

representatives of foreign societies then spoke, and afterwards Professor Auguste Reverdin delivered an eloquent speech, in which he specially referred to the loss which the Congress had sustained through the death of M. Vulliet, who, at the Brussels meeting of the Congress, had been selected to preside this year at Geneva. The Congress will sit until Saturday, September 5th. There is already a large attendance. Amongst the members from the United Kingdom are Dr. Herman, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Bantock, Dr. Travers, Dr. Dolan (Halifax), Dr. Beverley (Norwich), Professor Simpson (Edinburgh), Professor Byers (Belfast), and Mr. Alban Doran. The Continent and America are represented by Professors Charpentier, Péan, Pozzi, Doléris, Segond, Le Dentu, Delagénière (Le Mans), Cordès, Bétrix, and A. and J. Reverdin (Geneva); Sänger, Kehrer, Prochownik, Leopold, representing Germany; Professor Morisani, Italy; Engström, Finland; De Strauch, and Rein, Russia; Treub and Halbertsma, Holland; Kufferath, Jacobs, and Tournay, Belgium; Polk, Lusk, Chadwick, and E. and A. Dudley, the United States and other distinguished obstetricians and gynaecologists.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR.—The proposal of Dr. Rentoul, contained in his letter to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 22nd, and the letters which have since appeared commenting on it, afford a striking confirmation of the truth of my statement in the JOURNAL of August 15th, that it seems to be generally agreed that our present representatives deserve our best thanks for their efficient services, rendered under difficult circumstances. Even the comic letter of Dr. Ince, with its absurd misquotation about the love of money, wrongly attributed to Solomon, does not attempt to deny this, but takes it for granted as correct.

The Association may therefore be said to be in practical agreement on this point; and what the members when they assemble in Branch meetings have to consider is, which is the better way of recognising and rewarding the faithful services our representatives have rendered for ten years—whether by sending them again to the Council without trouble or expense to themselves, as I propose, or by making a collection for a formal presentation, as Dr. Rentoul has suggested.

I may be pardoned for thinking that mine is the more excellent way.—I am, etc.,

Dulwich Grove, S.E., Sept. 1st.

H. NELSON HARDY.

RUSSELL INDEMNITY FUND.

SIR.—Sir Thornley Stoker has asked me to state that the response to his letter in the issue of the 15th ult. referring to the Dwyer-Russell case has been most encouraging. A provisional committee has been formed for the purpose of collecting a fund to indemnify Dr. Russell against the legal expenses incurred, consisting of the following: Sir John Banks, K.C.B., Sir Thornley Stoker (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. W. Thomson, P.R.C.S., Mr. C. B. Ball, Dr. Wallace Beatty, Dr. H. T. Bewley, Mr. A. Chance, Dr. J. B. Coleman, Dr. Cusack, Dr. R. A. Flynn, Dr. J. W. Moore, Mr. A. Benson, Mr. J. Harrison Scott, Mr. T. E. Gordon, Mr. F. T. Heuston, Dr. A. H. Jacob, Mr. G. Jameson-Johnston (Honorary Secretary), Dr. J. F. O'Carroll, Dr. R. Travers Smith, Mr. H. R. Swanzey, Dr. R. Walsh, Dr. T. Wood, Mr. R. H. Woods. I shall be glad to receive further names for addition to this list.

It is important that the profession should realise fully the significance of the decision which Dr. Russell has succeeded in making so definite, namely, that if a medical man exercises due professional care in the management of a case he cannot be held liable to legal damages, even if his diagnosis be inaccurate. This decision will act as a great deterrent in the instigation of similar cases. There are other regrettable circumstances connected with this particular case entitling Dr. Russell to still greater sympathy, but the terrors of journalistic libel prevent further reference to them.

The following subscriptions have been either received or promised.

