

MEMORANDA:

MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OBSTETRICAL, THERAPEUTICAL, PATHOLOGICAL, ETC.

HÆMORRHAGIC INFARCTION OF THE SMALL INTESTINE.

THE case recorded by Mr. Gordon in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 4th reminds me of one which came under my observation.

At 4 P.M. on July 11th, 1891, a breast-fed male infant, a month old, was brought to me in a state of collapse, and moribund, having an enteric facial expression. The abdomen was distended, and there was dulness in the depending area. There was no external hernia. The mother had contracted syphilis through her husband, and had subsequently miscarried. She stated that the infant was apparently well until 10 A.M., when he became restless, drawing up the knees and straining. Vomiting recurred occasionally, the ejecta becoming yellow (fæcal). The bowels had been twice relieved during the day, and the motions were not blood-stained. As the condition did not justify abdominal section, a stimulant was prescribed of ether, ammonia, and opium. Death occurred two hours subsequently.

Necropsy.—On opening the abdomen, about 8 ounces of dark-coloured fluid containing blood was found in the peritoneal cavity. Fully 4 inches of the small intestine was gangrenous. A small portion opposite the mesenteric attachment had sloughed; the free margin was ragged, allowing fæcal matter to freely pass into the abdominal cavity. There was no general peritonitis, and nothing was found extraneous to the intestine to account for the gangrene, though carefully looked for.

At the time I was much puzzled to account for the condition, but, in the light of subsequent knowledge, considered it arose from obstruction to the arterial supply through arteritis.

Gatecombe, Wolverhampton.

JOHN A. LYCETT, M.D.

THE CAMPHOR HABIT AND ITS DANGERS.

THIS drug, either in the form of spirits of camphor or gum (solid) is frequently partaken of, more especially by females, for colds, later on for the exhilarating effect obtained. The undermentioned three cases may suggest the necessity for the public being cautioned.

CASE I.—A young woman, in the habit of taking spirits of camphor for a cold, took an overdose, and complained of giddiness, noises in the head, passing on to delirium, became frantic and maniacal, and had to be restrained by force. Recovery ensued after plenty of potassium bromide.

CASE II.—I was called upon suddenly at 1.30 A.M. to see a young girl reported to be in a fit. She appeared to be in the status epilepticus, convulsed, livid, frothing at the mouth, and presenting all the symptoms of epilepsy. Potassium bromide was administered hypodermically with very great relief. Next morning, upon investigating the case, I found that she had taken spirits of camphor. Luckily vomiting had occurred, or she would have died; rapid recovery ensued.

CASE III.—The other day I was called to a young lad aged 16, and found him apparently in an epileptic fit. He had great nausea, violent delirium, livid face; the delirium and nausea, rather than the evidence of convulsions, aroused my suspicions, but the patient was incoherent, and the bystanders were not able to give any information. I gave subcutaneous injection of potassium bromide. The stomach pump was out of the question, and an enema likewise, as I might have seriously damaged the œsophagus, stomach, or rectum by such procedure. After an hour or two he lapsed into a sound sleep, and awoke pretty well in the morning, excepting a feeling of nausea owing to the gastralgia produced by the drug, which the patient admitted having nibbled at (solid form) for no reason.

In all these cases the odour of camphor in the breath and excreta was absent. In all the pulse was quick and weak. My apology for troubling you is that this pernicious and fool-

hardy habit should be prevented by parents pointing out to their children the dangers thereby incurred.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

W. H. SPURGIN.

CHOREA COMPLICATING PREGNANCY.

Mrs. H., aged 27, married 14 months; at the eighth month of gestation; of a nervous temperament; had been treated constantly for anæmia and constipation. There was no history of previous chorea, rheumatism, nor scarlet fever. When called to see her on January 24th, 1898, she was suffering from symptoms of mild chorea, which had been going on for a fortnight. The movements were at first limited to the right side, but soon became general. She was extremely anæmic, the heart was normal, and also the urine. Arsenic and iron were given. She became very much worse fourteen days later, was unable to stand, and even when recumbent the head and limbs were in violent motion both day and night, except during sleep. Chloral and bromide of potassium were substituted, but as the intensity of the condition was increasing and there were no signs of labour coming on, the induction of premature labour was resolved upon. About 6 P.M. on February 7th a single bougie was inserted under chloroform, as it was found impossible, owing to the violent contractions, to make even a vaginal examination without it. At 8 A.M. on February 8th uterine action had not commenced, and another bougie was inserted; at 6 P.M. on February 8th uterine action had not commenced; at 8 A.M. on February 9th uterine action was slowly beginning; at 6 P.M. of the same day the membranes were ruptured; at midnight chloroform was given, and on examination there was found to be sufficient dilatation to allow of the use of forceps, and delivery was accomplished in half an hour. There was a ruptured perineum, which was sutured. Altogether the patient was not under chloroform longer than three-quarters of an hour. The child was living and a healthy male. On the recovery of the patient from the effects of chloroform it was disappointing to find that the choreic movements had returned in their old intensity. The pulse was extremely rapid, the temperature normal; the patient died four hours and a-half later from exhaustion. Throughout the attack the mind remained perfectly clear. The child has been very delicate and difficult to rear, and is affected with twitching movements.

Halstead, Essex.

J. HENRY ASHWORTH, M.D.

REPORTS

ON

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PRACTICE IN THE HOSPITALS AND ASYLUMS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.

PERFORATING GASTRIC ULCER: OPERATION: DEATH: NECROPSY.

(Under the care of Mr. E. W. ROUGHTON.)

M. H., a domestic servant, aged 20, had suffered from dyspepsia for two years, but had never had hæmatemesis. She had a slight attack of pain in the abdomen on April 7th, did her work on April 8th, and went to bed at the usual hour. She awoke about 3 A.M. on April 9th with violent epigastric pain. She was seen by Mr. Walter Roughton, of New Barnet, at 10.30 A.M. He diagnosed perforation of a gastric ulcer, and sent her to the Royal Free Hospital, whither she was conveyed in the recumbent position.

Condition on Admission.—She complained of severe pain in the epigastrium. She was not collapsed, but had a good colour and pulse. There was no vomiting. The abdomen was distended and the liver dulness abolished.

Operation Thirteen Hours after Onset of Symptoms.—An incision 5 inches long was made between the ensiform cartilage and the umbilicus. Gas escaped freely on opening the peritoneum. The left lobe of the liver was found adhering to the anterior surface of stomach by recent lymph. On raising the adherent part of the liver a perforation about 1 cm. in diameter on the anterior surface of the stomach near the cardiac orifice was exposed. There was no extravasation of

connected with hypnotism and mental disease. Among his writings may be mentioned monographs on *The Action of Medicines at a Distance*; *Melancholia with Stupor*; *Unconscious Fugues in Hysterical Subjects*. He was also the author of a series of *Researches on Post-Paroxysmic Albuminuria in Epileptics*; *The Toxicity of the Urine in Epileptics*; and *Intoxication in Epilepsy*. Dr. Voisin attended the annual meeting of the British Medical Association held at Bournemouth in 1891, where he made something of a sensation by a paper on hypnotism and its relation to crime.

SURGEON-GENERAL FREDERICK MORRISON CLIFFORD died in London on June 16th. He entered the Indian Medical Service (Bengal) as Assistant-Surgeon on April 4th, 1843, and was placed in medical charge of the European Dépôt at Chinsurah. In the following year he was attached to the 10th Bengal Cavalry, with which regiment he remained until 1854. In 1856, on return from furlough, he was appointed to the charge of the 6th Native Infantry, and on the mutiny of that regiment was successively in medical charge during 1857-58 at Allahabad of the Dépôt Hospital connected with General Havelock's brigade and of the general dépôt hospital. In June, 1857, he was promoted Surgeon, and in the following year was attached to the Field Hospital, Fategarh. While attached to the 10th Bengal Cavalry, then known as the Cavalry Regiment of the Bundelkhand Legion, throughout the campaign against the hill tribes in Scinde under Sir Charles Napier, he also served for a short time with the Cawnpore levy in co-operation with Lord Clyde's final campaign in Oude in 1868. He was promoted Surgeon-Major in 1863, retired in March, 1871, and was promoted Deputy-Surgeon-General in April, 1874. He was a man of amiable and upright disposition, and discharged the varied duties which fell to his lot with zeal and efficiency.

