

## Association Intelligence.

### BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Cambridge, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of August next.

*President*—JOHN A. SYMONDS, M.D., F.R.S.Ed., Clifton.

*President-elect*—GEORGE EDWARD PAGET, M.D., Cambridge.

*All the General Meetings of the Members will be held in the Senate House.*

WEDNESDAY, August 3rd.

12 NOON. Meeting of Committee of Council in the Arts School.

2.30 P.M. Meeting of the General Council in the Arts School.

4 P.M. First General Meeting of Members. The retiring President (Dr. Symonds) will resign his office. The new President (Dr. Paget) will deliver an Address. The Report of the Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

9 P.M. The Members of the Association are invited by the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius College to a *Conversazione* in the College Hall.

THURSDAY, August 4th.

8.30 A.M. The Members of the Association and their friends will breakfast together in the Guild Hall. Tickets Three Shillings each.

10 A.M. Meeting of the Members of the New Council in the Arts School.

11 A.M. Second General Meeting of Members. Papers and Cases will be read.

4 P.M. Third General Meeting of Members. The Address in Medicine will be delivered by EDWARD L. ORMEROD, M.D.

The Report of the Medical Benevolent Fund will be presented.

Cases and Papers will be read.

9 P.M. The Members of the Association are invited by the Master, Professors, and Fellows of Downing College, to a *Conversazione* in the College Hall.

This day (Thursday), by the permission of the Provost and Fellows of King's College, there will be Full Choral Service in the College Chapel at 3 P.M.

FRIDAY, August 5th.

10 A.M. Fourth General Meeting of Members. A Report will be read from the Committee appointed at Bristol to consider the desirability of establishing a Provident Fund. Papers and Cases will be read.

4 P.M. Fifth General Meeting of Members. The Address in Surgery will be delivered by G. M. HUMPHRY, M.D., F.R.S. Papers and Cases will be read.

6.45 P.M. The Members of the Association and their Friends will dine together in the Hall of Gonville and Caius College. Tickets One Guinea each. Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner are requested to send notice to Dr. P. W. LATHAM, Sidney Street, Cambridge.

Members are requested to enter, immediately on arrival, their names and addresses in the Reception Room at the Guild Hall, when cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the proceedings.

A Clerk will be in attendance at the Reception

Room, and will give information respecting lodging-houses.

The principal Hotels are the "Bull", the "Eagle", the "Red Lion", the "University Arms", and the "Hoop".

*Return Tickets* to Cambridge from London and such other stations on the Great Eastern, London and North Western, and Great Northern Railways, as usually issue them, will be granted to members of the Association producing vouchers on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th of August, and will be available up to the 6th inclusive.

Members who wish for vouchers or for information previous to the Meeting, may communicate with Dr. P. W. LATHAM, Sidney Street, Cambridge.

*Notices of Motion.* Dr. STYRAP will move the following alteration in Law xv. To insert, after the words "One Guinea annually", "provided that such sum be paid not later than June 30th; after which date, each Member shall pay, in default, £1:5."

Mr. WATKIN WILLIAMS will move to alter Law xv, by inserting "the 1st of December", instead of "the 25th of December."

*Papers* have been promised by—

SPENCER WELLS, Esq. (London): Some of the Causes of Excessive Mortality after Surgical Operations.

SYDNEY JONES, M.B. (London):

JOHN BRIDGES, Esq. (Cottenham): Diphtheria, and some of the *Post Mortem* Appearances.

A. E. SANSOM, M.B. (London): The Action of Anæsthetics; and the Administration of Chloroform.

T. HERBERT BARKER, M.D. (Bedford): Herniotomy without Opening the Sac; with Cases.

J. V. SOLOMON, Esq. (Birmingham): The Radical Cure of extreme Divergent Strabismus.

EDWARD WOAKES, M.D. (Luton): Neuralgia.

B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D. (London): New Researches on the Pathology of the Blood.

SAMUEL MARTYN, M.D. (Clifton): The Physiological Meaning of Inframammary Pain.

GEORGE PHILIPSON, M.D. (Newcastle-on-Tyne): Intussusception.

GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D. (Glasgow): Tracheotomy in Croup and Diphtheria.

ROBERT CHRISTISON, M.D. (Edinburgh): Medical Education.

C. H. F. ROUTH, M.D. (London): 1. The Use of the Hysterotome in Uterine Disease; 2. The Diagnosis of Early Pregnancy.

ERASMUS WILSON, Esq., F.R.S. (London): The Nature, Varieties, and Treatment of Eczema.

BALMANNO SQUIRE, M.B. (London): Occipital and Constitutional Impetigo of the Scalp.

THOMAS HILLIER, M.D. (London): Diphtheria.

HENRY DICK, M.D. (London): A New Instrument for the Treatment of Spinal Curvature.

FRANCIS E. ANSTIE, M.D. (London): Certain Points in the Treatment of Diabetes.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, July 1st, 1864.

### NORTH WALES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fifteenth annual meeting of the North Wales Branch was held at the Black Lion Hotel, Mold, on Tuesday the 5th inst., under the presidency of W. WILLIAMS, M.D., Mold. There were also present, Drs. J. C. Davies (Holywell); E. T. Hughes (Mold); J. R. Hughes (Denbigh); J. R. Jenkins (Ruthin); O. Roberts (St. Asaph); A. E. Turnour (Denbigh); E. Williams (Wrexham); and Messrs. E. G. Clarke

(Mold); T. T. Griffith (Wrexham); D. K. Jones (Beaumaris); G. T. Jones (Denbigh); T. E. Jones (Wrexham); R. Jones (Flint); Ll. Lodge (St. Asaph); R. Platt (Leeswood); R. C. Roberts (Ruabon); and J. Williams (Holywell.) The following gentlemen were visitors: E. B. Vise, Esq., Holbeach, Lincolnshire and James Nash, Esq., Australia. Letters were received from R. Jones, Esq., Carnarvon; H. Rees, Esq., Llanberis; T. H. Hughes, Esq., Pwllheli; and others, regretting their inability to attend the meeting.

Agreeably to an invitation kindly made by Dr. Hughes of Mold, the members assembled at his house at 12.30 P.M., and partook of a splendid champagne luncheon; after which they met at 1.30 P.M. at the hotel. The retiring President, LL. LODGE, Esq. (St. Asaph), in opening the general annual meeting, addressed a few words, expressing his thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown him, and the support he had received during his year of office. He then introduced the President-elect, W. WILLIAMS, M.D. (Mold.)

*President's Address.* The PRESIDENT delivered an eloquent address, which was much applauded, welcoming at its conclusion the members to Mold.

An unanimous vote of thanks, moved by Mr. GRIFFITH of Wrexham, and seconded by Mr. G. T. JONES of Denbigh, was accorded the President, with a request that he be good enough to publish it in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

*Report of Council.* At the request of Mr. KENT JONES, Honorary Secretary, Dr. WILLIAMS of Wrexham read the Report of Council.

"With the exception of one or two general subjects of professional interest, nothing particular has occurred since the last annual meeting of the North Wales Branch of the British Medical Association.

"During the fifteen years this Branch has been established, some familiar faces have passed away from us, and their places have been recruited by a goodly number of zealous and staunch supporters of the Association. The erroneous statements which, from time to time, find their way into the pages of the contemporary medical press have, hitherto, tended greatly to prevent medical men from joining our excellent institution.

"The intermediate meeting of this Branch, which was held at Holywell on March 22nd last, was well attended, and passed off with much professional interest to the members. An agreeable feature of that meeting consisted in the noble hospitality given to the members by the associates of that town, to whom your Council beg to tender their best thanks, a sentiment which, they feel sure, will be warmly reciprocated by every one connected with this Branch.

