

## INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

## INDIA.

**THE INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.**—The *East Coast News* (Madras Presidency), commenting on Mr. Ernest Hart's address in the Public Medicine Section of the recent meeting of the British Medical Association, deals clearly and efficiently with the subject of reconstruction. The article proceeds to describe the present arrangements as a state of affairs that "would not be suffered to exist in England," and emphasises the point for which Mr. Hart contends—namely, that "The Civil Medical Department must be separated *en bloc* from the Military if any lasting benefit is to be derived." It also urges "the separation of the medical from the sanitary work." The article sums up its views by the following striking language: "All these matters put together show that there is something wrong in the present system of medical aid in India; and we must emphatically endorse the opinion of Mr. Ernest Hart that the whole system of the Indian Medical Service must be remodelled. The wonder is that the system has continued so long."

**PUNJAB LUNATIC ASYLUMS.**—There are two asylums in the province of the Punjab, one at Lahore, containing 236 inmates, and one at Delhi, containing 105. The number of lunatics under confinement bears a very small proportion to the population of the province, which is about 21,000,000. Nor does there seem to be any tendency to increase. Female lunatics constitute less than one-fourth of the inmates. The report for the year 1894, by Surgeon-Colonel D. O'C. Raye, M.D., indicates that about 40 per cent. of the admissions were discharged cured, and that the death-rates of the two asylums were 10.16 and 17.12 per cent. of average strength respectively. Pneumonia, tubercle, and dysentery were the chief causes of death. Figures purporting to show the causes of lunacy indicate that charas, gangs, and bhang (Indian hemp) are credited with about one half of cases in which a cause is assigned, but the sources of information are very doubtful and the value of all such statements in India very questionable. Industrial occupations are the chief instrument of treatment, 183, or more than half of the inmates being employed. The work done materially reduces the cost of maintenance, which amounts to about 85 rupees per head per annum, or, at the present rate of exchange, less than £5 sterling.

**VACCINATION IN ASSAM** is not in a satisfactory plight. The successful operations of 1894-95, as reported by Surgeon-Colonel A. Stephen, M.B., bore a rate of 28 per 1,000 of population, which is much below the birth-rate. The ratio of successful results was only 87 per cent. in primary vaccination and 61 in revaccination. Each vaccinator performed only 789 operations, the lymph supplied by the animal lymph depot was unsatisfactory. Small-pox continues rife in the province and no impression appears to have been as yet made on its prevalence by vaccination. Inoculation is still practised in some places and the results of the year under report compare unfavourably all round with those of recently preceding years. It is well to realise these shortcomings, and it is to be hoped that the administration and the Sanitary Commissioner having done will now set vigorously to work in the direction of more numerous and effective operations.

**DISPENSARIES IN THE HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.**—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel C. C. Little's report for the year 1894 indicates that 8 hospitals and 38 dispensaries were in operation during the year, in which were treated 4,754 indoor and 344,778 outdoor patients. The diseases treated were mostly malarial fevers, digestive disorders, eye and skin diseases, worms, chest complaints, and ulcers. The attendance is increasing, and the number of surgical operations is also growing larger. Some of the hospital assistants in charge of dispensaries are commended for diligence and skill in this direction. A trial is being made in these provinces of a system of levying small fees for advice and medicine from persons who are able to pay for treatment. The plan is said to promise well. Rs. 1,577 were received during the year on this account. The financial condition of these institutions is satisfactory, and it is evident that they are doing good work. A hospital for women and children, under a lady doctor, was opened in connection with the Lady Dufferin Fund in January, 1895.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

[By an accidental error in our issue of September 21st a paragraph giving the result of the inquiry recently made into the affairs of the Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand was placed under the heading of the Cue Hospital, Western Australia.]