WE regret to announce the death of M. HOWARD, L.A.H., and J.P., of Lord Street, Oldham, which took place on June 26th. He had suffered from a severe attack of influenza last Easter, which left him in a very weak condition. He studied at Queen's College, Cork, and in Dublin, and took his diploma in the latter city in 1877. At his death he was only forty-five years of age. He was well known to all classes of the community in Oldham. In spite of his not over-robust physique he was a man of great energy, and besides medical practice he did much work in connection with the Commission of the Peace. He was born in Limerick in 1853. He attended medical classes in Dublin. While pursuing his medical studies there he was appointed parliamentary correspondent to the *Freeman's Journal*. He contributed also to the *Daily News*. He went to Oldham as a medical assistant in 1877, and subsequently commenced practice on his own account. For fourteen years in addition to his medical work he edited the *Oldham Standard*. He was also a certifying surgeon under the Factory Acts. He leaves a widow and young family, and by his death the journalists of the town have lost a hard working and respected colleague and the town itself a useful citizen.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Dr. Ferdinand Cohn, Professor of Botany in the University of Breslau, and author of a classic treatise on *The Development of Microscopic Algae and Fungi*, aged 70; Dr. Karl E. Wieth, Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Copenhagen; Dr. Levieux, formerly Physician to the Bordeaux Hospitals, corresponding member of the Académie de Médecine, and author of publications on hospital and sanitary reform, aged 80; and Dr. Anton R. Kerner von Marilaun, Professor of Botany in the University of Vienna, aged 66.

PROFESSOR TH. PUSCHMANN, author of works on the history of medicine, on medical education, etc., has been elected Dean of the University of Vienna for the academic year 1898-99.

On July 6th Viscountess Portman laid the foundation stone of the new home that is to be built for the nurses engaged in the Queen Charlotte's Hospital. The building will provide accommodation for over 70 nurses and staff, and a residence for 6 students.

MEDICO-LEGAL.

REGINA V. COLLINS

THIS case was resumed on Thursday, June 30th, Dr. BERTRAM HERBERT LYNE STIVENS, examined by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, said he had been in private practice for some fifteen years. Mr. Uzielli was a patient of his, and consulted him frequently. Early in March he remembered giving Mr. Uzielli a prescription for some ordinary household tonic aperient pills for his wife, as he told him she was suffering from constipation, indigestion, and general debility. On Thursday, March 24th, he was called to 7, Buckingham Gate, and arrived there about half-past seven in the evening. Mr. Uzielli told him who had been in attendance. Mrs. Uzielli was very deaf, which witness attributed to the quinine she had been taking. She said she was suffering from great pain in the abdomen pretty well all over. She had an anxious expression, and her face was cachectic—livid. Her respiration was thoracic.

In reply to the ATTORNEY-GENERAL Witness stated that thoracic breathing indicated that the muscles of the abdomen were more or less in a state of rigidity. She was lying on her back, with her legs drawn up and knees bent, a position indicating pain in the muscles of the abdomen, which was relieved by the flexion. Her pulse was 130, and her temperature 102.4°. There was the peculiar characteristic sweet odour in her breath which indicated some form of blood poisoning. He examined the abdomen and found it tender all over, especially low down in the left side. There was no discharge from the womb. There was tympanites. He formed the opinion that she was suffering from septicæmia and peritonitis. He examined the vagina digitally, and found it very tender. The womb was fixed. There was inflammation all round the neighbourhood of the womb, and the mouth of the womb was closed. He felt a little roughening round the mouth of the womb. There was swelling, particularly on the left side of the womb. The examination led him to suppose that the disease had originated there. He saw her again about half-past ten at night, when she was substantially in the same condition. He instructed the nurse to continue the poulticing, and to be very particular about the nourishment and stimulants. He gave the patient a little morphine by the rectum. He formed the opinion that she was in a very serious condition. Her condition gave him great anxiety. He did not think it possibly true to say of the patient that three hours before there was not a single symptom to cause apprehension or that she was going on perfectly right. At 3.30 on the Friday morning he was again summoned. Mrs. Uzielli was then leaning right forward with her head almost touching her knees, with her arms folded. She had been sitting up in bed with her head on her arms, resting on her legs. Her knees were semi-flexed. It was a peculiar position, and he had never seen a patient assume it before. He asked her how she came to be like that, and she said, "It eases me" or "It relieves me." She appeared to be suffering very much and was very restless. Her temperature had gone down to about 100°. Her pulse was rather more feeble. He gave her a small injection of morphine—one-eighth of a grain. There was not much change since he had seen her five hours before; she was slightly weaker, perhaps. He next saw her at 10 o'clock on the Friday morning. She was then considerably weaker, but was in less pain and easier. She said, "I am afraid I am very ill; I shall never get over this"—or words to that effect. He reassured her always. He told Mr. Uzielli after he had seen his wife for the first time that he was very anxious about her, and that he should get Sir John Williams to see her as soon as possible the next day. When he saw Mrs. Uzielli at 10 o'clock he thought she was in a more anxious condition than the night before. He knew her chances were practically nil. After he had arranged with Sir John Williams to come as early as he could, he telegraphed to Mr. Uzielli in the city and informed him of what he had done. He returned to Buckingham Gate at 3.30 in the afternoon, and found that Mrs. Uzielli was collapsing although still conscious. Sir John Williams arrived about 4.30, and together they examined Mrs. Uzielli. They both formed the opinion that there was no hope of recovery. Witness remained with her until her death about 5.45. He declined to give a medical certificate, and on Saturday the 26th he saw Mr. Troutbeck, the coroner, having previously written to him asking for an appointment. He received instructions on the Saturday to make a *post-mortem* in conjunction with Dr. Bond. In reply to the Judge, witness said he saw her four times—from the Thursday night at 10.30 up to the time of death on Friday at 6 o'clock. He did not see any cause to doubt that she was suffering in the way she described. A disease of that kind causing death would cause pain some days prior to death taking place. In reply to the Attorney-General, he said that at the *post-mortem* examination there was inflammation all round the womb. There was a wound situated on the front surface of the inner mouth of the womb. The distance of the wound from the outer mouth of the vagina was 5 inches, more or less; the distance from the outer mouth of the womb about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. The wound was $\frac{1}{2}$ inch across in diameter, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep. It was a ragged, punctured wound, as if it had been made by a blunt, probe-pointed instrument of some kind, not a sharp instrument. Asked whether the wound was about the same dimension in both directions, or a little longer than it was broad, witness said it was rather more perhaps than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch; perhaps it was a shade longer than broad. In a soft mucous membrane such as that lining the mouth of the womb, a blunt, probe-pointed instrument might have caused the wound. The wound was covered and surrounded by sloughy granulations. He formed the opinion at the time that there was the wound which was the cause of the peritonitis. The uterus, as far as he could judge, was pregnant approximately about seven or eight weeks. The uterus was in its normal position; it was not retroverted or displaced. There was fibrous thickening in Douglas's pouch of old standing, which he thought would prevent the womb going back. Except for the septic wound and the inflammation the womb appeared to be normal. The witness was then handed a bundle of instruments found in Dr. Collins's possession, and asked if there were any by which such a wound could have been caused? To this he replied "Yes—might have

charged with an offence of that kind was allowed to be present while the *post-mortem* examination was going on. An accidental blow on the arm, an accidental fall of something, would obliterate the whole evidence that could be got. His Lordship then proceeded to review the evidence. There was no doubt, he said, that the case would not have been started but for the statement of Dr. Lyne Stevens, and his conduct had been commented upon; yet in all the cases that he had ever tried, he never had one in which it was so clearly the duty of the doctor in attendance to do exactly that which Dr. Stevens had done on this occasion. The real questions for the jury were: (1) Was the woman pregnant; and (2) did she have a miscarriage? Dr. Collins admitted that Mrs. Uzielli had had a miscarriage, and stated that when he first saw her she had a retroverted womb, but the evidence of Dr. Stevens, Mr. Bond, and Sir John Williams was that it was impossible she could have had it, because of the old adhesions. As regards Mrs. Uzielli's condition on the day before her death, Dr. Stevens, the moment he saw her, knew what she was suffering from. That was only an hour or two after Dr. Collins left, and it seemed incredible that he was ignorant of the true nature of the disease. It was difficult to understand why Dr. Collins should fear an inquest if he had been properly treating his patient. There was not a tittle of evidence to confirm the suggestion that the abortion was brought about by somebody else. There was no other doctor, and therefore he did not think it necessary to say anything further on the point. His Lordship then referred to the medical evidence. The uterus and parts had been preserved, and they could have been examined and other evidence could have been given to contradict what Mr. Bond and Dr. Stevens had said, and also what Sir John Williams had said. The result of Sir John Williams's evidence was that the death was due to septic peritonitis and that peritonitis was caused by the wound. How the wound was made was the question on which the whole case turned. If the evidence pointed out that it was brought about by artificial means, the question was, Who could have done it? If the jury believed that Dr. Collins had given an untrue account of his position, then they would be justified in coming to the conclusion that the other evidence pointed strongly to the fact that his must be the hand that did it.