"Your Council regret to find that the General Medical Council have not succeeded in gaining the confidence and respect of the large majority of the profession. This is not to be wondered at, considering how much was expected of them, and how little of what may be said to be permanently beneficial has resulted from their six years deliberation.

"The case of the medical officers of the army is one that urgently calls for the sympathy and support of their medical brethren generally; and your Council recommend this meeting to memorialise the Government for a redress of the grievances under which they suffer, arising principally from the setting aside, or mutilating the 17th Clause in the Medical Warrant of 1858, which afforded them many advantages, and raised their social position in the service.

"The Financial Statement made up, as usual, to the end of the year 1863, embraces the following particulars:—

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at the end of the year 1862.	5	3	2
Amount of half-crown subscriptions received between January 1st, and December 31st, 1863, inclusive	...	...	...
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*Disbursements.* £ s. d.  
The Secretary's official expenses, as per account made up to December 31st, 1863 ... 4 18 1  
leaving a balance of £4:5:1, which with ten shillings received since January 1st, 1864, and up to the present time amount to £4:15:1 in the hands of the Treasurer towards defraying the expenses of the current year."

Dr. ROBERTS (St. Asaph) moved, and it was seconded by Mr. EYTON JONES (Wrexham), and carried unanimously—

"That the Report of Council now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes of the Branch."

*Vote of Thanks to the Council of the Branch.* It was moved by Dr. J. R. HUGHES (Denbigh), and cordially passed—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be recorded to the Council of this Branch for the past year, for their unremitting attention and valuable services."

*President-Elect for 1865.* It was moved by Dr. TURNOUR (Denbigh), and carried unanimously—

"That John Robert Hughes, M.D., Denbigh, be the President-elect for 1865."

*Place of Annual Meeting for 1865.* Denbigh and Rhyl were put forward as suitable places for holding the annual meeting next year. After some animated discussion, Rhyl, by a majority of one, was selected.

*Council of the Branch for Next Year.* Dr. WILLIAMS (Wrexham), moved, and it was unanimously agreed to—

"That the following members constitute the Council of the Branch for next year, viz:—A. E. Turnour, M.D. (Denbigh); G. T. Jones, Esq. (Denbigh); St. F. Edwards, Esq. (Denbigh); O. Roberts, M.D. (St. Asaph); J. R. Jenkins, M.D. (Ruthin); and F. Theed, Esq. (Rhyl)."

*Representatives in the General Council.* Upon the proposition of Dr. JENKINS, confirmed by the unanimous voice of the meeting, O. Roberts, M.D., St. Asaph, and E. Williams, M.D., Wrexham, were elected representatives of this Branch in the General Council of the Association.

*Election of Secretary and Treasurer.* Dr. WILLIAMS (Wrexham), moved, and it was unanimously carried—

"That D. Kent Jones, Esq., Beaumaris, be the Secretary and Treasurer for the next year."

*Intermediate Meeting.* The kind invitation of Dr. Roberts of St. Asaph, to hold the intermediate meeting in March next at his house, and to dine with him on the occasion, was very cordially received and accepted.

*New Members.* The following gentlemen were duly proposed and seconded, and elected members of the British Medical Association and of this Branch, viz.: Frederick Luxmore Heaton, A.M., M.B., Wrexham; Robert Platt, Esq., Leeswood, Mold; Robert Griffith, Esq., Abergelle; William Jones, Esq., Ruabon; and James Richards Walker, Esq., Corwen.

*Papers and Cases.* The following communications were made:—

1. Four Cases, illustrative of the efficacy of the Oil of Male-Fern in Tænia. By E. T. Hughes, M.D., Mold.

2. Invagination of the Intestines; with the morbid

preparation, exhibiting the Ileum invaginated into the Cæcum. By O. Roberts, M.D., St. Asaph.

3. Paper on Embolism and Apoplexy. By J. R. Hughes, M.D., Denbigh.

4. Remarks on a Case of Embolism. By T. Eyton Jones, Esq., Wrexham.

5. Case of Renal Abscess. By J. C. Davies, M.D., Holywell.

Want of time prevented the reading of an interesting paper on Vaccination by Dr. Hughes of Mold.

*Dinner.* All the members with their guests, namely, Rev. Jenkin Davies, vicar of Mold; Peter Parry, Esq., Coroner for Flintshire; E. B. Vise, Esq., Holbeach; and J. Nash, Esq., dined together at 4 P.M. at the hotel, and before separation, accepted the President's invitation to partake of coffee, etc., at his house. A very pleasant and agreeable evening was spent, and all expressed themselves delighted with their reception and entertainment at Mold.

#### WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the West Somerset Branch was held at Clarke's Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday, July 6th. The chair was taken at half-past two by the President, J. HAMILTON KINGLAKE, M.D.; the other members present were: Messrs. H. Alford, H. J. Alford, S. Farrant, W. E. Gillett, W. M. Kelly, and W. Liddon (Taunton); J. Cornwall (Ashcott); R. Marchant and H. P. Olivey (North Curry); H. W. Randolph (Milverton); and W. L. Winterbotham (Bridgewater).

THE HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. Kelly) stated that he had received a number of letters from members who regretted they were unable to attend.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read, the following Report of Council was presented.

*Report of Council.* "1. On this anniversary, the West Somerset Branch of the British Medical Association will have accomplished a stage of existence, and arrived at an epoch which is wont to be regarded with more than ordinary interest in the lives of individuals; your Council, therefore, think the fact should not pass unnoticed that the Branch to-day attains its majority, and has arrived at the mature age of twenty-one years. A fine, promising off-shoot at birth, and manifesting, for the most part, much vigour of constitution, its life has nevertheless been sometimes languishing and in danger. The Branch is now in a healthy condition; but it will not bear comparison as to size and extent with many younger Branches which have sprung up and are flourishing in other parts of the country. From its position, it cannot, in the nature of things, be expected to attain to a large growth. Still, your Council would remark, that much may be done by individual exertion; and members are, therefore, urged to keep in mind their responsibilities to the Branch and to the Parent Association; and if each, in his respective capacity and to the best of his ability, would strive 'to promote medical science, to maintain the honour and interests of the profession', and last, though not least, by attending these periodical meetings, contribute to that sociability and good feeling which should subsist among us, we shall do our best to sustain the body corporate, and to extend its growth in usefulness as well as in size.

"2. Your Council have had no matters brought under their notice during the past year calling for special remark. One new member has been elected, and one will be proposed to-day. The Branch will number thirty-two.

"3. It is with deep sorrow we have to report the death of two members of the Branch: C. P. Collyns, Esq., of Dulverton, who died on April 7th, at the age of 70; and R. A. Smith, Esq., of Taunton, who also died at the same advanced age, on June 1st. Our late worthy and much respected President, Mr. Collyns, will be specially missed on this day, as he should have opened the proceedings of this meeting. As a perfect specimen of the old school of country practitioner, he could now be rarely matched. Those who had the pleasure of listening to his address last year, will remember the instances he related of the earliest experiences in his pupilage, so strangely contrasting with modern professional usages. He was an attentive and careful observer, cultivating and entertaining sound views in the practice of his profession. He will long live in the memory and hearts of those who knew him. Mr. Smith, who was a member of Council, and always attentive to the duties of his office, was universally respected and esteemed.

"4. The Treasurer's Report shows the finances to be in a satisfactory state, and a balance of £3:19:8 in favour of the Branch.

"5. A letter from Mr. Cornish, suggesting the appointment of a court-medical to decide matters of medical etiquette, will be laid before you.

"6. The treatment which army medical men have suffered at the hands of Government, and which has aroused much indignation in the profession, is a subject which may properly receive consideration at this time; and, should it be deemed advisable, ministers might be memorialised, with a view to remedying the evils complained of.