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Sir Thornley Stoker	...	2	2	0	Mr. A. Chance
Dr. Cusack, Cashel	...	2	0	0	Mr. R. H. Woods
Dr. Wood, Cashel	...	2	0	0	Dr. Wallace Beatty
Mr. W. Thomson, P.R.C.S.	...	1	1	0	Dr. H. T. Bewley	...	...
Sir John Banks, K.C.B.	...	1	1	0	Dr. J. F. O'Carroll	...	...
Lieutenant-General Massy	...	1	1	0	Dr. J. B. Coleman	...	...
Miss Massy	...	1	1	0	Dr. R. A. Flynn	...	...
"A Grateful Patient"	...	1	1	0	Dr. J. N. Moore	...	...
Dr. R. Walsh, Clogheen	...	1	1	0	Mr. A. Benson	...	...
Mr. H. R. Swanzey	...	1	1	0	Mr. J. Harrison Scott	...	...
Mr. C. B. Ball	...	1	1	0	Colonel J. G. Cockburn	...	...
Mr. F. T. Heuston	...	1	1	0	Mr. T. E. Gordon	...	10
Dr. S. Gordon	...	1	1	0	Dr. R. Travers Smith	...	10
Dr. A. H. Jacob	...	1	1	0	Mr. G. Jameson Johnston	...	10
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G. JAMESON JOHNSTON,
Honorary Secretary.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES.—The Honorary Secretary of the Manchester Medico-Ethical Association (Dr. James Holmes) requests us to announce that a meeting of the profession will be held in the Memorial Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, at 7 P.M., on Thursday, September 17th, to hear the views of the candidates for election as direct representatives on the General Medical Council. Dr. Glover, Dr. Rentoul, Mr. George Brown, Dr. Dolan, Dr. Woodcock, Dr. Alderson, and Dr. Lovell Drage have intimated their intention to be present. At a meeting of medical practitioners held at Liverpool on September 1st, it was agreed unanimously that a general committee, with power to appoint a small executive committee, should be formed to forward the candidature of Dr. R. R. Rentoul for election as direct representative on the General Medical Council. Dr. W. J. Robertson Dunn, Honorary Secretary, informs us that over 100 local practitioners have already joined the general committee, and he requests that others wishing to join should forward their names to him at 46, West Derby Road, Liverpool.

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—The last quarterly court of the Middlesex Hospital has approved the scheme for the amalgamation of the medical school with the hospital. The scheme, which has been under consideration for more than two years, provides for the taking over by the hospital of all the property of the school, together with its existing liabilities, and the consequent remission of the debt now due from the school to the hospital. Henceforth the hospital will receive the gross income of the school, and, after payment of necessary charges, will provide, according to the profits obtained, a fixed annual sum for the remuneration of the teaching staff. These financial arrangements are subject to revision, if necessary, at the expiration of three years. A new body, to be called the Council of the Medical School, is constituted by the scheme; it is composed by the Chairman of the Weekly Board, representatives of the Governors, the honorary medical officers, and the lecturers of the school. This Council will, under the supervision of the Board, control all matters relating to the finance and management of the School; but the School Committee will, as at present, regulate the teaching arrangements and discipline of the school. The scheme comes into effect at the commencement of the winter session next month.

UNQUALIFIED OCULISTS AND AURISTS.—Judgment was given on September 1st by the stipendiary magistrate at Leeds in a case in which Dr. A. G. Bateman, on behalf of the Medical Defence Union, had charged a Mr. Thomas Ison, of Leeds, that he falsely described himself to be an oculist and aurist, implying that he was registered as a medical practitioner; and, further, under Section 40 of the Medical Act, 1858, that he had held himself out to the public to be by profession a surgeon. On the second charge the magistrate found against the defendant, and imposed a penalty of £5 and costs. He dismissed the first charge mainly on the ground that Dr. Bateman, in cross-examination, had admitted that he had never known a qualified medical practitioner describe himself simply as an oculist and aurist. We shall hope to refer to this case on some future occasion, but we may point out that the terms "oculist" and "aurist" are used as the official designation of the officers of certain hospitals. Thus an officer at the Glasgow Infirmary is, we believe, termed aurist, and the officer to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary oculist. There is also a surgeon-oculist to the Queen.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Appointment for three months. Board and lodging provided in the hospital. Applications to the Secretary of the Medical Committee, 34, Paradise Street, Birmingham, by September 8th.

BRADFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon; doubly qualified. Salary, £70 per annum, with residence and washing. Applications to C. V. Woodcock, Secretary, by September 14th.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon; unmarried. Must possess a registered qualification in Medicine and Surgery. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and apartments. Applications to H. T. Carrington, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, by September 10th.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST. Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician. Appointment for six months from October 1st. Salary at the rate of £30 per annum with board and residence. Applications to J. Storrar Smith, Secretary, by September 9th.

CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AND SEA BATHING INFIRMARY. Southport.—Resident Medical Officer; unmarried and not under 27 years of age; doubly qualified. Salary to commence, £150 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Chairman by September 12th.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY. Derby.—Clinical Assistant. Appointment for six months. Honorarium, £10 after six months' satisfactory service, with board, residence, and washing. Applications to Walter G. Carn, Secretary, by September 7th.

ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon; doubly qualified. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Committee by September 11th.

GLAMORGAN COUNTY ASYLUM. Bridgend.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Asylum experience essential. Salary, £130, rising £10 a year to £150 if approved, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by September 16th.