The Jury, after deliberating for about fifty minutes, found the prisoner guilty of manslaughter, but strongly recommended him to mercy. The Foreman of the Jury handed the following rider to the Judge:

"The Jury wish to express their deep concern at and condemnation of the growing tendency on the part of certain classes of the community, as proved by the evidence in this case, to avail themselves of their marital rights, and to try to evade the responsibility of their acts."

In reply to the question as to why sentence should not be passed upon him, the prisoner asserted his innocence.

Mr. Justice GRANTHAM then passed sentence of seven years' penal servitude.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY.—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

J. Allison, J. R. Anderson, *W. N. Barker, E. P. Baumann, H. L. S. D. Bilasco, W. Bell, F. P. Bester, Harriet A. S. Bird, J. M. Bowie, E. R. Branch, S. Branch, C. S. Brebner, R. N. Brebner, A. E. Brookes, H. H. Broome, A. C. Brown, E. H. Brunt, J. Burnet, M. A. *Isabella, D. Cameron, J. Cameron, R. Cameron, *Jane Alice Craig, W. Craig, E. Crawford, Faith P. Crowther, R. Cumming, M. Cuthbert, E. F. Cyriax, L. J. M. Deas, *G. Dick, R. J. Dick, W. H. Dickinson, F. H. Donnipe, J. Donaldson, J. F. Falconer, D. D. Farquharson, D. Forbes, A. D. Fordyce, C. Forsyth, A. F. Fraser, A. T. Gilliton, G. Gatenby, H. E. Gibbs, R. Gibson, Janet Dorothy Gilfillan, A. Gilmour, A. Goodall, J. M. Gray, A. M. Green, G. Hamilton, T. E. Hinks, C. A. B. Horsford, W. E. Hutchinson, J. W. Ingles, E. H. Kean, *G. E. J. King, R. King, J. Leggate, P. A. Leighton, *E. W. Lewis, E. M. Lithgow, J. S. Low, B. Sc. P. L. McAll, A. J. M'Clymont, J. C. McConaghey, E. M'Culloch, W. C. Macdonald, W. R. Macdonald, J. M'Gibbon, *A. C. M'Gilechrist, M. A. A. M. M'Intosh, W. M'Kay, *R. W. Mackenna, J. W. Mackenzie, D. W. MacLagan, D. A. Macvean, E. C. G. Maddock, T. K. Matthews, Christina Allison Mayne, W. P. Meldrum, B.Sc. C. W. F. Melville, G. W. Miller, B.Sc. L. K. B. Mills, J. Monroe, L. D. Parsons, B.A. C. M. Pearson, G. B. Pemberton, H. R. Phillips, R. Fugh, J. A. Raeburn, W. Raine, A. C. Renwick, *J. H. Rhodes, *H. H. Roberts, G. A. Rorie, A. C. Sandstein, *R. F. M. Scott, B.A. I. Shalaby, A. Shearer, G. F. B. Simpson, J. A. C. Smith, *W. Smith, E. Somerville, W. Farr, W. E. Telle, A. H. Thomas, R. C. Verley, *H. Wade, W. E. J. Wallis, D. Wardrop, D. B. Waters, M.A., *J. R. Williamson, W. C. Wilson, M.A., G. G. J. Young.

FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF M.B. AND C.M. (OLD REGULATIONS).—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

H. Armistead, J. H. Bain, F. J. H. Bateman, B.A. J. W. Bennett, C. W. Brooks, A. J. W. Buchanan, C. Chilton, B.A., D.Sc.; A. W. G. Clark, *W. H. Dawson, M.A., B.Sc. J. H. S. Douglas, G. Drummond, H. Duckworth, J. A. Eates, F. E. Feast, G. L. K. Finlay, B.A.; G. W. Fitzgerald, J. M. Fraser, E. Frost, J. H. Furniss, D. J. Hughes, A. H. James, F. R. Jones, F. F. Kerr, J. D. Lithgow, Beatrice Annie M'Gregor, J. Mackenzie, H. Malins, B.A.; R. F. Mudie, B. E. Myers, G. H. W. Robertson, M.A.; J. G. Ross, H. V. Sames, J. T. Scott, J. F. Stewart, W. A. C. Usher, J. F. Wilson.

* With distinction.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

The following degrees in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery were conferred on June 30th.

Bachelors in Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics.—W. F. Ahern, J. K. Bresland, N. O'D. Burns, A. D. Clinch, T. D. Good, G. M. Goldsmith, G. M. Holmes, J. W. H. Houghton, W. D. A. Keys, A. C. M'Vittie,

A. P. Macnamara, F. R. H. Merrick, H. H. Norman, G. J. A. Ormsby, J. R. H. Orr, H. I. Rogers, R. J. Rowlette, A. A. Seeds, J. T. Wigham. **Bachelor in Medicine.**—A. G. Beaumont. **Doctors in Medicine.**—J. H. L. Beaman, A. D. Clinch, J. R. Delmege, J. G. F. Hearn, P. N. Gerrard, T. B. Kerr, W. D. A. Keys, H. F. S. Langstaff, F. R. H. Merrick, G. P. Moore, B. O'Brien, G. J. A. Ormsby, J. R. H. Orr, A. A. Seeds, R. H. Shaw, W. B. A. Smith; S. B. Smith (*in absentia*).

CONJOINT BOARD IN ENGLAND.

THE following gentlemen have passed the Second Examination of the Board in the subjects indicated:—

Anatomy and Physiology.—H. N. Keeling, Yorkshire College, Leeds; C. H. Hawkins, Mason University College, Birmingham; T. S. Davies, H. James, J. C. Clayton, C. W. W. James, and H. H. Beverley, University College, Bristol; J. H. Ashton, Owens College, Manchester and Surgeons Hall, Edinburgh; C. A. G. Phipps and E. J. Jones, Owens College, Manchester; J. E. MacIlwaine, J. C. Rankin, and H. Stevenson, Queen's College, Belfast; S. U. Geraty, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin; L. C. Driscoll, Charing Cross Hospital; L. Gollan, Melbourne University and St. Mungo's College, Glasgow; W. Pettigrew, Firth College, Sheffield; G. Gomez, Bogota University. L. Pick, H. P. S. Devitt, and J. F. Powell, St. George's Hospital; H. M. Raven and J. W. Elliott, St. Mary's Hospital; J. S. Pascoe, Charing Cross Hospital; L. G. Hopkins, J. C. Fleming, W. R. J. Scroggie, and E. S. Littlejohn, University College, London; V. M. Wallis and G. J. Lewis, Guy's Hospital; L. Hirsch, Grant Medical College, Bombay, and Guy's Hospital; J. C. Bridge and P. G. Pavitt, Middlesex Hospital; R. Small, St. Thomas's Hospital; P. S. Hopkins, Edinburgh University, St. Thomas's Hospital, and Mr. Cooke's School of Anatomy and Physiology; C. H. Turner, R. Thompson, and H. H. Sloane, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; I. G. Pritchard, King's College, London; I. Stusser, London Hospital; P. L. Hicks, University College, Bristol and Guy's Hospital; H. D. Kempthorne, R. L. Jimenez, P. J. Nash, Guy's Hospital; R. Griffiths, Cambridge University, London Hospital, and Mr. Cooke's School of Anatomy and Physiology; E. N. Thornton, P. A. Green, and C. Parker, London Hospital; G. Dewick, St. Thomas's Hospital and Mr. Cooke's School of Anatomy and Physiology; C. W. Davies, A. E. Hill, R. H. W. Garle, St. Thomas's Hospital; F. G. Bennett, Cambridge University and University College, London; G. H. Hackney, University College, London; P. R. Fort and H. T. Doble, St. Mary's Hospital; E. L. Martin, H. E. G. Boyle, M. B. Scott, G. H. Low, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; A. Mason and F. B. Penfold, Middlesex Hospital.

