District of the Runcorn Union.

BOYD, J. W., M.B., C.M.Glasg., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Macclesfield General Infirmary, *vice* W. C. Allardice, M.B., C.M., resigned.

BROWN, James M., M.B., B.Ch.R.U.I., appointed Medical Attendant to Gilford Mill and Hospital, Surgeon to R. I. Constabulary and Certifying Factory Surgeon, *vice* Dr. S. Swann, deceased.

CADELL, M.A., M.D.Brussels, L.R.C.P. & S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., appointed Medical Officer to the Church of Scotland Mission (Aberdeenshire Branch) at Sialkot, India.

CHANCE, R. F., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Junior Obstetric House-Physician to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

COLEMAN, Matthew Owen, M.D.Aberd., reappointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Surbiton District of the Kingston Union.

DAY, Francis Wm. Hy. Langston, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Hitchin Rural Sanitary Authority of the Hitchin Union.

DEWAR, James Alex., M.D., L.R.C.S. Edin., reappointed Parochial Medical Officer for the East District of St. Vigeans.

FAWELL, W. Herbert, M.D.Bruix., D.P.H. Eng., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ed., L.F.P.S.Glasg., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the Second District of the Wimborne and Lanbourne Union and Surgeon to the Workhouse.

FISHER, J. H., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Senior Obstetric House-Physician to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

FOWLER, F., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth District of the Stroud Union.

GRiffin, Dr., appointed Surgeon to the Southampton Dispensary.

HAINWORTH, E. M., B.Sc.Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

HICKS, T. W., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident House-Physician to the St. Thomas's Hospital. (Extension.)

HOLMES, F. D., B.A., R.U.I., L.R.C.P. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Duffield District of the Belper Union and Medical Officer for the Fourth District of the Shardlow Union.

JAFFE, C. S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the special departments for diseases of the throat of the St. Thomas's Hospital. (Extension.)

JOHNSON, Francis, L.R.C.P. I., M.R.C.S. Eng., reappointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Hedgerley Sanitary District of the Eton Union.

JOHNSON, Frederick, M.B.Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Deaconess's Institution and Hospital, Tottenham, N.

LEACHMAN, Albert W., M.D. St. And., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Petersfield Urban Sanitary District.

MERRY, W. J. C., M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., appointed Clinical Assistant in the special departments for diseases of the Skin of the St. Thomas's Hospital.

MILTON, A. R. O., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

MOORE, H. M., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the special departments for diseases of the Ear of the St. Thomas's Hospital.

NODES, John D. S., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Second District of the East Preston Union.

NORTHCOTE, P., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed non-Resident House-Physician to the St. Thomas's Hospital. (Extension.)

PERSHOUSE, Frederick, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the special departments for diseases of the Skin of the St. Thomas's Hospital. (Extension.)

PLANCK, C. P., M.A.Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

PURVIS, W. P., M.B., B.Sc.Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the special departments for diseases of the Throat of St. Thomas's Hospital.

REDPATH, W., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

ROGERS, Bertram M. H., M.D., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., appointed Physician to the Bristol Hospital for Sick Children and Women.

SMITH, E., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

STEINTHAL, Mr. William M., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Manchester Union.

THOMPSON, G. W., B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident House-Physician to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

THORNE, Leslie C. Thorne, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Infirmary for Children, Liverpool, *vice* C. Parker, resigned.

TURNER, Mr. Richard T., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Manchester Union.

TWEEDIE, Francis King, M.B.R.U.I., B.Ch., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Hucknall-under-Huthwaite Urban Sanitary District of the Mansfield Union, *vice* Frederick Wm. Style, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., resigned.

WALLACE, C. S., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the St. Thomas's Hospital.

WAED, M.A., M.D.Dub., F.R.C.S.I., appointed Medical Officer of Health for Rathmines.

WHITWELL, George Groves, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Atcham District of the Atcham Union.

WILSDEN, Alfred, C.M., M.B.Aberd., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to the Deaconess's Institution and Hospital, Tottenham, N.

WOODCOCK, A. H., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Clinical Assistant in the special departments for diseases of the Ear of the St. Thomas's Hospital. (Extension.)

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.

STAVELEY.—August 9th, at 13, South Eaton Place, S.W., the wife of W. H. C. Staveley, F.R.C.S., of a son.

WHITAKER.—August 25th, at Blunt House, Willoughby Road, Hornsey, N., the wife of George Herbert Whitaker, M.R.C.S., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COOPER—WILKINSON.—On August 24th, at All Hallows, Tottenham, by the Rev. W. Starcy, M.A., Ernest Frederick Cooper, M.R.C.S., of 10, Belsize Road, N.W., to Vernon Wilkinson, recently of the nursing staff of Charing Cross Hospital, only surviving daughter of the late James Wilkinson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

OXLEY—MELLISH.—August 23rd, at St. John's Church, Buckhurst Hill, by the Rector, the Rev. T. W. Peile, Frederick John Oxley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Notting Hill, eldest son of Frederick Oxley, solicitor, 8, Crosby Square, to Madeline, younger daughter of Charles Mellish, of the Ferns, Buckhurst Hill.

RONALDSON—WATERHOUSE.—On August 16th, at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, by the Rev. C. Beanland, Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Robert Miller Ronaldson, M.B. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., youngest son of the late George Ronaldson, Barn Hall, Leixlip, co. Kildare, to Katherine Mabel, fourth daughter of the late Rev. C. J. Waterhouse, M.A., of Her Majesty's Indian Service.