HAMPSTEAD HOSPITAL.—Vacancy in the Staff. Candidates must be legally registered, and possess Medical and Surgical qualification. Applications to R. A. Owtwhalte, Honorary Secretary, by September 14th.

HANTS COUNTY ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried; doubly qualified and registered under the medical Act. Candidates should not exceed the age of 25 years. Salary, £100 per annum, increasing to £125 after twelve months' service, with apartments, board, washing, and attendance. Applications forwarded by September 21st, addressed to the Committee of Visitors, Knowle, Fareham, endorsed "Application for appointment of Medical Officer."

JERSEY GENERAL DISPENSARY AND INFIRMARY. Aquila Road, St. Helier's, Jersey.—Resident Medical Officer; unmarried. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished rooms and attendance. Applications to Lieutenant-Colonel Hewat, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL. Hampstead Road, N.W.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer; doubly qualified. Appointment for six months. No salary attached to the post, but board, washing, and residence in the hospital provided. Applications to A. W. Bodger, Secretary, by September 16th.

MANCHESTER SOUTHERN AND MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Honorarium at the rate of £30 per annum, and board. Applications to George William Fox, 53, Princess Road, by September 12th.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—Assistant Medical Officer at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Lower Tooting, S.W. Salary, £160 during the first year, £180 the second year, and £200 during the third and subsequent years of service, with board, lodging, attendance, and washing. Must be unmarried, not exceed 35 years of age, and doubly qualified. Applications, on forms to be obtained at the offices of the Board, Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, to be sent in by September 7th.

OWENS COLLEGE. Manchester.—Senior and Junior Demonstrator in Physiology. The stipends £150 rising to £200, and £100 rising to £150 respectively. Applications to S. Chaffers, Registrar, by September 22nd.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL. Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Two House-Physicians. Appointments for six months. No salary, but board, etc. provided. Applications to the Secretary by September 21st.

TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER.—Assistant Medical Officer at the Workhouse at Crumpsall, and Resident Assistant Medical Officer at their Workhouses in New Bridge Street. Joint salary, £110 per annum, with furnished apartments, fire, light, washing, and attendance. Appointment in the first instance for twelve months. Candidates must be unmarried, registered under the Medical Act, and possess a Medical and Surgical qualification. Applications, endorsed "Medical Appointments," to G. Macdonald, Clerk to the Guardians, Poor-Law Offices, New Bridge Street, Manchester, by September 9th.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN. Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—House-Surgeon; must be F. or M.R.C.S. Eng., and L.S.A. Honorarium of £50 per annum, with board and lodging in the hospital. Appointment for twelve months. Applications to Commander Blount, R.N., Secretary, by September 12th.

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.

BIRTH.

WILDING.—August 27th, at The Hawthorns, Hindley, near Wigan, the wife of Walter F. W. Wilding, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.O.H., Hindley, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FRASER—MORRIS.—August 24th, at the Parish Church, Sarn, Montgomeryshire, by Rev. D. D. Peirce, M.A., assisted by Rev. R. Gibbons, D.D., Forbes Fraser, of Tarporley, Cheshire (son of the late Henry Fraser, of Arbroath, N.B.), to Mary, only daughter of Edward Morris, of Sarn.

JESSOP—CARDWELL.—August 26th, at the Parish Church, Giggleswick, by the Rev. E. Spencer Gough, Rector of Barningham, assisted by the Rev. A. Crofton, Vicar of Giggleswick. Thomas Richard Jessop, F.R.C.S., J.P., of Leeds, to Eliza, widow of the late Walter Cardwell.

MACQUEEN—RODENHURST.—September 1st, at the Priory Church, Great Malvern, by the Rev. H. D. Noel Paterson, M.A., Archibald Macqueen, M.D., Avondale House, Market Drayton, to Mary, daughter of the late William Rodenhurst, of Marley Mount, Market Drayton.

DEATHS.

DAVIDSON.—August 26th, at 33, Grange Mount, Birkenhead, in his 32nd year, F. W. Davidson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Manor Road, Liscard, Cheshire, second son of Colonel G. M. Davidson, Edgbaston.