"7. A *conversazione* meeting was held in January last, at which thirteen members were present. Several interesting communications were read, and a pleasant, instructive evening was passed. Your Council recommends that a similar meeting be held in January next; and members are invited to avail themselves of the opportunity these meetings afford for mutual improvement and social intercourse."

*The late Mr. Collyns.* It was proposed by Mr. ALFORD, seconded by Mr. RANDOLPH, and resolved unanimously—

"That this meeting expresses its deep sorrow at the loss it has sustained by the death of its late President, C. P. Collyns, Esq.; and that the Secretary be requested to send a copy of this resolution to the widow of the deceased."

*Army Medical Service.* It was proposed by Mr. MARCHANT, seconded by Mr. OLIVEY, and resolved unanimously—

"That a memorial on the subject of Army Medical Service, similar to that presented by the Metropolitan Counties Branch, be drawn up and signed by the President and members of this Branch, and sent to the Secretary of State for War."

*Court-Medical.* A letter from Mr. Cornish was read; but, as he was prevented from being present at the meeting, no resolution was come to on the subject.

*Quarterly Meetings.* It was proposed by Mr. ALFORD, seconded by Mr. LIDDON, and resolved unanimously—

"That quarterly meetings of the Branch (instead of an annual meeting and a *conversazione* meeting only as heretofore) be held during the ensuing year; the days and places of meeting to be fixed by the Council."

*Balance-Sheet.* The Treasurer's Balance-sheet, duly audited and found correct, was produced and approved of.

*New Member.* John Barrett Collyns, Esq., of Dulverton, was unanimously elected a member of the Branch.

*Next Annual Meeting and President-Elect.* A letter was read from Mr. Norris, of South Petherton, inviting the Branch to hold its next annual meeting at that place; but as there appeared to be difficulties in the way of acceding to this proposal, and Mr. Norris was not present, it was resolved—

“That the arranging for the next annual meeting, and the appointing of a President-elect, be postponed until the next quarterly meeting of the Branch, to be held about Michaelmas.”

*Council of the Branch.* It was resolved—“That Dr. Gillett, Mr. Liddon, and Mr. Randolph be elected to fill the vacancies; and that the Council for the ensuing year do consist of: H. J. Alford, Esq.; G. Kidgell, Esq.; W. Reynolds, Esq.; W. E. Gillett, Esq.; W. Liddon, Esq.; H. W. Randolph, Esq.”

*Secretary and Treasurer.* It was resolved unanimously—“That Dr. Kelly be re-elected as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.”

*Votes of Thanks* to the Council for their services during the past year, and to the Secretary and Treasurer, were unanimously passed.

*President's Address.* A learned and eloquent address was then read by the President, which was much applauded; and it was unanimously resolved—

“That the best thanks of the meeting be given to the President for his address; and that he be requested to allow the same to be published in the JOURNAL.”

*The Dinner.* The members of the Branch then dined together; the enjoyment of the good fare provided by the hostess, Mrs. Clarke, being much enhanced by a liberal present of champagne given by the President. The party afterwards adjourned to Wilton House, the hospitable mansion of the President, where ample provision was made for their amusement and entertainment during the remainder of the evening.

#### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Tuesday, July 12th, at half-past 3 P.M. There were present: F. SIBSON, M.D., F.R.S., and afterward C. F. J. LORD, Esq., in the Chair; Drs. T. Ballard, A. Billing, F.R.S., G. C. Dale, A. Douglas, S. Gibbon, R. Greenhalgh, G. K. Hardie (Aldershot), A. Henry, Graily Hewitt, W. Lewis, W. O. Markham, P. Oates, J. H. Paul (Camberwell), W. F. Ramsay, C. H. F. Routh, J. Seaton (Sunbury), E. H. Sieveking, A. P. Stewart, E. H. Vinen, and G. Webster (Dulwich); and Messrs. S. S. Alford, G. Bottomley (Croydon), J. C. Burrows (Brighton), C. H. Rogers-Harrison, C. Holthouse, W. Martin (Hammersmith), J. Millar, and J. Propert.

*New Members.* James R. Traer, Esq., of Hans Place, Chelsea, was elected a member of the Association and of the Branch; and the following gentlemen, already members of the Association, were elected members of the Branch: A. Billing, M.D., F.R.S.; G. K. Hardie, M.D., 73rd Regiment; C. Holding, Esq.; and J. W. Ogle, M.D.

*Report of Council.* Dr. HENRY, one of the Honorary Secretaries, read the following report.

“The Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, in presenting their report to the twelfth annual meeting, have much pleasure in congratulating the Branch on the continued steady increase of its members. At the last annual meeting, the number of members on the list was 175. Since that time, two members—Mr. Ancell (one of the oldest members of

the Branch, and a valued and active supporter of it in its earlier years) and Dr. Abram Cox—have died; seven have resigned or gone away; and thirty-four new members have joined; making the total number at present 200.\*

“During the past year, your Council has summoned two general meetings of the Branch, for the discussion of subjects of high professional interest.

“At the first of these meetings, held on February 16th, a Committee, consisting of your Council, with power to add to their number, was formed for the purpose of watching such Bills introduced into Parliament as might in any way affect the interests of the medical profession. This Committee has met on several occasions, and a special report from it will be presented. Thanks are due to those members of the Branch who readily consented to cooperate with your Council as members of the Committee; and also to Dr. Gibbon, who has kindly undertaken the duty of acting as Secretary to the Committee. Your Council recommend that the Committee be reappointed, and requested to continue their labours.

“Your Council, having judged it fitting that the Branch should take cognisance of the present serious position of the Army Medical Service, summoned a general meeting to take the subject into consideration. This meeting was held on June 13th, when the resolutions, which have just now been read in the minutes, were passed with unanimity. The Council, in pursuance of the directions given to them, have embodied these resolutions in memorials, which have been presented by deputations of your Council and other members of the Branch to the Right Hon. the Earl De Grey and Ripon, the Secretary of State for War, to H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief, and to the Director-General of the Army Medical Department. An account of the deputation to the Secretary for War appeared in the JOURNAL of last Saturday. It is, therefore, unnecessary to recapitulate the proceedings; but your Council would suggest that thanks are especially due to J. Abel Smith, Esq., M.P., who introduced the deputation, and to Dr. Burrows, President of the Medical Council, and F. C. Skey, Esq., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, who, in their official capacities, spoke earnestly in support of the memorial. Dr. Watson, the President of the Royal College of Physicians, also notified to Dr. Stewart by letter his hearty concurrence in the memorials, although he was unavoidably prevented from joining the deputations. The memorials to the Commander-in-Chief and to the Director-General of the Army Medical Department were similar to that presented to Earl De Grey and Ripon, but with certain necessary modifications of expression. The memorial to the Commander-in-Chief was presented to His Royal Highness on Saturday last, the deputation being introduced by Mr. Skey; and that to the Director-General was presented yesterday. On each occasion, your President, Dr. Sibson, your Secretary, Dr. Stewart, and other members, discussed and explained to the authorities—by whom the deputations were courteously received—the objects of the memorials and the grounds on which they were founded. On the two occasions last referred to, your Council found that the great argument used against granting to army medical officers the precedence which was urged in the memorials, was, that such a step would interfere with military discipline. The deputations, however, saw no reason for withdrawing their request, and endeavoured to urge on the authorities with whom they had inter-

\* Since the meeting was held, information has been received of the death of Dr. James Bird; and an application for admission has been received from Thomas Hewlott, Esq., of Harrow.

views that, while they would not desire for the army medical officers the right of presiding at courts-martial, or in any way interfering with purely military matters, there were boards—such as those on sanitary matters—at which medical men were not only qualified to be members, but, if senior in rank to other officers present, to preside. Your Council regret that they can hold out but very little hope of an immediate improvement in the state of the Army Medical Service; but they would recommend their successors and the members of the Branch not to allow the subject to drop, but to continue, with other bodies and members of the profession, to endeavour to obtain for the army medical officer, in permanency, that honourable position which is due to himself and to the profession to which he belongs.