Anatomy only.—W. Beck, Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities.

Physiology only.—J. W. Bennett, Owens College, Manchester, and Mr. Cooke's School of Anatomy and Physiology; A. N. Leatham, Charing Cross Hospital; and C. C. Tandy Magee, Melbourne University and London Hospital.

Forty-two gentlemen were referred in both subjects, three in Anatomy only, and one in Physiology only.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND.

THE following candidates, having passed a special examination for the Licence in Midwifery of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, have been admitted Licentiates: A. C. Fenn, L.S.A.; K. H. White, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., L.F.P. and S. Glasg.

UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS.

At the June Examination, 1898, of the Brussels University, the following British practitioners obtained the M.D. degree: Messrs. Bell, Cowburn, Spenser Cox, Glasson (honours), Hudson, Lamplough, McCall, Noble, Persehouse, and Reeve.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

THE following prizes have been awarded: Barker Anatomical Prize—Miss K. F. Lynn, 1st, £26 5s.; J. S. P. Stewart, 2nd, £15 15s. Carmichael Scholarship—C. R. Boyce, £15. Mayne Scholarship—D. Hadden, £15. Gold Medal in Operative Surgery—G. W. Little. Silver Medal in Operative Surgery—T. G. N. Stokes. Certificate of Merit in Operative Surgery—S. R. Godkin. Practical Histology—J. P. Byrne, £3 and medal; R. H. Oulton, £1 and certificate. Practical Chemistry—W. Delaney and Miss M. J. Shire (equal), £2 and medals. Public Health and Forensic Medicine—D. A. Fitzgerald, £3 and medal; Mrs. H. L. Hennessy, £1 and certificate. Materia Medica—J. Levis, £3 and medal; W. R. Meredith, £1 and certificate. Practical Pharmacy—E. Evatt, £3 and medal; Miss M. J. Shire, £1 and certificate. Biology—Miss M. J. Shire, £3 and medal; R. E. Humphrey, £1 and certificate.

The preliminary examination for the commencement of medical study will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 27th and 28th.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN thirty-three of the largest English towns, including London, 6,575 births and 3,203 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, July 2nd. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 14.7 and 15.1 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, declined to 14.9 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 9.0 in Preston, 10.3 in Norwich, 10.6 in Cardiff, and 10.9 in Croydon, to 18.6 in Gateshead, 19.0 in Wolverhampton, 20.8 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and 22.8 in Sunderland. In the thirty-two provincial towns the mean death-rate was 15.1 per 1,000, and exceeded by 0.6 the rate recorded in London, which was 14.5 per 1,000. The zymotic death-rate in the thirty-three towns averaged 1.6 per 1,000; in London the rate was equal to 1.9 per 1,000, while it averaged 1.4 in the thirty-two provincial towns, among which the highest zymotic

Surgeon-Colonel C. F. CHURCHILL is appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer, Bengal Command, with the temporary rank of Surgeon-Major-General, dated May 20th.

The Khedive has signified his intention of conferring the 4th class of the order of the Osmanieh upon Surgeon-Captain R. H. PENTON, D.S.O., and the 4th class of the order of the Medjidieh upon Surgeon-Captain P. H. WHISTON.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

The undermentioned Surgeon-Majors, having completed twenty years' full pay service, are promoted to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonels, March 30th:—Bengal: JARLATH FRENCH-MULLEN, M.D., EUGENE CRETIN, ANDREW DUNCAN, M.D., GEORGE FREDERICK NICHOLSON, M.D., SAMUEL FERGUSON BIGGAR, and Sir GEORGE SCOTT-ROBERTSON, K.C.S.I. Madras: THOMAS HENRY POPE, M.D., ROBERT PEMBERTON, DAMODAR PURSHOTAM WARLICKER, JAMES JOSEPH MORAN, M.D., WILLIAM ADAIR QUAYLE, M.D., HENRY ARMSTRONG. Bombay: CHARLES MONKS, PHIROZSHA JAMSETJEE DAMANIA, GEORGE HENRY BULL, M.D., FREDERICK FITZGERALD MAC-CARTIE, C.I.E.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel JAMES ARNOTT, M.D., Bombay Establishment, has retired from the service from April 1st. His commission as Assistant Surgeon dates from April 1st, 1867; that of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel from April 30th, 1891. He served with the field hospital during the Abyssinian war in 1867-68 (medal), and in the Afghan war in 1879-80 as Principal Medical Officer of the Reserve Brigade in the Bolan Pass, and in medical charge of the headquarters staff at the defence of Candahar (mentioned in despatches), being present in the sortie of Deh Khojah (mentioned in despatches) and at the battle of Candahar (medal with clasp).

The retirement from the service of the undermentioned officers, which has been already announced in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, has received the approval of the Queen: Surgeon-Colonel SAMUEL B. HUNT, Madras Establishment; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel JAMES MOOREHEAD, M.D., Bengal; and Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel JAMES C. H. PEACOCKE, Bombay.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel JOSEPH BACKHOUSE, Madras Establishment, is permitted to retire from the service from July 1st. His first commission is dated April 1st, 1869; that of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel April 1st, 1889.

Surgeon ALFRED JOHN WALL, M.D., late of the Bengal Establishment, died on April 29th, aged 50 years. He entered the service April 1st, 1873, and was transferred to the Half-pay List, February 26th, 1882.

Surgeon-General FREDERICK MORRISON CLIFFORD, late of the Indian Medical Service, died in London on June 15th.

Surgeon-General HENRY YOUNG, M.D., late of the Madras Establishment, died at 58, Wiltshire Road, Brixton, on June 18th, at the age of 81. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon, January 8th, 1842; became Deputy-Surgeon-General, October 6th, 1874; and retired from the service, December 8th, 1874. He was granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-General, June 14th, 1876.

Surgeon-General WM. HENRY ADLEY, late of the Bengal Establishment, died on June 18th, after a short illness, aged 70. He entered the service as Assistant Surgeon, September 2nd, 1850; became Deputy-Surgeon-General, June 22nd, 1877; and retired with the honorary rank of Surgeon-General, April 1st, 1882.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. C. HALL, Bengal Establishment, is granted the rank of Surgeon-Colonel while officiating as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, North West Provinces.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel D. SINCLAIR, M.B., Madras Establishment, is promoted to be Surgeon-Colonel, from February 12th, 1896, and to remain seconded while holding the appointment of Inspector-General of Prisons, Sanitary Commissioners, and Chief of the Civil Medical Department, Burma. His first commission dates from October 1st, 1869.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. BRANFOOT, C.I.E., M.B., Madras Establishment, is also promoted to be Surgeon-Colonel, from March 1st. He entered the service as Assistant-Surgeon, March 30th, 1872.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. B. BOYD, Bombay Establishment, is appointed to succeed Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Arnett, M.D., as Physician to St. George's Hospital, Bombay; Surgeon-Major J. P. BARRY, M.B., Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Boyd as Superintendent of Colabar Lunatic Asylum; and Surgeon-Captain B. B. GRAYFOOT will permanently hold the appointment of Civil Surgeon of Kaira, *vice* Surgeon-Major Barry.

Surgeon-Major-General WILLIAM ROE HOOPER, C.S.I., late of the Bengal Establishment, has been appointed a Knight of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN R. BEVAN, 1st Volunteer Battalion, the Buffs, East Kent Regiment, has resigned his commission, June 22nd.