MACNIELL.—August 23rd, at Guy's Hospital, Hardinge Charles Christian, L.R.C.P. and S.E., L.F.P. and S.G., of Parkstone, Dorset, the only son of Colonel MacNiell (retired pay), of Blackheath, aged 32.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

(A) Dr. F. H. Alderson, London; Mr. S. H. B. Anison, Killaloo. (B) Mr. G. Bromhead, Colchester; Mr. G. H. Broadbent, Manchester; Dr. A. Birmingham, Dublin; Mr. R. W. Brabant, St. Albans; Mr. R. Broath, Keswick; Mr. T. C. Beatty, Clacton-on-Sea; Dr. J. S. Boothroyd, London; Dr. J. B. Brierly, Manchester; Mr. G. F. Blake, Dublin; Dr. K. Bahadurji, Manchester; Mr. J. Bant, Leeds. (C) Mr. J. Le Couteur, London; Mr. A. Cooper, London; Dr. H. J. Campbell, Bradford; Mr. R. H. Clark, Hythe; Mr. C. S. Cross, London; Mr. J. Callender, Inverness; Mr. H. L. Carre Smith, London; Mr. L. J. P. Carroll, Bradford. (D) W. Downie, M.B., Glasgow; Dr. D. Drummond, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Dubitans; Dr. W. Donovan, Birmingham; J. Dunbar-Brunton, M.B., Galashiels; Messrs. Daniellsen and Co., London. (E) Mr. E. East, London; An East End M.D. Lond. (F) Professor M. Foster, Cambridge; Dr. Fiaschi, London; Mr. A. Fournet, London. Dr. A. Fahmy, Zagazig; Fiji; F. A. D.; Dr. W. S. Fenwick, London. (G) Mr. H. Greenway, Plymouth; Gray Hairs; Mr. P. G. Griffith, Hayward's Heath; General Practitioner. (H) Mr. W. Hag Hull; Dr. J. P. Henry, London; Dr. W. W. Hardwicke, East Molesey; Dr. R. Harvey, Muree; Dr. C. Hutchinson, Widnes; Mr. V. Horsley, London; Mr. G. Herring, London; Dr. J. Holmes, Manchester; Dr. J. W. Hancock-Steel, Grantham. (I) Mr. R. E. Ingram-Johnson, Chester-le-Street. (J) G. J. Johnston, M.B., Dublin; Mr. C. J. Johnson, Dublin. (L) Dr. H. Littlewood, Leeds; Messrs. Lever Brothers, Limited, London; Mr. T. Laffan, Cashel; Dr. S. Lockie, Carlisle; Dr. D. Lowson, Hull; J. Lloyd, M.B., Birmingham; Mr. H. K. Lewis, London. (M) Mr. F. C. Melhado, London; Dr. F. Morgan, Narberth; Member; Dr. W. S. Mavor, Waltham Cross; J. N. Matthews, M.B., East Ham; M.D., M.D.; W. V. Morgan, M.B., Narberth; Dr. P. W. MacDonald, Dorchester; Dr. H. Marten, Adelaide; Medicus; Dr. R. Martin, Manchester; Dr. J. C. McVail, Glasgow; Mr. C. H. Miller, Dublin. (N) J. Niven, M.B., Manchester. (O) Observer. (P) Dr. R. Purdon, Belfast; Dr. W. R. Parker, Kendal; Palinurus; Mr. J. Palmer, Westport; P. P.; Mr. W. H. Paine, London; Mr. C. J. Peer, London; P. G. (R) A. J. Rice-Oxley, M.B., Bawdsey; Mr. C. J. Rix, Southsea; Mr. H. M. Rainsford, London; J. H. Ray, M.B., Salford; Mr. T. P. Roberts, Harrogate; Rusticus. (S) H. J. Stiles, M.B., Edinburgh; Dr. C. Symonds, London; Dr. G. Schofield, Bloxham; Mr. E. D. Shirtliff, Malvern; Messrs. R. Sumner and Co., Liverpool; Mr. B. Saunders, London; Mr. P. S. C. Sekar, Triplicane; G. C. Sandford, M.B., York; Dr. C. E. Shelly, Hertford; Dr. J. O. Symes, London. (T) Tenax; T. H. A.; Dr. W. H. Thompson, Belfast; Mr. W. Tiplady, Cupar Angus; Mr. J. Thorne, Retford; Mr. W. J. Tivy, Clifton; Dr. N. Tirard, Evesham. (W) D. J. G. Watkins, M.B., Lincoln; H. Walshaw, M.B., London; C. E. Winckworth, M.B., Shefford; Mr. W. A. Wadsworth, Belfast; Dr. J. Watson, Newbury; Mr. S. F. Wright, Lee; Professor Windle, M.D., Birmingham; Mr. A. M. Watts, London; Mr. H. Whitcomb, London; Dr. A. G. Welsford, Dover; G. E. Williamson, M.B., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. G. Willett, Keynsham. (Y) Young Graduate; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

The Drainage of Villages. By William Spinks, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E. London: The Sanitary Publishing Company, Limited. 1s. 6d. net.

Lehmann's Medicin, Handatlasen. Band XI: Atlas und Grundriss der pathologischen Anatomie. Von Dr. O. Bollinger. Heft 3s. 4d.

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