"In accordance with a resolution of your Branch, the Secretaries have requested the cooperation of the other Branches of the Association in the endeavour to obtain an improvement in the Army Medical Service. Several of the Branches have, at their annual meetings recently held, complied with this request; and the thanks of this Branch are due to them for the valuable moral aid which they have thereby afforded.

"In conclusion, your Council have pleasure in calling attention to the healthy state of the finances of the Branch, as will be shewn in the report of income and expenditure about to be presented."

Dr. ROUTH proposed, Mr. CORDY BURROWS seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the Report now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes."

*Report of Committee on Parliamentary Bills.* Dr. GIBBON read the following report.

"The following Bills, affecting the interests of the profession, have been introduced into Parliament during the present session.

"1. The Insane Prisoners Act Amendment Bill, by Sir George Grey, to make further provision for the confinement and maintenance of insane prisoners.

"2. A Bill by Mr. Bruce, for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases amongst Cattle.

"3. A Bill by the same gentleman, to Amend the Law relating to the Importation of Diseased Cattle and Unwholesome Meat.

"4. A Bill by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to grant Additional Facilities for the Purchase of Small Government Annuities, and for assuring Payments of Money on Death.

"5. A Bill by Mr. Peel, to enable Her Majesty to grant a Lease for Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years of the Building known as the College of Physicians, in Pall Mall East.

"6. A Bill by Lord Clarence Paget, for the Prevention of Contagious (Venereal) Diseases at certain Naval and Military Stations.

"7. The County Courts Acts Amendment Bill, by the Lord Chancellor, for the Limitation of Actions and Process for Small Debts, and to amend the Acts relating to the County Courts, and to confer on such Courts a limited Jurisdiction in Equity.

"To all these measures the attention of your Committee has been directed.

"In the Insane Prisoners Act Amendment Bill, the Committee has endeavoured to get the words 'any two legally qualified medical practitioners' substituted for the words 'any two physicians or surgeons, or one physician and one surgeon,' in order that gentlemen holding the diploma of the Apothecaries' Society might not be disqualified for certifying under the provisions of the Act. As, on inquiry, your Committee learned that it was not usual to give the medical officers of prisons any extra and special remuneration for this arduous and responsible work,

they resolved to attempt to get the following clause added to the Bill.

"'The Treasurer of the county is, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are, hereby authorised to pay to duly qualified medical practitioners, for their assistance under this Act, such fee as to the visiting justices, or to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, shall seem proper.'

"In the Cattle Diseases Bill, and the Cattle Importation Bill, it was thought by the Committee that the officers termed 'cattle inspectors' in the former, and 'examiner of unwholesome meat' in the latter, ought to be either duly qualified medical practitioners or veterinary surgeons holding the diploma of some recognised veterinary institution; and steps were taken before the Committee on Cattle Diseases, but without success, to induce them to limit the appointment of cattle-inspector to men thus qualified. The Committee on the Cattle Importation has not at present reported.

"The Government Annuities Bill, like the Post Office Saving Banks Act, by rendering provident habits more practicable and of easier adoption amongst the poorer classes, is calculated indirectly to benefit medical practitioners. At first, your Committee were under the apprehension that the arduous work of examining the proposers of these small assurances would be devolved upon the ill-paid and overworked Poor-law medical officers, without any extra remuneration. They resolved, therefore, to endeavour to get either a uniform fee of 5s. allowed for each such examination, or one varying from 2s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., according to the sum assured; but, on further inquiry, it appeared that all the working details of the measure, when it becomes law, will be entrusted to an eminent member of the profession; and that a fair rate of remuneration will be given for such medical examinations.

"The Contagious (or Venereal) Diseases Bill proposes to make the entrance of all prostitutes suspected or known to be diseased into civil hospitals, to be chartered for the purpose by the Government, compulsory under severe penalties. Although provision is made in the Bill for paying the hospitals for the maintenance and treatment of these 'unfortunates' out of the public money, nothing is said as to remunerating the profession for this important public service. Your Committee, fearing lest this should be used as a precedent for imposing other public gratuitous labour on the profession, have resolved to urge upon the promoters of the Bill the expediency as well as the justice of paying medical practitioners at a definite rate for attending such cases.

"The County Courts Acts Amendment Bill, inasmuch as it proposed to limit the recovery of debts under £20 to within twelve months from the time the last item was incurred, would have seriously affected the interests of the great bulk of the profession. The Committee took active steps, therefore, to oppose it, and congratulate the Branch that it has been withdrawn.

"A Bill for the Regulation of Pharmacy, prepared by the Pharmaceutical Society, although not at present introduced into Parliament, has received the attention of your Committee. Although there is a saving clause, which expressly secures to medical practitioners their rights and privileges, the Bill, if it become law, must have considerable influence on the profession. Your Committee, therefore, commend it to the careful consideration of the profession, and themselves propose to watch it closely in its passage through Parliament.

"SEPTIMUS GIBBON, *Hon. Sec. to the Committee.*"

Dr. WALLER LEWIS proposed—

"That the Report of the Committee on Parlia-

mentary Bills be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes.

"That the cordial thanks of the meeting be given to the Committee; that they be reappointed, and requested to continue their services; and that the special thanks of the meeting be given to Dr. Gibbon, the Honorary Secretary of the Committee."

Dr. LEWIS said the report showed that the Committee had not been idle since their appointment, but had even taken into consideration bills with which, at first sight, the medical profession would seem to have but little direct concern.

Dr. OATES seconded the motion.

The PRESIDENT referred to the valuable assistance which the Committee had received from Dr. Gibbon.

Mr. CORDY BURROWS said that, as regarded work done, the report of the Committee was such that a better one could not be presented. The Metropolitan Counties Branch was peculiarly calculated, by its locality, for carrying on proceedings of the kind referred to in the report.

After a short discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

*Financial Statement.* Dr. HENRY presented the financial statement of the Branch for the past year, from which it appeared that the receipts (including a balance of £4:18:0 from last year) amounted to £30:10:6; and the expenditure to £14:2:6; leaving a balance in hand of £16:8:0.

Mr. CORDY BURROWS proposed, Dr. VINEN seconded, and it was resolved—

"That the financial statement now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes."

*Election of Officers and Council.* The balloting lists having been examined, the following officers and Council were found to be unanimously elected for 1864-65: *President*, Chas. F. J. Lord, Esq. (Hampstead); *President-elect*, Ed. H. Sieveking, M.D.; *Vice-Presidents*, R. Dunn, Esq.; F. Sibson, M.D., F.R.S.; *Treasurer*, E. Lankester, M.D., F.R.S.; *Secretaries*, A. P. Stewart, M.D., and A. Henry, M.D. *Other Members of Council—for the Metropolitan District*, W. Camps, M.D.; J. Rose Cormack, M.D.; S. Gibbon, M.B.; C. H. Rogers-Harrison, Esq.; W. O. Markham, M.D.; J. Millar, Esq.; B. W. Richardson, M.D.; C. H. F. Routh, M.D.; *For the Extra-Metropolitan District*, W. Martin, Esq. (Hammersmith); J. H. Paul, M.D. (Camberwell); H. Cooper Rose, M.D. (Hampstead); and G. Webster, M.D. (Dulwich).