**THE CUE HOSPITAL.**—Judging from the reports of public meetings and from letters which have been forwarded to us there is considerable excitement at Cue about the dismissal of Dr. Monteith, the late resident medical officer, and the appointment of Dr. Ramsey in his stead. The information at our disposal, however, is too indefinite to enable us to speak decidedly on the subject. Not only are personal matters involved, but also questions as to the jurisdiction of the resident magistrate, the relation of the medical officer to the central Government, the terms of his appointment, and the scope of the Hospital Act, 1894. On these matters our information is too incomplete for us to form a judgment, although *prima facie* Dr. Monteith appears to have good cause for complaint.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

**THE LEPERS AT LITTLE BAY.**—On December 31st, 1894, there were 40 lepers in the lazaret at Little Bay, near Sydney, including 5 new patients admitted during the year: two of these were Australians, one a German, another an Indian, and the last a native of New Caledonia; 1 of the white lepers died during the year. The total number of patients admitted since 1883 is 55, 6 of whom were females and natives of New South Wales. Their nationality was as follows: Natives of New South Wales, 15, of whom 4 have died; Queensland, 1; China, 29, of whom 10 died; India, 2; West Indies, 1, who was discharged in 1885; Java, 1; England, 1; Fiji, 1; Solomon Islands, 1; New Zealand, 1; New Caledonia, 1; and Germany, 1.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**DR. JAMIESON** of Brodick has been appointed Sheriff Substituted of Banffshire.

**MR. WYNDHAM RANDALL**, Public Vaccinator of the Central District of Bridgend and Cowbridge Union, has been awarded the grant for successful vaccination for the fourth time in succession.

**THE** winter session of Toynbee Hall opened on Saturday, September 28th, with the usual *conversazione*. During the course of this session, Mr. Tait, Assoc.R.C.S., F.C.S., and Mr. Chalmers Mitchell, M.A., F.Z.Sc., will give lectures on chemistry and biology respectively; and popular lectures in science will be given by Professor Michael Foster, Professor Horsley, Mr. Ernest Hart, Professor Gotch, the Master of Downing College, Mr. Preece, Professor Armstrong, and Professor Silvanus Thompson.

**A QUARANTINE BRUTALITY.**—Under this title the *Medical Record* of New York tells an almost incredible story of the fate of an unhappy sufferer from small-pox. He was expelled from Arkansas and refused admittance into Mississippi. "As he could not well remain in or on the Mississippi River until the disease ran its course, he attempted to evade the quarantine and land on the river bank in the latter State, but was shot and killed by one of the quarantine officers." Even a British antivaccinator might prefer compulsory vaccination to the alternative of death by drowning or shooting.

**SIR HENRY ROSCOE**, in addressing the students at the presentation of the prizes at the Morley Memorial College, Waterloo Road, on October 1st, referred to the death of M. Pasteur, and said all the world of science mourned the loss of that great man. Pasteur was a great man because he did great things, because he lived for others, because he spent his time in seeking to improve the condition of mankind. All scientific men and all who were interested in the progress of humanity grieved at his loss.

**THE ARTIFICIAL LARYNX AT THE ANTIPODES.**—A case is reported from Melbourne in which an artificial larynx, devised by Professor Anderson Stuart, of the University of Sydney, has been applied successfully. In 1874 Professor Billroth applied an instrument invented by Dr. Gussenbauer to a patient whose larynx had been extirpated with considerable success, and since then various modifications have been repeatedly made use of. Of these Treves (*Operative Surgery*) mentions Irvine's modification of Gussenbauer's instrument as being most generally satisfactory, but doubtless adaptation to the individual case will usually be necessary; and we congratulate Professor Stuart on his success.

**ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS.**—At University College, London, the Medical Entrance Exhibitions have been awarded as follows: To Mr. Thomas C. Savage an exhibition of 131 guineas, to Mr. H. W. Reynolds and to Mr. William Reith Scroggie an exhibition to each of 55 guineas.—At Guy's Hospital the Entrance Scholarship in Arts, of the value of £100, was awarded to Mr. G. Lewin, and the second Scholarship, of the value of £50, to Mr. C. G. Gibson. Honorary certificates were awarded to Mr. M. Feldman, Mr. F. S. S. George, Mr. H. F. Hatfield, and Mr. H. D. Kempthorne. The Entrance Scholarship in Science, of the value of £150, was gained by Mr. P. W. L. Camps, and the second, of the value of £60, by Mr. S. Hodgson. Certificates were awarded to Mr. C. A. Miller and Mr. D. Forsyth. The Entrance Scholarship in Arts for dental students, of the value of £30, was awarded to Mr. H. A. G. Butler.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

**BUCKLOW DISTRICT COUNCIL.**—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £150 per annum, inclusive of travelling expenses and postages. Applications, with three recent testimonials, endorsed "Medical Officer of Health," to George Leigh, Clerk to the Rural District Council, Council Office, Bexton Road, Knutsford, by October 9th.