Surgeon-Lieutenant A. W. W. CAUDLE, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment, has also resigned his commission; he is permitted to retain his rank and uniform.

Mr. JAMES GODDING is appointed Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 15th Middlesex (the Customs and the Docks) Rifles, June 22nd.

Surgeon-Captain A. H. ROBINSON, M.D., 2nd Middlesex Artillery, is promoted to be Surgeon-Major, July 2nd.

Surgeon-Lieutenant P. T. LUNN, and Volunteer Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment, and Surgeon-Lieutenant A. L. JONES, 3rd Glamorgan Rifles, are promoted to be Surgeon-Captains, July 2nd.

THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION.

SURGEON-MAJOR-GENERAL W. TAYLOR will be the Principal Medical Officer of the pending expedition to Khartoum. It is rumoured that the present class of Army Medical Staff Surgeons on probation will go to Egypt for duty, and that the examination at the end of the session will be dispensed with. Over 100 Medical Staff Corps of all ranks will embark on July 1st for Egypt, and another large detachment of similar strength about July 13th, probably in the *Telunga*, hired transport, for the same destination.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.—Dr. H. Jones Roberts, of Penygroes, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for Carnarvonshire.

LORD LUDLOW will distribute the prizes to the successful students of the Dental Hospital for London at a *conversazione* to be held on Tuesday, July 19th, at 8 P.M., at the Royal Institute Galleries, Prince's Hall, Piccadilly.

THE annual meeting of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb will be held at the Portman Rooms on July 11th at 3.30 P.M., when the prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Arthur Lucas, and a short illustration of the system will be given.

SUCCESSFUL VACCINATION.—Dr. Reginald Maples, public vaccinator of Kingsclere Union, has been awarded for the eighth time a grant for efficient vaccination in the Kingsclere District, and for the second time in the Highclere District. Mr. Clement Pound (Odiham, Hants) has also received the grant for efficient vaccination in his district.

A MEDICAL SOCIETY OFFICERED BY WOMEN.—The San Diego (California) Medical Society has made a new departure by electing as its officers women instead of men. Dr. Magee, who had been secretary for ten years, recently resigned to make room for Mrs. Nelson, M.D. During the present year the Society will have a female President, a female Vice-President, and a female Secretary.

THE late Sir Robert Rawlinson, formerly chief engineering inspector of the Local Government Board has, after leaving certain bequests to Lady Rawlinson and the Institution of Civil Engineers, directed that the ultimate moiety of his personal estate valued at £82,838 should be paid to the trustees of St. Thomas's Hospital for the general purposes of the hospital, which will thus receive apparently about £35,000.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL MUSICAL SOCIETY.—On June 28th the Charing Cross Hospital Musical Society, with the assistance of some professional friends, gave a very successful concert at St. Martin's Town Hall. The audience was large, and included many distinguished members of the medical profession. An excellent programme was provided, among the artists being Miss Marion Blinkhorn, Miss Charlotte Hemming (the Australian reciter), Mr. Norman McLeod, and Mr. Herbert Class. Among others who appeared were Mr. Robert Manning, Mr. Percy Spark, Mr. Seguer-Brown, Messrs. Cecil and Bertie Sutton, and Mr. W. St. Aubin Hubbard, the Hon. Secretary of the Musical Society.

PRESENTATION.—At a meeting held on June 8th, Dr. A. G. Davey of Ryde was presented by his numerous friends with a cheque for £1,000 for the purpose of endowing a cot in the children's ward of the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital, to be called the "Alexander Davey" cot as a mark of their esteem and appreciation. Dr. Davey, who is Senior Medical Officer to the institution, was at the same time presented with an illuminated address which referred to Dr. Davey's labours in the interests of the Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital, and more especially of the children's wing now being added to the hospital as a permanent memorial of the Queen's longest reign.

CAMBRIDGE GRADUATES' MEDICAL CLUB.—The annual meeting and dinner of this Club was held at Limmer's Hotel, W., on Thursday, June 30th. Fifty-nine members and guests were present. The President, Dr. W. H. Dickinson, proposed the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales." In connection with the toast of "The Club" he reviewed the chief events of the year in connection with the Medical School of Cambridge. The death of Professor Roy, the appointment of Dr. Kanthack to the chair of Pathology, the necessity of providing new buildings for the Medical School, and the Physiological Congress to be held at Cambridge were alluded to in graceful terms. The Senior Secretary, Dr. Rolleston, who is retiring from that post after holding it for eight years, replied. Professor Kanthack proposed "The Guests," and Professor Burdon Sanderson responded to the

toast with an admirable speech. "The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Dr. Hare in sympathetic terms, and duly acknowledged.

HOSPITAL ABUSE.—At a special meeting of the Council of the Charity Organisation Society held recently, under the chairmanship of Sir Joshua Fitch, Mr. T. Clinton Dent read a paper describing the proposed scheme for the reconstitution of the Belgrave Hospital for Children in South London. The special rules with regard to the admission and selection of patients, which were described and discussed in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of April 23rd, 1898, p. 1104, were detailed by Mr. Dent. Mr. W. H. Kesteven, M.R.C.S., subsequently read a paper embodying various suggestions as to the reform of casualty and out-patient departments, in which he said what is known as hospital abuse had reached its climax. It was true that the managers of any particular hospital would always deny that it was not well managed, but he held that the evil existed, and was, in fact, rampant. A prolonged discussion ensued.—At a meeting in support of the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, held at the Mansion House recently, Sir Dyce Duckworth, Consulting Physician to the hospital, moved the resolution approving the proposed scheme for rebuilding the hospital. He said that the hospital was carrying on a good work which certainly did not pauperise. Having worked for fifteen years in one of the greatest hospitals of the metropolis—St. Bartholomew's—he believed that the outcry on this head had been greatly exaggerated. He considered that in well-ordered hospitals abuses were *nil*. Colonel W. J. Tatham seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously; and we learn from a report in the *Times* that a list of subscriptions, amounting to £642, was read by the Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.—The following gentlemen have been appointed to act as medical referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act: Dr. Wilfred Baggins (Winchfield) for the County Court Circuits of Southampton, Winchester, Basingstoke, Alton, Andover, and Romsey; Mr. J. Paul Bush (Bristol) for the Bristol County Court District; Dr. W. A. Elliston (Ipswich) for the southern part of the county of Suffolk; Dr. G. Washington Isaac (London) for the County Court Circuit No. 44, Westminster; Dr. J. Holmes Joy (Tamworth) for the Warwickshire County Court District, No. 26; Dr. W. Murray Leslie for the City of London; Mr. R. Meredith Littler (Southport) for the Southport and Ormskirk County Court District; Mr. Herbert Lund (Manchester) for division of County Court Circuit No. 7; Dr. W. B. Mackay (Berwick-upon-Tweed) for districts of Berwick, Bedford, and Wooler in County Court Circuit No. 1; Mr. J. H. S. May (Plymouth) for County Court Circuit No. 58; Dr. Charles Parsons (Dover) for County Court District comprising Dover, Folkestone, Hythe, New Romney, and Deal; Dr. Walter Petter (Darlington) for County Court Circuit No. 15; Mr. G. A. Phillips (Walsall) for County Court Circuit No. 25; Dr. Bertram M. H. Rogers for the Bristol County Court District; Dr. H. C. Sharp (Truro) for County Court Circuit No. 59; Dr. F. J. Smith (London).

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House Physician. Salary, £70 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the House Governor by July 30th.
- BRENTFORD UNION.**—Assistant Medical Officer for the New Infirmary, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, rations, washing, etc. Applications, on forms provided, to the Clerk, Union Offices, Isleworth, W., by July 20th.
- BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND PRESTON DISPENSARY,** Queen's Road, Brighton.—House-Surgeon for the northern branch, unmarried. Salary, £140 per annum, with furnished apartments, coals, gas, and attendance. Applications to the Honorary Secretary before August 17th.
- BRISTOL: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.**—Demonstratorship of Physiology. Stipend, £125. Applications to Dr. E. Markham Skerrett, Dean, by July 21st.
- BUXTON: DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon and Assistant-House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 and £50 per annum respectively, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 20th.
- CARLISLE DISPENSARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £130 per annum, with apartments. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, G. A. Lightfoot, Rivershill, Stanwix, Carlisle, by July 14th.

- DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON AND LONDON SCHOOL OF DENTAL SURGERY,** Leicester Square.—Demonstrator. Honorarium £50 per annum. Applications to the Dean by July 18th.
- DORCHESTER: COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Second Assistant Medical Officer, not over 30 years of age. Salary, £130 rising to £160. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by July 20th.
- DUMFRIES: PARISH OF NEWABEY.**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to the Chairman, by July 14th.
- EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,** Southwark, S.E.—Surgeon to out-patients. Applications to the Committee of Management by July 22nd.
- GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.**—Lecturer on *Materia Medica* and Therapeutics. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Secretary of the Court by July 20th.
- GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL,** Holloway Road, N.—Junior House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Board, lodging, and washing provided. Applications to the Secretary by July 18th.
- GUY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—Lecturer on Biology. Applications to the Treasurer by July 23rd.
- HALIFAX: ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £50 per annum, with an extra allowance of £9 2s. 6d., with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 20th.
- HASTINGS, ST. LEONARDS, AND EAST SUSSEX HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. No salary, but residence, board, and laundry provided. Applications to the Secretary by July 27th.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN,** Soho Square, W.—Registrar. Honorarium, 25 guineas. Applications to the Secretary by July 18th.
- LAGOS GOVERNMENT RAILWAY.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Between 25 and 30 years of age. Salary, £30 per month, and first-class passage out and home. Applications to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Downing Street, S.W., by July 11th.
- MANCHESTER CORPORATION.**—First Medical Assistant and Third Medical Assistant. Salary, £150 and £100 per annum respectively, with board and lodging. Applications to the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, Public Health Office, Town Hall, Manchester, by July 15th.
- MANCHESTER EAR HOSPITAL.**—Clinical Clerkship. Appointment for six months. Applications to the Secretary by July 11th.
- MANCHESTER: OWENS COLLEGE.**—Senior and Junior Demonstrator in Physiology. Stipends, £150, rising to £200, and £100, rising to £150 respectively. Applications to the Registrar by July 18th.
- METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.**—Medical Practitioner to investigate cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria that are alleged to have resulted from the premature discharge of patients from the Board's Hospitals. Appointment for six months. Fee, 2 guineas per case, minimum remuneration 50 guineas. Applications to the Secretary by July 13th.
- ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL,** Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—House-Physician. Appointment for six months. Board, etc., provided. No salary. Applications to the Secretary by July 23rd.
- ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL,** King William Street, West Strand.—House-Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary by July 16th.
- ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.**—Professors of *Materia Medica* and Pathology. Applications to the Secretary of the University Court by August 31st.
- STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 12th.
- SUFFOLK COUNTY ASYLUM,** Melton.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 a year, with board, lodging, washing, and attendance. Unmarried, and under 30 years of age. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by July 16th.
- VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,** Park Street, Hull.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and laundry. Applications to the Honorary Secretaries by July 18th.
- WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY,** Stafford Street, Marylebone Road.—House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Hon. Secretary by July 11th.
- WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Chairman of the Medical Committee by July 18th.
- YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, rooms, washing, etc. Applications to the Secretary by July 20th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- ANCRUM,** Wayland, M.B., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Gloucester General Infirmary, *vice* W. Washbourn, M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Surgeon.
- ANDERSON, F., M.B., C.M. Edin.,** appointed to the Medical Staff of the York Dispensary, York.
- BARGENT, William, M.D. Durh., B.S.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Northallerton Urban District Council, *vice* Charles Tweedy, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin., resigned.
- BEDDOE, D. M., F.R.C.S.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the London Throat Hospital, Great Portland Street.
- Bow, M. R., M.B. Edin.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Brampton District of the Scarborough Union.
- BUCHANAN, Peter, M.B., C.M. Glasg.,** appointed Medical Officer of Health to the West Dean Rural District Council.
- BURTON, C. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,** appointed Resident Medical Officer to the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

COFFEY, Mr. Patrick, appointed Medical Officer for the Emlagh Dispensary District of the Calhveeven Union, *vice* John Healy, L.R.C.P. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glas., retired.

FOSTER, J. T., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

FOSTER, Dr. F., appointed Medical Officer for the South Arretton District of the Isle of Wight Union.

GIBB, R. Shirra, M.B., C.M. Aberd., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the County of Berwickshire.

GREEN, Mr. F. L., appointed Medical Officer for the North Curry District of the Taunton Union.

GREGORY, W. Herbert, M.D., C.M. Edin., appointed Visiting Surgeon Beverley Cottage Hospital and Dispensary, and Visiting Physician Ann Routh Hospital.

GROSVENOR, W. W., B.A., M.D., appointed Physician to the Children's Hospital, Gloucester, *vice* W. M. Hope, M.R.C.S.

HAIR, Allan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Physician to the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

HAYNES, P. O., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth District of the Devizes Union.

HOPE, W. M., M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Gloucester, *vice* W. Washbourn, M.R.C.S. Eng.

HUNT, Lewis G., M.D. McGill, L.R.C.P. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glas., appointed Medical Officer for the Headquarters Homes of the Sheffield Union.

JACKSON, W. R., M.B., appointed Medical Officer for the Second and Fifth Districts of the South Molton Union.

LAWRIE, Leo, V., M.B. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Moreton-hampstead District of the Newton Abbot Union.

LEWARNE, Frank, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Cricklade District of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Union.

LONGWORTH, Stephen G., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Irel., appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Suffolk County Asylum.

MAGRATH, H. G., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Third District of the Wimborne and Cranborne Union.

MARTIN, Frederic William, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Brighouse Town Council.

MASON, F. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed a Resident Medical Officer to the York Dispensary.

MILROY, J. A., M.A., M.B., Junior Demonstrator of Physiology in Owens College, Manchester, appointed Medical Demonstrator of Physiology in Yorkshire College, Leeds.

MORGAN, G. F. V., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Lond., appointed Honorary Physician to the Hartlepool Hospital.

MURRAY, Dr. J., appointed Medical Officer for the Ninth District of the Hexham Union.

NEWSHOLME, Arthur, M.D., F.R.C.P., appointed Examiner in Preventive Medicine to the University of Oxford.

PEARSON, Reginald S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Wigan Rural District Council.

ROBINSON, Dr. H., appointed Medical Officer for the Sculcoates Union Cottage Homes.

SAYERS, M. H., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Berks Hospital.

SHAW, W. H. C., M.B., B.C. Camb., appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth District of the Bedford Union.

SMITH, Dr. Walter, appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent to the Belfast District Lunatic Asylum, *vice* S. Graham, L.R.C.P. Lond., resigned.

STALKER, Alex. Mitchell, M.A., M.D. Edin., appointed Surgeon to Her Majesty's Prison, Dundee, *vice* J. W. Miller, M.D. Edin.

STANSFIELD, T. E. Knowles, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Superintendent of the London County Asylum, The Heath, Bexley, Kent.

SYDENHAM, G. F., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer for the Third District of the South Molton Union.

SYRETT, E. F., M.D. Durh., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Seventh District of the Sudbury Union.

THOMPSON, C. J., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Calbourne District of the Isle of Wight Union.

THYNE, W., M.D., C.M., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., appointed as Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

TILLEY, Herbert, M.D. and B.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed to the Honorary Staff of the London Throat Hospital, Golden Square.

WALLACE, Arthur J., M.D. Edin., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Hospital for Women, Shaw Street, Liverpool, *vice* J. E. Gemmell, M.B., C.M. Edin.

WALLS, Dr., appointed House-Surgeon to the Northern Infirmary, Inverness, *vice* Ian G. Sibbald, M.B., C.M.

WARD, C. F. Myers, Senior Demonstrator of Physiology at Owens College, Manchester, appointed Lecturer on Physiology in University College, Sheffield.

WARE, Dr. H. R. W., appointed Medical Officer for the Fifth District of the Henstead Union.

WATSON, C. Gordon, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital for six months.

WHITAKER, E. T., M.B., Ch.M., B.Sc., F.C.S., D.P.H., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Oakengates Urban District Council.