*The President's Valedictory Address.* Dr. SIBSON said that he now had the painful pleasure of resigning his office of president. When he was elected last year, he had some doubt of being able to perform his duties; but he hoped that he had done them tolerably well. The Branch had done a little work during the year. A Committee on bills in Parliament affecting the medical profession had been formed, and had presented a report; and he believed the continuance of that Committee likely to be of very great service. The last great movement which the Branch had undertaken, that of endeavouring to obtain an improvement of the position of the army medical officers, was initiated by Dr. Stewart at a meeting of the Branch held in Soho Square. At that meeting, resolutions were passed, in consequence of which deputations waited on the Right Honourable the Secretary for War, H. R. H. the Commander-in-Chief, and the Director-General of the Army Medical Department. Lord De Grey and Ripon received the deputation, which was presented by Mr. Abel Smith, M.P., most readily and courteously. Dr. Burrows, the worthy President of the Medical Council, and Mr. Skey, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, attended the deputation, and expressed their

opinions with much force, thereby rendering most valuable aid. Lord De Grey and Ripon entered at once into the objects of the memorial, and displayed a knowledge of the subject for which the deputation was certainly not quite prepared. After a few remarks had been made by himself (Dr. Sibson), Dr. Stewart, Dr. Burrows, and Mr. Skey, his lordship immediately began in a most business-like way to discuss the memorial piece by piece. He listened attentively to all the deputation had to say, and appeared to give a partial assent to the idea that on certain boards the medical officer should occupy his right place. Dr. Sibson, in reference to this point, reminded his lordship of the excellent working of the mixed boards instituted by Napoleon at the suggestion of Larrey. There was one objection made by his lordship, that was not thoroughly met at the time—the recent decrease in the numbers of the medical profession. In reply to this, however, it must be remembered that the medical service of the navy, although less popular than that of the army, was filled up. And not only was this the case, but the medical appointments in Green's ships, in the Peninsular and Oriental Company's service, etc., were all eagerly sought for, in spite of the diminished numbers of medical men—which diminution he (Dr. Sibson) looked on as a healthy position of the profession. Even poor-law appointments were all filled; and, if these were compared with the medical commissions in cavalry regiments, which at first would seem far preferable, it was surprising that there should be such a vacuum in the latter. Altogether, he thought the deputation had reason to be satisfied with their interview with Earl De Grey and Ripon. He wished he could say that the deputation to H.R.H. the Commander-in-Chief had been equally successful. His Royal Highness received them in a manner which left nothing to be desired as to the reception itself; but he seemed to be thoroughly imbued with the idea of discipline. He endeavoured to make the deputation understand that the medical officer was deprived of his position at boards, etc., for the sake of discipline; while other matters were regarded by him as questions of finance. In the memorial to the Director-General, all expressions of blame against him had been excluded; for the question was one affecting the military executive. The Director-General, however, spent an hour in proving that the loss of precedence by the army medical officers was not due to him; because, in less than three months after it was issued, the precedence clause of the Warrant of 1858 was silently repealed by a minute from the executive. The Director-General was clearly acquitted of any concern in this; but he (Dr. Sibson) wished that there was any shadow of hope that he would aid in improving the position of the army surgeons. The Director-General, however, was not to be blamed. He was placed in his position by discipline; and he had no idea of doing any thing beyond his place, as strictly defined by discipline. That was his nature; and he ought not to be blamed unless he acted untruthfully. The Director-General intimated to the deputation that he had no desire to secure first-class men for the army medical service; that third-class men would do equally well. He informed the deputation that he had three hundred candidates for the office of acting-assistant surgeon, who possessed certificates of the most laudatory kind; and that members of parliament had actually applied to him on behalf of some of these candidates. In reply to a question put by Dr. Richardson, he said that he was prepared to continue to use these men for the public service. With regard to confidential reports he (Dr. Sibson) thought there would be no objection if the assistant-surgeon signed them, to

shew that he had seen them; and, with regard to marking deserters, the Director-General seemed inclined to concede that the orderly officer of the day should also be present. He (Dr. Sibson) could not conclude his remarks without referring to the fact that the subject of the army surgeons had been originally brought forward by Dr. Stewart, who had shewn a deep interest in the matter.

Before concluding, Dr. Sibson wished to make a few remarks on the manner in which lecturers in the medical schools had been spoken of in the JOURNAL. He would pay every tribute to the spirit which animated the editor; and, in the very articles to portions of which he objected, there was a whole field of great suggestions, worthy of being carefully considered and reduced to practice. But he objected strongly to the statement that, with two or three exceptions, the primary object of the lecturers was to gain private practice. He had himself for many years lectured on medicine; and could say, that gentlemen in preparing their lectures considered only how they might instruct students, whereas, if practice were their object, there were other ways in which their time could be much more profitably spent. He concluded by introducing his successor, Mr. Lord.

*President's Address.* Mr. LORD then took the chair, and delivered an address.

Dr. MARKHAM moved—

"That the cordial thanks of the Branch be given to the President for his excellent address; and that he be requested to publish it in the JOURNAL."

Dr. SIBSON seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

*The Late Mr. Peter Martin.* Dr. SIBSON proposed, Dr. STEWART seconded, and it was unanimously resolved—

"That this Branch desires to express its sincere sympathy with the members of the South-Eastern Branch upon the loss which they have sustained in the death of their highly respected and valuable Secretary, Mr. Peter Martin.

"That, as a tribute of respect for the memory of Mr. Martin, a donation of five pounds be contributed from the funds of this Branch, towards the memorial instituted in remembrance of him by the South-Eastern Branch."

*Representatives in the General Council.* The following members were chosen to represent the Branch in the General Council of the Association:—G. Burrows, M.D., F.R.S.; S. Gibbon, M.B.; A. Henry, M.D.; C. F. J. Lord, Esq.; W. O. Markham, M.D.; B. W. Richardson, M.D.; C. H. F. Routh, M.D.; F. Sibson, M.D., F.R.S.; E. H. Sieveking, M.D.; G. Webster, M.D.; with A. P. Stewart, M.D., *Secretary*.

*Vote of Thanks to the Retiring President.* Mr. W. MARTIN proposed, and Dr. WEBSTER seconded—

"That the cordial thanks of the Branch be given to the retiring President, Dr. Sibson, for his able and courteous conduct in the chair on all occasions, and for the active interest he has taken in the welfare of the Branch and in all subjects brought under its notice."

The motion was carried by acclamation.

*Dinner.* The members, to the number of twenty-three, afterwards dined together; C. F. J. Lord, Esq., in the chair.

**DEATH OF MEISSNER.** On July 9th, died Paul Trangott Meissner, Professor of Chemistry in the Polytechnic School of Vienna, in his 87th year. "Meissner was one of the most learned naturalists of Austria; he has left a European name, an honour to science and his fatherland."

## Correspondence.

### THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND REFORMERS.

SIR,—After reading the letter of Mr. Paget of Leicester in your last number, and the speech of Mr. Turner of Manchester at the Fellows' dinner, I am led to give up all hopes of either of those gentlemen as reformers. I feel satisfied that there are many more *thorough* reformers in the Council already. As to election of country Fellows into the Council, I think we may as well give that *idea* up, considering that, out of six or seven hundred country Fellows, only sixty-eight could be induced to attend the election. The notion of country Fellows voting by proxy is attended by difficulties. The analogy supposed to exist between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge is fallacious. There the voting is open, and there is no difficulty in attesting the proxy; but at the College it is secret, by ballot. But, in fact, the Fellows have in their own hands the power of carrying out the reforms you have so well advocated; viz., when an Examiner offers himself for re-election into the Council, on no account to re-elect him. Very shortly, by this means, all the Examiners will be out of the Council. I am, etc., A REAL REFORMER.