**CARNARVON JOINT SANITARY DISTRICT.**—Medical Officer of Health, must be between 25 and 40 years of age, doubly qualified. Must

devote his whole time to the duties, and have a knowledge of the Welsh language. Appointment for five years. Salary, £894 per annum, inclusive of all expenses, except those incurred for such books, stationery, and apparatus required in the performance of the duties. Applications, endorsed "Application for Office of M. O. Health," to J. H. Thomas, Clerk, to the Joint Committee, 14, Market Street, Carnarvon, by October 16th.

**CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY, Chesterfield.**—Junior House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, apartments, and laundress. Applications to the Secretary by October 17th.

**EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN, Glamis Road, Shadwell, E.**—Assistant Physician to see out-patients. Must be Fellow or Member of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Applications to Thomas Hayes, Secretary, by October 26th.

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.**—Consulting Medical Officer. Appointment for one year. Honorarium, 100 guineas and travelling expenses. Applications to F. Ferrifield, Clerk to the County Council, County Hall, Lewes, by October 14th.

**ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon, doubly qualified. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging in the hospital. Applications to the Committee by October 18th.

**GLASGOW MATERNITY HOSPITAL.**—Obstetric Physician and Assistant Obstetric Physician. Applications to Arthur Forbes, Secretary, 146, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, by November 8th.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton.**—Resident House-Physicians. Applications and testimonials to W. Theobald, Secretary, by October 10th.

**LONDON HOSPITAL, Whitechapel, E.**—Medical Electrician, must be qualified and registered under the Medical Act. Applications to G. Q. Roberts, House-Governor, by October 19th.

**MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—Resident Medical Officer for the Institution at Bowdon, Cheshire. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications to C. W. Hunt, Secretary, by October 14th.

**METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E.**—Assistant Surgeon. Must be Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Applications and testimonials to Charles H. Byers, Secretary, by October 7th.

**MILLER HOSPITAL AND ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, Greenwich Road, S.E.**—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £30 per annum, with board, attendance, and washing. Post tenable for six months, with prospect of re-election as Senior. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications to the Honorary Secretary or Secretary by October 11th.

**PARISH OF DURNESS, Sutherlandshire.**—Medical Officer. Guaranteed salary, £150 per annum, with practice, free house, and garden. Applications to Robert Sutherland, Inspector of Poor, Durness, by October 19th.

**PARISH OF ST. LEONARD SHOREDITCH.**—Male Second Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary, Hoxton Street, N.—Salary, £60 per annum, with rations, furnished apartments, and washing in the infirmary. Must devote his whole time to the duties of the office. Applications to the Medical Officer, 204, Hoxton Street, London, N.

**PARISH OF ST. MARY, Islington.**—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse and Infirmary. Salary, £80 per annum, with rations, apartments, and washing, or an allowance in lieu of same. Applications to Edwin Davey, Clerk, by October 8th.

**ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Dyke Road, Brighton.**—House-Surgeon; doubly qualified. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing; no stimulants. Applications to the Chairman of the Medical Committee by October 6th.

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.**—Resident Medical Officer (House-Physician); doubly qualified. Appointment for six months but eligible for re-election. Board, residence, and washing provided. No salary. Applications to the Secretary by October 19th.

**ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road, E.C.**—Resident Medical Officer. Appointment for six months, when re-election is required. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum, with furnished apartments and board. Applications to the Secretary by October 15th.

**SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.**—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, 60 guineas per annum, with board (exclusive of wine and beer) and lodging. House-Physician, unmarried. Appointment for one year. Board (exclusive of wine and beer), lodging, and an honorarium of 25 guineas. Applications to Dr. Sinclair White, Secretary to the Honorary Medical Staff, by October 10th.

**SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100, with board and residence. Applications and testimonials to J. Walter Wilson, Honorary Secretary, by October 12th.

**SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months, but renewable for a further period of six months. Board and residence and an honorarium of £10. Applications to J. Walter Wilson, Honorary Secretary, by October 19th.

**SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL, Brighton.**—Fourth Resident Medical Officer, doubly qualified, unmarried, and under 30 years of age. Salary not exceeding £30 per annum, with board, washing, and residence in the hospital. Applications to the Secretary by October 23rd.

**SWANSEA HOSPITAL.**—House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and laundress. Appointment for one year. Applications to Jno. W. Morris, Secretary, 9, Castle Street, Swansea, by October 9th.

**WIRRAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead.**—Resident House Surgeon (lady or gentleman). Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging on the premises, and washing. Applications to P. W. Atkin, Honorary Secretary, 25, Lord Street, Liverpool, by October 12th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**AITKEN, Chas. Crawford, M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed Junior House-Surgeon, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

**BARR, John, M.B., C.M. Glasg.,** reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the Rishton Town Council.

**BEALE, P. T. B., F.R.C.S. Eng.,** appointed Demonstrator of Histology and reappointed Lecturer on Elementary Biology in King's College, London.

**BIERNACKI, John, M.B., C.M. Glasg., L.R.C.P. Ed.,** appointed Medical Superintendent of the West Ham Fever Hospital.

**BOULTON, A. E., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Horncastle Rural District Council.

**COLBY, J. G. E., M.A. Oxon, M.B., B.Ch.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Malton Rural Sanitary District and for the Morton Rural Sanitary District.

**COLLINS, A. B., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Yapton District of the Westhampton Union.

**COOK, Mr.,** appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Poorhouse of the Greenock Parish Council.

**FFYFE, W. Kingston, M.B., M.R.C.P.,** appointed Assistant Physician to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park.

**GIDLEY, G. G., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S.,** appointed District Medical Officer to the Tiverton Union.

**GORDON-SMITH, J., L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. Edin.,** appointed Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Gold Coast.

**HOLTON, F. W. P., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Tenth District of the West Ham Union.

**INNES, John C., L.R.C.S. Edin.,** reappointed Medical Officer for the Matlock Bath and Cromford Districts of the Bakewell Union.

**JOHNSTON, Mr. J. W.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse and First District of the Fordingbridge Union, *vice* G. B. R. Paine, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

**KENDALL, Bernard C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Wendron District of the Helston Union, *vice* C. F. Seville, M.B. Lond., resigned.

**LAIRD, Dr. F.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Raventhorpe District of the Dewsbury Union.

**LAWSON, T. C., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Stogursey District of the Williton Union.

**LEIGH, D. Albert,** appointed Medical Officer for the Malpas District of the Whitechurch Union, Salop.

**MACDONALD, James, M.A. Edin., M.B.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Carlisle Rural District Council.

**MCCAUGHT, James, M.D.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Kewtinstall Town Council.

**MONK, H. G. H., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. Eng.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst to the Leicester Town Council, *vice* J. Priestley, B.A. Lond., M.D. Edin., resigned.

**RICHARDS, Mr. W. H.,** appointed District Medical Officer to the Cardiff Union, *vice* Mr. J. Llewellyn, resigned.

**ROBERTSON, J. A., M.D. Glasg.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health for Peterborough, *vice* W. E. Paley, M.B. Durh., F.R.C.S. Eng., deceased.

**ROMER, Mr. Frank,** appointed Medical Officer for the No. 3 District of the Malmesbury Union, *vice* A. E. Clarke, L.R.C.P.I., M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

**THOMAS, Dr. J. T.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer at Lowestoft.

**TYLECOTE, T. H. L.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Lancaster Infirmary.

**WALKER, Dr. A.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Weetslade Urban District Council.

**WESTON, Dr. G. H.,** appointed Medical Officer for the No. 3 District of the South Stoneham Union.

### DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

#### MONDAY.

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, 1 P.M.**—Mr. W. Lang: Clinical Examination of the Eye. **London Throat Hospital, Great Portland Street, 8 P.M.** Mr. W. R. H. Stewart: Examination of the Ear.

#### TUESDAY.

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bethlem Royal Hospital, 2 P.M.**—Dr. Percy Smith: Acute Mania.

#### WEDNESDAY.

**LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, 8 P.M.**—Mr. A. Quarry Silcock: Choroidal Affections, with Illustrative Cases.

**NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C., 3 P.M.**—Lecture by Dr. Beevor.

**HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, 8.30 P.M.**—Address by the President, Mr. Charters J. Symonds. Mr. F. Rowland Humphreys: The Infectious Nature of Rheumatism.

- LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5 P.M.—Cases will be shown Dr. Leonard Roper and Mr. Charters Symonds. Pathological specimens by Dr. Felix Semon and Dr. Scanes Spicer.
- WEST-LONDON HOSPITAL**, Hammersmith, W., 5 P.M.—Mr. S. Paget: Surgical cases (Post-Graduate Course).
- SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY**, Workhouse Infirmary, St. John's Hill, New Wandsworth, 8 P.M. Dr. J. B. Neal will show several cases of interest from the infirmary.

**THURSDAY.**

- LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE**, Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, 2 P.M.—Dr. Gowers: Clinical Lecture. Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, 3.30 P.M. The Medical Registrar: Pathological Demonstration. Central London Sick Asylum, Cleveland Street, 5.30 P.M. Mr. John Hopkins: Cases in the Wards.
- BRITISH GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY**, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 P.M.—Specimens by Dr. Collins, of Cardiff. Dr. R. H. Hodgson: A Multilocular Ovarian Tumour undergoing Fatty Degeneration. Mr. Bowreman Jessett: A New Method of performing Abdominal Hysterectomy with five successful cases.

**FRIDAY.**

- LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE**, Bacteriological Laboratory, King's College, 3 to 5 P.M.—Professor Crookshank: Lecture: the Microscope and Methods of Cultivation. Practical Work; Examination of Cultivations.
- CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 P.M.—Introductory address by the President. Papers.—Mr. Arbuthnot Lane: Three cases of Excision of the Temporomaxillary Articulation in Children. Sir Dyce Duckworth: A case of Sudden Death due to Cardiac Syphiloma. Mr. Barker: Traumatic Derangement of the Knee-Joint due apparently to Fracture of the Spine of the Tibia; Exploratory Arthrotomy. Dr. Radcliffe Crocker: Impetigo Contagiosa Gyrata.

**SATURDAY.**

- LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE**, Bethlem Royal Hospital, 11 A.M.—Dr. Hyslop: Hysterical and Delirious Mania.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.**

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 8s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post office order or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

**BIRTHS.**

- MICHAEL**.—On October 1st, at 18, Harold Terrace, Dover, the wife of Surgeon-Major H. J. Michael, A.M.S., of a daughter.
- SMELT**.—September 29th, at 371, Holloway Road, N., the wife of C. A. Casterton Smelt, M.B., C.M., of a son.
- WHITAKER**.—September 28th, at Cove House, Sandycove, co. Dublin, the wife of J. Minchin Whitaker, L.R.C.S. & P.Ed., of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

- BALLANCE—MAUNSELL**.—On September 28th, at All Saints Church, Raheny, co. Dublin, by the Rev. Alexander Thomas, M.A., Rector of Nenagh, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. F. Carlisle Hayes, M.A., Rector of Raheny, and the Rev. W. Smale, M.A., Vicar of St. Philip's, Kensington, Herbert Stanley Ballance, M.D., B.S.Lond., of Weston-super-Mare, third son of the late Charles Ballance, of Clapton, Middlesex, and of Mrs. Ballance, of 58, Fellows Road, London, N.W., to Kathleen Isabella, daughter of John Maunsell, Esq., J.P., of Raheny, co. Dublin.
- FIELD—HOWARD**.—On September 25th, at St. John's the Divine, Kennington Park, by the Rev. S. R. Lavies, Frederick Arthur Field, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., of Friern Lodge, Lordship Lane, S.E., to Emma, daughter of the late Edward Howard, of York, and granddaughter of the late Captain Clark, of Whitby.
- FINDLAY—PALSER**.—At Bombay, on September 30th, Harry Findlay, M.B., etc., Rangoon, to Mary Lilla, daughter of the late J. B. Palsler, Fort Edward, U.S.A.
- GIBSON—LUPTON**.—On September 28th, at Gosforth Parish Church, by the Rev. W. Maddison, M.A., Charles Gibson, M.D., Harrogate, to Ann Frances, younger daughter of Banister Lupton, of Beechcroft, Gosforth, Northumberland.
- WEBB—CLARK**.—On September 25th, at the Parish Church, Cheadle, Cheshire, by the Rev. F. A. Macdonald, M.A., Rector, assisted by the Rev. S. Gauden, of Coal Island, co. Tyrone, Frank Webb, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Newcastle, Staffordshire, son of James Webb, Brooklands, Cheadle, to Annie Louisa, second daughter of the late Leslie Clark and Mrs. Clark, Park House, Cheadle, Cheshire.
- WILKS—KITTO**.—On October 3rd, at St. George's, Bloomsbury, by the Rev. J. W. Goodall, M.A., Vicar of Tickhill, Rotherham, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. F. R. Bevan, M.A., Curate of the Parish, Joseph Henry Wilks, M.A., M.B., B.C., eldest son of Edward John Wilks, of Rutland Park, Sheffield, to Amy Kate Margaret, second daughter of the late Richard Luke Middleton Kitto, of Preston Lodge, Prestonpans, and formerly of Fryerstown, Victoria, Australia.
- WORLEY—LEAF**.—On October 2nd, at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, by the Rev. Canon Nunn, M.A. uncle of the bride, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Gull, M.A., and the Rev. G. Wheelhouse, B.A., Philip Worley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Thornhill, Pendleton, son of Philip Worley, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, to Violet Elise, second daughter of the late Alfred Leaf, Esq., Solicitor, Leaf Square, Pendleton.