WHITE, Sinclair, M.D. R.U.I., M.Ch., D.P.H. Camb., appointed Surgeon to the Sheffield Infirmary, *vice* G. H. Shaw, M.R.C.S. Eng. deceased.

WIGHAM, W. H., M.B. Durh., M.R.C.S. Eng., reappointed Medical Officer of Health to the South Molton Town Council.

WILLIS, Arthur, M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Sixth District of the Newmarket Union.

WOODS, H. H., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Fourth District of the Lymington Union.

WRAY, Charles, F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Croydon School Board.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post office order or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning in order to insure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

HILL.—On June 21st, the wife of William Hill, M.D. Lond., of 28, Weymouth Street, of a son. The infant survived only one day, and was cremated at Woking on June 25th.

STALKART.—On June 12th, at Braemar, Barbados, W.I., the wife of Surgeon-Captain C. E. Grey Stalkart, M.D., Army Medical Staff, of a son.

WHITE.—On July 3rd, at Chester House, Norwich, the wife of Richard Wentworth White, of a daughter.

WILLIAMSON.—At Larnaca, Cyprus, on June 24th, the wife of George A. Williamson, M.B., C.M., District Medical Officer, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HUTTON—DUN.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., by the Rev. James Dun, Vicar of Higham Ferrers and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. Alfred Griffiths, David Mount Hutton, B.Sc., M.B., C.M., Southport, to Isabel Stirling, third daughter of the late Finlay Dun, of Gorgie House, Edinburgh.

KENT—PARSONS.—On June 27th, at St. James's, Kidbrook, by the Reverend J. C. Leeke, Rector and Rural Dean, assisted by the Revd. H. B. Colchester, Sydney Kent, B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., son of the late William Kent, of Johndaryan, Queensland, to Katharine Louisa Maud Parsons, fifth daughter of the late Perceval M. Parsons, M.I.C.E., of Melbourne House, Blackheath, Kent. Australian papers please copy.

MURRAY—WILLS.—On July 6th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, by the Rev. Canon Ainger, Master of the Temple, assisted by the Rev. Canon Pennefather, John Murray, F.R.C.S., 133, Harley Street, son of the late John Murray, Esq., of Monkstown, co. Dublin, to Bertha Marion, youngest daughter of the Honble. Mr. Justice Wills, 7, Chelsea Court, S.W.

PROUDFOOT—BABINGTON.—At the Parish Church, Northam, North Devon, on June 18th, by the Rev. M. D. Dimond-Churchward, M.A., Vicar, Frank G. Proudfoot, M.A., M.B., and C.M., Oxford, to Alice Catherine, daughter of the late Lieut.-General Babington, Madras Staff Corps.

SCOTT-RIDDELL—GORDON.—In the Free Church of Tain, Ross-shire, on June 30th, by the Rev. Evan Grant, F.C. Nigg, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Grant, F.C. Tain, J. Scott-Riddell, M.A., M.B., C.M., Aberdeen, to Jane Grindley, second daughter of John Gordon, Esq., residing at Cullisse, Ross-shire. At home, 415, Union Street, Aberdeen, August 17th, 18th, and 19th.

WALKER—WILKINSON.—On July 1st, at Columbus, Pont Street, Chelsea, by the Rev. S. Macleod, George Walker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Hill Road, Wimbledon, eldest surviving son of George Walker, Woodside, Wimbledon, to Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel John Wilkinson (late 80th Regiment, and for many years Commanding Officer of the London Division of the Corps of Commissioners), 12, Penridge Villas, Southfields, S.W. No cards. At home, July 22nd and 23rd.

DEATHS.

CASE.—At Folkestone, on June 15th, Henry Case, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., late Medical Superintendent, Metropolitan District Asylum, Leavesden, and formerly Lecturer on Psychological Medicine, Middlesex Hospital.

SMITH.—On June 30th, at Leicester, Warwickshire, Thomas Lant Smith, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., aged 91 years.

THOMAS.—On the 4th inst., at Alexandria, Egypt, of enteric fever, Howard Rawson, fourth son of William Thomas, F.R.C.S., of Birmingham, aged 22.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.

West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, 73, Welbeck Street, 4.30 P.M.—Dr. Fletcher Beach: On Mental Disorders in Children.
City Orthopaedic Hospital, 5.30 P.M.—Lecture by Mr. J. Jackson Clarke: Deformities caused by Badly-shaped Boots.
National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, 5.30 P.M.—Lecture by Dr. Colman.

WEDNESDAY.

West London Post-Graduate Course, West London Hospital, Hamersmith Road, W., 5 P.M.—Dr. P. S. Abraham: Dermatological Cases.
Dermatological Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 5.15 P.M.—Clinical Meeting.
Laryngological Society of London, 20, Hanover Square, 5 P.M.—Special Meeting to discuss whether it is desirable (1) to limit the membership of the Society; (2) to alter the days of meeting.

THURSDAY.

British Gynaecological Society, 5.30 P.M.—Adjourned discussion on Mr. Skene Keith and Dr. Bantock's papers on Dysmenorrhoea. Mr. Bowreman Jessett will show Specimens. The President: Two unusually interesting cases of Ovarian Cystoma, with Specimens.
Mr. Christopher Martin (Birmingham): Some Moot-points in the After-treatment of Cases of Abdominal Section.
Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Dr. Dickinson: Demonstration of Selected Cases.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AND OPERATION DAYS AT THE
LONDON HOSPITALS.