[Our esteemed correspondent is, it seems to us, too hasty and too severe on Mr. Paget and Mr. Turner. Mr. Paget is, we think, wrong in waiting for pressure from behind. Great reformers are not driven on by the multitude; they lead, and drag the multitude with them. They stand on truth and reason: so might Mr. Paget. With such a cause as he has to fight for, and with the whole press to back him, victory and its rewards are certain to the man of courage and resolve. The difficulty raised by our correspondent about the voting by proxy of country Fellows is purely imaginary. There are half a dozen ways in which it might be most simply managed. To show how facile it is, we might mention a fact which is, we believe, not generally known even to the members of Council; viz., that, at the time when the Charter of 1852 was obtained, Mr. Green strained every nerve to get a clause inserted in it to give country Fellows the power of voting by proxy. We recommend this fact to the consideration of those gentlemen who at this present time support voting by proxy. If the Council, let it be remembered, had not opposed Mr. Green on that occasion, the country Fellows would at this present time be possessed of the power of voting by proxy. The Council, therefore, are responsible to the Fellows, and bound in honour to procure a new Charter. EDITOR.]

### GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.

LETTER FROM J. MOORHEAD, M.D.

SIR,—Acting on behalf of the gentlemen whose names are subjoined, I have had much pleasure in forwarding Dr. Fowler a cheque for £13 13, as a contribution to the above fund.

Resident, as we are, in Weymouth and its vicinity, and, therefore, the better able to appreciate, not only the incalculable amount of labour entailed upon our *confrère* Mr. Griffin by the collecting of facts and working of figures in support of the cause of Poor-law medical reform, but also the pure unselfish motives which have inspired him throughout the arduous struggle in which he has so long been engaged, we



## Medical News.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On July 14th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Foster, John Frederick, Old Court, Guernsey  
Freeman, Henry William, Bideford, Devon  
Hope, Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Reade, Albert Comberbach, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Sinclair, Duncan Francis, Halstead, Essex

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination:—

Eaton, John Chamberlin, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Hickman, Richard Murhall, King's College Hospital  
Major, Napoleon Bisdee, St. Mary's Hospital  
Müller, August, St. Mary's Hospital  
Sims, Francis Manley Bolders, St. George's Hospital  
Swindale, John, Middlesex Hospital

As an Assistant:—

Marsh, Walter Alfred, 23, New Kent Road

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### ARMY.

CATTELL, Assistant-Surgeon W. 5th Dragoon Guards, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* J. H. Bewes.  
M'SHEEHY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon F. L. M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 5th Dragoon Guards, *vice* W. Cattell.  
O'CONNOR, P., Esq., to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon.

#### ROYAL NAVY.

ANDREWS, John, M.D., Surgeon, to the *Frederick William*.  
FORBES, Charles, M.D., Surgeon, to the *Cambridge*.  
HENRY, James, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Aboukir*.  
HILL, William, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Clio*.  
O'BRIEN, William E., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Wasp*.  
PIERCEY, Frederick, Esq., Assistant-Surg., to the *Royal Sovereign*.

**VOLUNTEERS.** (A.V.=Artillery Volunteers; R.V.=Rifle Volunteers):—

BENNETT, H., Esq., to be Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Dorsetshire R.V.  
DICKINSON, T., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Middlesex Engineer Volunteers.  
FARQUHARSON, J., Esq., to be Surgeon 4th Durham R.V.  
FOTHERGILL, J. R., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 4th Durham R.V.  
JONES, R. E., Esq., to be Hon. Assistant-Surgeon 11th Suffolk R.V.  
ROWE, C. R., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Dorsetshire R.V.  
THOMSON, G. W., Esq., to be Assist.-Surg. 4th Roxburghshire R.V.  
TIZARD, H., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Dorsetshire R.V.

### DEATHS.

ABRAHAM, Thomas, M.D., at Marsden Villa, Havestock Hill, aged 56, on July 16.  
BARNES, John, M.D., at 3, Rupert Road, Upper Holloway, aged 63, on July 18.  
FELL, William, Esq., Surgeon, at Ambleside, aged 62, on July 18.  
FORRESTER, William, Esq., Surgeon H.M. Madras Army, on board the *Nubia*, in the Red Sea, aged 45, on June 30.  
HARRISON, Arthur A., M.B., on board the *Macgregor Laird*, off Accra, aged 33, on June 12.  
REE, On July 18, at Fulham, aged 7, Arthur, youngest child of H. P. Ree, M.D.

**CATTLE DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.** This Bill has been withdrawn for the present session.

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS BILL.** This bill was read a second time in the House of Lords on July 15th.

**SIR R. WILDE.** The honorary degree of Doctor in Medicine has been bestowed on Sir William Wilde by the University of Dublin.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA.** Herr Hofrath, Professor Hyrtl, has been appointed *Rector Magnificus* of the University of Vienna for the session of 1864-5.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.** Dr. Pollock, Dr. Wood, Dr. Priestly, and Dr. Harley, were on the 20th inst., admitted Fellows of the College of Physicians.

**BEQUEST.** By will, Colonel Astell leaves to the Middlesex and Westminster Hospitals, the Bedford Infirmary, and the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, each £100.

**UNION MEDICAL OFFICERS IN IRELAND.** Mr. McEvoy has given notice that he will, early next session, call the attention of the House of Commons to the claims of medical officers of unions in Ireland.

**WESTERN MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.** The annual meeting was held on Friday, June 3rd, the president, Dr. Barclay, in the chair. The following members were elected as officers for the session of 1864-65. *President*, G. D. Pollock, Esq.; *Vice-Presidents*, M. Baines, M.D.; P. Hewett, Esq.; J. Lane, Esq.; W. Marcett, M.D. *Council*, B. E. Brodhurst, Esq.; D. Davies, M.D.; H. W. Fuller, M.D.; A. Godwin, M.D.; T. Keen, Esq.; — *Knight*, Esq.; W. Martyn, M.D.; — *Richardson*, Esq.; J. Rouse, Esq.; J. R. Traer, Esq.; C. Vasey, Esq.; and J. Way, M.D. *Treasurer*, M. Baines, M.D. *Honorary Librarian*, T. Dickinson, Esq. *Honorary Secretaries*, W. Milner, Esq.; C. Hunter, Esq. *Auditors*, H. P. Bannister, Esq.; J. Way, M.D.

**SALARY OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.** In the House of Commons, on Monday week, Sir H. Willoughby asked why the salary of the Registrar had been increased from £800 to £1,000 a year. Mr. F. Peel said that, when the University was first founded, it was proposed that the salary of the Registrar should be £1,000 a year; but it was thought better in the first instance that a smaller salary should be given. The salary was accordingly fixed at £500, and was raised from time to time till it reached £800 last year. It had now been raised to the *maximum* £1,000. Dr. Carpenter had held the office for a considerable time; and, its duties having very greatly increased, it was thought he had a fair claim to the full salary originally intended to be given.

**INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE BILL.** On Tuesday, the House of Commons went into committee on this Bill, when a discussion arose on the subject of competitive examination for the medical service, from which it appeared that it was proposed to abolish that system with regard to the Indian medical service, according to the discretion of the Secretary of State for India. Mr. Hennessy contended that further time for consideration should be given. Sir C. Wood said he was willing to insert a provision that the regulations under the bill should be laid before parliament within fourteen days of their being made, if parliament be sitting, or within fourteen days after the assembling of parliament, and he moved the insertion of words to that effect. This proposition was carried.

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL.** On Tuesday, on the motion for going into committee on this Bill, Mr. Ayrton contended at very considerable length that the proceedings that were to be taken against the females to whom the bill was intended to apply were of an anomalous character, and contrary to the rules of legislation which ordinarily guided the house. Certain powers of a very stringent character were proposed to be given to certain police authorities and others, in the places to which the bill applied, for taking proceedings against females and having them committed to an hospital, and there kept until they were free from disease. He thought the house ought not to pass such an exceptional bill at this period of the session, when there was not sufficient time for its proper consideration. Such a bill as this was a bill for the promotion of immorality and vice, as it was to enable soldiers and sailors to minister to their passions and vices with impunity. Sir M. Peto considered that the government were deserving of great credit for having introduced this bill. He believed that the working of the measure would be most salutary and beneficial. The house then went into committee on the bill.