**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.

**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.

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.

**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.**

**PATERFAMILIAS** asks for information as to the climate of Tunbridge or Tunbridge Wells, with special reference to its suitability in the case of a boy with bronchitic troubles, tendency to take cold, etc.

**H. H.** wishes to know whether patients unable to pay, or only able to pay a very little, are taken in at the Holloway Sanatorium, what are the cheapest terms there, and whether there is a similar institution where non-paying mental cases are taken in.

\***Dr. S. R. Philipps**, of the Holloway Sanatorium, informs us that the committee do, under exceptional circumstances, take in patients gratuitously, there being at present sixteen such on the books. The ordinary rate is 28s. per week, which is reduced in deserving cases to 25s. per week. Bethlem Hospital receives a large number of free cases. It is endowed, whereas the Holloway Sanatorium is without endowment, and has to be self-supporting.

**SURGEON-MAJOR** writes: I should be glad if any of your readers can suggest an apparatus for keeping in position the partially dislocated metacarpal bone of the thumb on the trapezium. The bone slips backwards and forwards in the trapezium with the most annoying freedom, being reduced and displaced again to the extent of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Various kinds of splints, pads, strapping, and plaster-of-paris have been tried without success. Curiously enough this is the second case I have had of the sort lately. In each the original displacement was very slight, produced by no very great force, easily reduced but difficult to retain in position.

**"GOLF ELBOW."**

**ENQUIRER** would be glad to know what is meant by "golf elbow," and what is the treatment most approved of?

**WARTS ON THE HEAD.**

**G. M. writes:** Are warty growths on the head common? I have a case where a crop appeared in a few days. They are of all sizes. What is the treatment other than glacial acetic acid as a local application and sulphate of magnesia internally?

**SHIP'S SURGEON.**

**C. M. B.** asks where he can get complete and reliable information of the duties and emoluments of a ship surgeon, and how to set about obtaining such a post. Some well-known agents informed him that if he would give his services as surgeon to a vessel for the outgoing journey to Australia, and also pay (not be paid) £40, they would provide him with a first-class saloon passage. The duration of the appointment, the vessel, and the company, etc., are immaterial, but a certain amount of salary, however small, is essential.

**MECHANICAL ROAD CARRIAGES.**

**S. E.** desires to obtain information as to mechanical road carriages such as were tried recently between Bordeaux and Paris.

\***We believe** that such carriages cannot, practically, be used in this country until the law has been amended. It is hoped that the Government will pass an amending Bill next session.

**MANUAL OR ORAL INSTRUCTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.**

**SURDUS** asks: What is the consensus of professional opinion on the question of the superiority of the "manual" method over the "oral" or *vice versa*, in the instruction of deaf and dumb children? Is either system better than the other, or would it be best (for a school board, for instance) to adopt a system which shall be a combination of the two?