CANCER, Brompton (Free). *Attendances*—Daily, 2. *Operations*.—Tu. F. S., 2.
CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances*—Daily, 1. *Operations*—Daily.
CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR. *Attendances*.—M. W. Th. S., 2; Tu. F., 5. *Operations*.—Tu. F., 2; Th. S., 9.
CHANCING CROSS. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.45; Dental, M., 9; Throat and Ear, F., 9.30. *Operations*.—Th. F. S., 3.
CHLSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1.30. *Operations*.—M. Th. F., 2.
CITY ORTHOPEDIC. *Attendances*.—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operations*.—M., 4.
EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. *Operations*.—M. W. Th. F., 2.
GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. W. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Throat and Ear, Tu. F., 2.30; Skin, W., 2.30; Dental, W., 2. *Operations*.—M. W. Th. F.
GUYS. *Attendances*.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 1; Skin, Tu., 1; Dental, daily, 9; Throat, F., 2. *Operations*.—Tu. F., 1.30; (Ophthalmic) M., 1.30; Th., 2.
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, SOHO. *Attendances*.—Daily, 10. *Operations*.—M. Th., 2.
KING'S COLLEGE. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, daily, 2; o.p., daily, 1.30; Eye, M. W. Th., 1.30; Ear, Th., 2.30; Throat, M., 1.30; F., 2; Dental, M. Th., 10; Skin, W., 1.30. *Operations*.—W. Th. F., 2.
LONDON. *Attendances*.—Medical, daily, 1-p., 2; o.p., 1.30; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. S., 9; Ear, W., 9; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9. *Operations*.—Daily, 2.
LONDON TEMPERANCE. *Attendances*.—Medical, M. Tu. W. Th. F., 1.30; Surgical, M. Th., 1.30. *Operations*.—M. Th., 4.30.
METROPOLITAN. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; S., 9; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 2; Throat and Ear, Th., 2; Dental, Tu. Th. S., 5. *Operations*.—Tu. W., 2.30; Th., 2.
MIDDLESEX. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th., 1.30; o.p., M., 9; W., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Tu., 4; Th., 9.30; Dental, M. F., 9.30; W., 9. *Operations*.—Daily, 1.30.
NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC. *Attendances*.—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operations*.—W., 10.
NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. *Attendances*.—Daily, 2; Ophthalmic, W. S., 9.30. *Operations*.—Tu. F., 9.
NORTH-WEST LONDON. *Attendances*.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2, 8, 10; Surgical, daily, exc. W., 2, 10; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, F., 9. *Operations*.—Th., 2.30.
ROYAL EYE, Southwark. *Attendances*.—Daily, 2. *Operations*.—Daily.
ROYAL FREE. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Diseases of Women, Tu. S., 9; Eye, M. F., 9; Skin, Tu., 9; Throat, Nose and Ear, W., 9. *Operations*.—W. S., 2; (Ophthalmic) M. F., 10.30; (Diseases of Women) S., 9.
ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances*.—Daily, 9. *Operations*.—Daily, 10.
ROYAL ORTHOPEDIC. *Attendances*.—Daily, 2. *Operations*.—M., 2.
ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1. *Operations*.—Daily, 2.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, M. Tu. W. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. Th., 9; W. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, Tu., 9; Larynx, Tu. F., 2.30; Orthopedic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9. *Electrical*, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30. *Operations*.—Daily, 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu. F., 2; Abdominal Section for Ovariectomy, F., 2.
ST. GEORGE'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1-p., 1; o.p., 12; Obstetric, 1-p., Tu. F., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 2.30; Eye, S., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2.45; Throat, F., 2; Orthopedic, F., 12; Dental, M. Tu. F., S., 12. *Operations*.—Daily, 1; Ophthalmic, M., 1; Dental, Th., 9.
ST. MARK'S. *Attendances*.—Fistula and Diseases of the Rectum, males S., 2; females, W., 9.30. *Operations*.—M., 9; Tu., 2.30.
ST. MARY'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; o.p., 12.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 1.0; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear, M. Th., 9; Throat, Tu. F., 3; Skin, M. Th., 9; Dental, W., 2; Mental Diseases, o.p., Th., 10; Dental, Tu. F., 10. *Operations*.—Tu. F., 9. *Operations*.—M., 2.30; Tu. W. F., 2; Th., 2.30; S., 10; (Ophthalmic), F., 10.
ST. PETER'S. *Attendances*.—M. F., 2 and 5; Tu., 2; W., 5; Th., 2; F. (Women and Children), 2; S., 4. *Operations*.—W. F., 2.
ST. THOMAS'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; o.p., daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F., 2; o.p., daily, exc. S., 1.30; Ear, M., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Th., 1.30; Children, S., 1.30; Electro-therapeutics, o.p., Th., 2; Mental Diseases, o.p., Th., 10; Dental, Tu. F., 10. *Operations*.—M. W. Th. F., 2; Tu. F., 3.30; (Ophthalmic), Th., 2; (Gynaecological), Th., 2.
SAMARITAN FREE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1.30. *Operations*.—Gynaecological, M., 2; W., 2.30.
THROAT, Golden Square. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1.30; Tu. F., 6.30. *Operations*.—Daily, exc. M., 10.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetrics, M. F., 1.30; Eye, M. W., 1.30; Ear, M. Th., 9; Skin, Tu. F., 2; Throat, M. Th., 9; Dental, Tu. F., 9.30. *Operations*.—Tu. W. Th., 2.
WEST LONDON. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Dental, Tu. F., 9.30; Eye, Tu. Th., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; S., 10; Orthopedic, W. S., 2; 10; (Diseases of Women), 2; 10; (Ophthalmic), M. Th., 2; Skin, M. F., 2; Throat and Nose, Tu., 2; S., 10. *Operations*.—Daily, about 2.30; F., 10.
WESTMINSTER. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9.30; Ear, Tu., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.30; Dental, W. S., 9.15. *Operations*.—M. Tu. W., 2.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO
CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting Editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 429 Strand, W.C. London; those relating to business matters, to the Manager of the JOURNAL etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 429 Strand, W.C. London.

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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.

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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.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.—The telegraphic address of the EDITOR of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is *Atiology*, London. The telegraphic address of the MANAGER of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is *Articulat*, London.

Queries, answers, and communications relating to subjects to which special departments of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are directed will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

"ECZEMA" OF THE LIPS.

G. J. W. asks for advice in the treatment of a case in which there has been persistent exfoliation (eczema?) of the epidermis of the pink portion of the lips for about nine months. It has resisted resorcin, liq. picis alcoholic, and ichthyol, with iron and arsenic internally.

INSURANCE AGAINST TWINS.

A. S. has a patient who wishes to insure against the event of having a multiple birth, and desires to hear of a safe office which would undertake this risk.

* * We are informed that most offices would undertake the risk; among others the Rock, 15, New Bridge Street, will do so.

ANSWERS.

J. I.—The name of the gentleman referred to appears in the *Medical Register* for 1898.

ANONYMOUS.—We are obliged for our correspondent's expression of opinion, which has been duly noted.

O. G.—It is not illegal for a nurse to attend labour cases independently of a medical man.

R. A. F.—It is a secret process conducted as a commercial enterprise. It is alleged by the proprietary to cure nearly every case, in the usual style of such undertakings.

PRACTITIONER.—*The Theory and Practice of Hygiene*, by Notter and Firth, is published by Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, 7, Great Marlborough Street, London, W., at 2s.; and *Wounds in War*, by Surgeon-Colonel Stevenson, is published by Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co., Paternoster Row, London, E.C., at 18s.

M. A. CANT, M.B.—(1) The only means at present available in London for instruction in Chinese is by attending the classes of Professor Douglas at King's College. His *Chinese Manual* (W. H. Allen and Co.) is suitable for elementary instruction, but without teaching it would be very difficult to make any progress. (2) The following works afford practical information on the use of the Roentgen rays: *The Induction Coil in Practical Work*, by Lewis Wright. (London: Macmillan and Co. 4s. 6d.) *The Roentgen Rays in Medical Work*, by David Walsh, M.D. (London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 6s.).

THE HISTORY OF ANTISEPTIC SURGERY.

E. M. S.—The literature relating simply to the history of antiseptic surgery is at the present time very scanty. The following will be found amongst the best works for reference on this subject: Cheyne's *Antiseptic Surgery*, 1882. Pp. 290 to 365. Hare's *System of Practical Therapeutics*, vol. i, p. 599. *Traité de Chirurgie*, edited by Le Dentu and Delbet, vol. i, p. 37. Lucas-Championnière, *Chirurgie Aseptique*, 1896. A brief history of antiseptic surgery in German practice will be found in the first volume of the American translation of Tillmanns's *Surgery*, published by Kimpton. A good deal of information on the subject will be found in the articles on Surgery, Obstetrics, Gynaecological Surgery, and Ophthalmology in the Queen's Commemoration Number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, June 19th, 1897.

LUMBAGO.

DR. J. E. POLLOCK (Upper Brook Street, W.) writes, in reply to "Alpha's" question—how to treat a patient who has had all the customary treatment for lumbago, but remains with pains on movement and motor difficulty but (presumably) without fever: Some years ago a patient in a similar state consulted an old practitioner who had spent his life in studying men as well as cases, and his advice was: "Mount a horse and ride him." "Impossible!" said the patient. "Try," said the doctor. He did so, and gradually got well. In truth there comes a period when motor inability through fear of pain must be overcome by the will. The nerves and the muscles they supply, which have been long lying idle, must be compelled to work. With resumed activity will come resumption of power; the nerve will again transmit force, and the muscles, half wasted, resume their functions. I have gone through a similar experience myself and come out whole. Many a patient requires the old doctor's prescription—"Try."

PHILA, in answer to "Alpha's" query, recommends the following prescription: Ammon. chlorid. gr.x; tr. cimicifugæ mxv; succ. conii 3j; aq. menth. pip. ad 3j; t. d. s. He would also apply an icbag to the affected part at bedtime.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

We have received a communication from "E. J. D. M." practising in the neighbourhood in which "R. T. W." to whom a reply was published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 17th, page 1567, resides.

"E. J. D. M." states that he is the person to whom "R. T. W." referred and he repudiates the fact that any conduct on his part could have given rise to the conclusion which he alleges might be drawn from the reply in question. We willingly give publicity to this repudiation, and take the opportunity of stating that our reply was not intended to have any individual application.

CASTOR OIL.

DR. WILLIAM SYKES, M.D., F.S.A. (Gosport), writes: Henry Morley, as correctly quoted by Dr. Stewart in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 18th, is incorrect, or rather may be incorrectly understood, in saying that "Machiavelli increased his ailment by an overdose of castor-oil, a medicine then in particular repute, and died two days afterwards, June 22nd, 1527." Castor-oil—our oleum ricini—was not used medicinally.