Lord C. Paget said it was the intention of the government to institute an inquiry into the general subject of the particular disease to which this bill referred. Colonel North said this was a matter that did not apply to the army and navy exclusively. There could be no doubt that it would be most advisable to introduce some such general system as that which existed on the Continent.

**MEDICAL JOURNALISM IN AMERICA.** The war of the rebellion has well-nigh obliterated medical journalism in this country. Where we once counted our exchanges by scores, we can now count them on our fingers' ends. In the Southern States, once so prolific in medical periodicals that each considerable town had one or more representatives, the whole serial medical literature has long since disappeared. A nondescript journal, entitled the *Confederate Medical and Surgical Journal*, has lately appeared; but, as it has not favoured us with an exchange, we have only heard of its existence through a sympathising foreign journal. At the North, the effect of the war has not been less disastrous. The list of periodicals has undergone thorough revision, the names of many having been permanently erased, and the size and appearance of others materially changed. (*American Medical Times*.)

**THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.** The following petition has been presented to the House of Commons by the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. "To the honourable the Commons, etc. The petition of the President and Fellows of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow,—humbly sheweth, that your petitioners have exercised the functions of a chartered College of Physicians and Surgeons since 1599; and, besides examining and licensing medical practitioners, have always taken an interest in whatever has affected the profession of medicine. That the inadequate remuneration of the medical officers of Her Majesty's army, and their deficient authority in purely medical questions, involving as this latter has done, alike the safety, in a sanitary point of view, of the troops, and the well-being and comfort of the soldier, were long matters of regret to your petitioners. That in 1857 your petitioners had great satisfaction in finding the pay of army assistant-surgeons somewhat raised at the recommendation of a Committee of your Honourable House, and that in the following year the relative status of medical, as compared with military officers, was placed by a Royal Warrant on an honourable and satisfactory footing. That your petitioners regret to learn, however, that the advantages of the said Warrant were speedily much modified, either by not being acted on, or by authoritative alterations. That the desirableness of the army as a field for the efforts of young medical men has become in consequence lowered, and the number of candidates for admission to the service lessened; and that from these causes, as well as from numerous others originating with the army medical executive, the number of vacancies in the medical department of the army has become alarmingly great, and the safety of the army, especially in the event of war, has become much compromised. May it therefore please your Honourable House to grant a committee of inquiry into all the circumstances connected with the existing state of the medical department of Her Majesty's army, as they relate particularly to the relative rank and privileges, and the authority in purely medical or sanitary matters of the medical officers of the service, and also to other subjects of complaint arising out of what your petitioners respectfully think the mistaken views of the medical executive. And your petitioners will ever pray. Signed, etc., Charles Ritchie, M.D., President."

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
TUESDAY. ....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.  
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\*All letters and communications for the Journal, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

A MEMBER AB INITIO.—The announcement of the name of the successful Hastings essayist for this year will take place, we believe, at Cambridge.

F. A.—The three deaths from chloroform alluded to in last week's JOURNAL, occurred in the Middlesex, King's College, and St. Mary's Hospitals.

THE HOSPITAL FOR STONE.—A correspondent asks us questions which we cannot answer; viz., "What are the names of the medical officers of the Hospital for Stone? and where can be procured the statistics of the hospital in question?"

F. T.—Our correspondent need be under no fear. It was quite understood that the Memorial of the Brighton Licentiates of Apothecaries' Hall was sent to the Council by the Fellows, simply for the sake of shelving it, without hurting the feelings of those gentlemen. If we understand aright the feelings of the College, there is not the very smallest chance of its accepting the proposal of giving *ad eundem* degrees to Licentiates of the Society of Apothecaries.

THE PROPOSED ALTERATION IN LAW XV.—SIR: Allow me to call the attention of the members to the proposed alteration of Law XV: viz., "that members whose subscriptions are not paid before 30th June, be charged 25s." It is very customary for members to pay at the annual meetings of the various Branches; and I feel sure that such an alteration, if carried, would be exceedingly offensive to the members, and injurious to the welfare of our Association. The intention is, no doubt, to avoid arrears: the result would be resistance on the part of those fined, and withdrawal, if the additional 4s. be enforced.

I think the general meeting will probably take this view of the proposition, and it will be wise to let well alone.

I am, etc., SAMUEL WOOD,

Secretary of the Shropshire Scientific Branch.  
Shrewsbury, July 15th, 1864.

SIR: I think the alteration of Law XV of the Association, as proposed on the motion of Dr. Styrup for the annual meeting at Cambridge, "that members whose subscriptions are not paid on the 30th of June, be charged 25s," is likely to act prejudicially to the best interests of the Association. I trust, for the welfare of the British Medical Association, it will be rejected.

I am, etc., WM. EDDOWES.

Pontesbury, July 14th, 1864.

A HINT FOR THE ECONOMISTS.—A correspondent writes: "I am sure the officers of the Medical Department of the Army will feel grateful to the Branch in London for all their efforts to improve their status and position. I only wish I could see more prospect of success attending them. As you say in your leading article, the notion that third-class men are good enough for the army, is totally opposed to the principles on which the Army Medical School was established. Indeed, if such a notion is to prevail, the school becomes little else than a farcical piece of extravagance, and the sooner it is shut up the better."

**ARMY MEDICAL OFFICERS AND PRESIDENCY OF BOARDS.**—SIR: By the report of the proceedings of the deputation of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, which had an interview with H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge in reference to the state of the Medical Department of the Army, it appears that the practical application of Clause XVII of the Royal Medical Warrant of 1858 is objected to by His Royal Highness, because the presidency of army surgeons, even at sanitary boards, would be subversive of military discipline. Allow me to suggest that the inquiry should be made, whether the fact of army Surgeons in India presiding on Committees and Boards not purely military, was ever found to interfere with the discipline of the Indian army. By the Indian code of military regulations, it was ordered that in all mixed committees, the senior officer, according to date of commission, whatever branch of the army he belonged to, should act as President; and this rule was always applied, until lately. I never heard of discipline being weakened by it. I am, etc., HINDOSTAN.

**GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.**—SIR: The following subscriptions have been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—Dr. Burchell (Shoreditch), 10s. 6d.; Dr. G. W. H. Coward (Shoreditch), 10s. 6d.; Dr. M. Greenwood (Shoreditch), 10s. 6d.; G. Pound, Esq. (Hartley, Witney), £1:1; J. R. Gibson, Esq. (Holborn), £2:2; Dr. A. Brown (Weymouth), £1:1; Dr. M. Coucher (Weymouth), £1:1; W. Fowler, Esq. (Weymouth), £1:1; Messrs. Fox and Rhodes (Weymouth), £1:1; Dr. J. Lithgow (Weymouth), £1:1; Dr. J. Moorhead (Weymouth), £1:1; H. Nathan, Esq. (Weymouth), £1:1; Dr. W. Smith (Weymouth), £1:1; Dr. H. Tizard (Weymouth), £1:1; Dr. T. Parker (Abbotsbury), £1:1; J. W. Pridham, Esq. (Broadway), £1:1; Dr. U. P. Brodribb (Portland), £1:1; Dr. T. N. Nicolas (Portland), £1:1; Dr. F. J. Brown (Rochester), £1:1; J. Kenworthy, Esq. (Oldham), 10s.; R. T. Morris, Esq. (Wigan), £1:1; J. E. Beckinsale, Esq. (Isle of Wight), £1; C. A. M., 10s. Amount previously announced, £16:18. Received at *Lancet* office, £2:18.

Erratum, July 9th. Read J. Clark, Esq. (Shoreditch), £1:1, instead of £1.

I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,  
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, July 20th, 1864.

**THERAPEUTICAL INQUIRY.** No. V. JAUNDICE.—SIR: Would you kindly request those of our associates who have not yet returned to me their Schedules, to favour me by doing so without delay?

I am, etc., GEORGE HARLEY, M.D.  
77, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, July 1864.

**PROFESSIONAL ADVERTISEMENTS.**—Our attention has been called to an advertisement in the *Lincoln Gazette*.

"Medical Notice. Mr. Thomas Elkanah Hoyle, Surgeon, etc., begs to inform the public that he attends midwifery cases for 10s. 6d. Mr. Hoyle has had great experience in diseases of women and children.

"Norman Street, Melville Street, Lincoln."

Closely below it, in the same journal, we find the following notice.

"J. Jackson, senr., bone-setter, will attend the Little Peacock, Boston, every Wednesday, from Eleven to Three o'clock.  
"Fosdyke Fen, December 1st, 1864."

The bone-setter does not mention his fee. We hope that he sustains the dignity of his art by taking only the legitimate and consecrated fee.

**CHLOROFORM.**—SIR: Questions have been recently asked, whether chloroform is useful or a safe remedy in epilepsy. As the work of Dr. Snow placed a ban upon it from a theoretic point of view, it will be of advantage, in your practical and useful JOURNAL, to direct attention to a very extended and detailed examination of several cases of epilepsy treated in that manner, to be found in the excellent work of Dr. Reynolds. Some medical bookshop prejudice prevents the cases being noticed; but they are very important. Chloroform is, on the other hand, very dangerous in chorea and delirium tremens; as in the former that part of the brain which presides over emotion and respiration is weakened already, and chloroform extinguishes life.

It is asked how to use eau de Cologne mixture and chloroform. The best plan is about equal parts or perhaps one-third of the former to two-thirds of the latter, sprinkled separately on a napkin folded and pinned in shape of a cone. If they are mixed in a bottle, I now find the water of the eau de Cologne delays evaporation too much of the chloroform.

I am, etc., CHARLES KIDD, M.D.  
Sackville Street, June 24th, 1864.

**COMMUNICATIONS** have been received from:—Dr. JAMES RUSSELL; Mr. R. S. FOWLER; Dr. MOORHEAD; A MEMBER AB INTIO: Mr. H. WILSON; Mr. J. I. IKIN; Mr. S. WOOD; Mr. W. ENDOWES; Dr. HARLEY; Dr. E. W. PRITCHARD; Mr. TIMOTHY HOLMES; Dr. G. M. HUMPHRY; Dr. E. L. ORMEROD; Dr. A. RANSOME; Dr. THOMPSON; Dr. FLEMING; Dr. BUDD; Mr. WILLIAM CONEY; and Mr. PICK.

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JOHN CHURCHILL, New Burlington Street.

# British Medical Association—Annual Meeting.

**THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING** of the **BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** will be held at **CAMBRIDGE**, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of August next.

*President*—JOHN A. SYMONDS, M.D., F.R.S.Ed., Clifton.

*President-Elect*—GEORGE EDWARD PAGET, M.D., Cambridge.

All the General Meetings of the Members will be held in the Senate House.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd.

12 NOON. Meeting of Committee of Council in the ARTS SCHOOL.

2-30 P.M. Meeting of the General Council in the ARTS SCHOOL.

4 " First General Meeting of Members. The retiring President (DR. SYMONDS) will resign his office. The new President (DR. PAGET) will deliver an Address. The Report of the Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

9 P.M. The Members of the Association are invited by the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius College to a *Conversazione* in the College Hall.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th.

8-30 A.M. The Members of the Association and their friends will breakfast together in the GUILD HALL. Tickets Three Shillings each.

10 A.M. Meeting of the Members of the New Council in the ARTS SCHOOL.

11 A.M. Second General Meeting of Members. Papers and Cases will be read.

4 P.M. Third General Meeting of Members. The Address in Medicine will be delivered by E. L. ORMEROD, M.D. The Report of the Medical Benevolent Fund will be presented. Cases and Papers will be read.

9 P.M. The Members of the Association are invited by the Master, Professors, and Fellows of Downing College to a *Conversazione* in the College Hall.

This day, Thursday, by the permission of the Provost and Fellows of King's College, there will be Full Choral Service in the College Chapel at 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th.

10 A.M. Fourth General Meeting of Members. A Report will be read from the Committee appointed at Bristol to consider the desirability of establishing a Provident Fund. Papers and Cases will be read.

4 P.M. Fifth General Meeting of Members. The Address in Surgery will be delivered by G. M. HUMPHRY, M.D., F.R.S. Papers and Cases will be read.

6-45 P.M. The Members of the Association, and their Friends, will dine together in the Hall of Gonville and Caius College. Tickets One Guinea each. Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner are requested to send notice to DR. P. W. LATHAM, Sidney Street, Cambridge.

Members are requested to enter, immediately on arrival, their Names and Addresses in the Reception Room at the Guild Hall, when cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the proceedings.

A Clerk will be in attendance at the Reception Room, and will give information respecting lodging-houses.

The principal Hotels are the "Bull," the "Eagle," the "Red Lion," the "University Arms," and the "Hoop."

**RETURN TICKETS** to Cambridge from London and such other stations on the Great Eastern, Great Northern, and London and North-Western Railways, as usually issue them, will be granted to Members of the Association producing vouchers, on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th of August, and will be available up to the 6th inclusive. Members who wish for vouchers or for information previous to the Meeting may communicate with DR. P. W. LATHAM, Sidney Street, Cambridge.

*Notices of Motion.* DR. STYRAP will move the following alteration in Law xv. To insert, after the words "One Guinea annually," "provided that such sum be paid not later than June 30th; after which date each Member shall pay, in default, £1:5:0."

MR. WATKIN WILLIAMS will move to alter Law xv, by inserting "the 1st of December" instead of "the 25th of December."

*Papers have been promised by*

SPENCER WELLS, Esq. (London): Some of the Causes of Excessive Mortality after Surgical Operations.

SYDNEY JONES, M.B. (London):

JOHN BRIDGER, Esq. (Cotttingham): Diphtheria, and some of the *Post Mortem* Appearances.

A. E. SANSOM, M.B. (London): The Action of Anæsthetics; and the Administration of Chloroform.

T. HERBERT BARKER, M.D. (Bedford): On Herniotomy without Opening the Sac; with Cases.

J. V. SOLOMON, Esq. (Birmingham): The Radical Cure of extreme Divergent Strabismus.

EDWARD WOAKES, M.D. (Luton): Neuralgia.

B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D. (London): New Researches on the Pathology of the Blood.

SAMUEL MARTYN, M.D. (Clifton): The Physiological Meaning of Inframammary Pain.

GEORGE PHILIPSON, M.D. (Newcastle-on-Tyne): Intussusception.

GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D. (Glasgow): Tracheotomy in Croup and Diphtheria.

ROBERT CHRISTISON, M.D. (Edinburgh): Medical Education.

C. H. F. ROUTH, M.D. (London): 1. The Use of the Hysterotome in Uterine Disease; 2. The Diagnosis of Early Pregnancy.

ERASMUS WILSON, Esq., F.R.S. (London): The Nature, Varieties, and Treatment of Eczema.

BALMANNO SQUIRE, M.B. (London): Occipital and Constitutional Impetigo of the Scalp.

THOMAS HILLIER, M.D. (London): Diphtheria.

HENRY DICK, M.D. (London): A New Instrument for the Treatment of Spinal Curvature.

FRANCIS E. ANSTIE, M.D. (London): Certain Points in the Treatment of Diabetes.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham,  
July 21st, 1864.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS,  
General Secretary.