

Association Intelligence.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES. [General.]	Birmingham Library, Birmingham.	Thursday, October 13th, 6 P.M.
METROPOL. COUNTIES. [Special General.]	37, Soho Square.	Thursday, Oct. 13, 4 P.M.
WEST SOMERSET. [Quarterly.]	Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton.	Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 P.M.
BATH AND BRISTOL. [Ordinary.]	Victoria Rooms, Clifton.	Monday, Oct. 17, 7 P.M.
SOUTH MIDLAND. [Autumnal.]	Buckingham.	Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1 P.M.

SHROPSHIRE ETHICAL BRANCH: SPECIAL NOTICE.

In consequence of the illness of the Honorary Secretary, the annual meeting is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

The members will please to accept this intimation in lieu of a circular note.

S. B. GWYNN, *President*.

October 4th, 1864.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of this Branch will be held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, Oct. 13th, at 7 P.M.

Notice of Papers or Cases to be communicated should be sent to the Honorary Secretary previous to the meeting.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Taunton, September 1864.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NOTICE OF MEETING.

A SPECIAL General Meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch will be held at 37, Soho Square, on Thursday, October 13, at 4 P.M.

Business: To elect three Directors of the Medical Provident Fund.

A. P. STEWART, M.D. } *Hon.*
ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D. } *Secs.*

London, October 6th, 1864.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE first Ordinary Meeting of the session will be held in the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, on Monday evening, October 17th, at 7 o'clock; R. W. FALCONER, M.D., President, in the Chair.

The first business of the meeting will be to elect two members of the Branch as Directors of the Provident Relief Fund of the Association.

H. MARSHALL, M.D. } *Hon. Secs.*
R. S. FOWLER. }

Clifton, October 1st, 1864.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE Autumnal Meeting of the South Midland Branch will be held at Buckingham, on Tuesday, October 18, at 1 P.M.; H. VEASEY, Esq., President.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, are requested to forward the same, as early as convenient, to Dr. Bryan, Northampton.

JOHN M. BRYAN, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Northampton, September 1864.

MEDICAL PROVIDENT FUND.

THE Chairman of the Directorate has received intimation of the following appointments of Directors by the Branches.

South Midland Branch. Henry Veasey, Esq. (Woburn); Edward Daniell, Esq. (Newport Pagnell); John M. Bryan, M.D. (Northampton).

Reading Branch. George Pound, Esq. (Odiham, Hants).

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch. George Southam, Esq. (Manchester); Edward Waters, M.D. (Chester); Lorenzo E. Desmond, M.D. (Liverpool).

East Anglian Branch. Edward Copeman, M.D. (Norwich).

South-Eastern Branch. John Armstrong, M.D. (Gravesend); Edward Westall, M.D. (Caterham, Surrey); Henry Collet, M.D. (Worthing, Sussex).

Shropshire Scientific Branch. Samuel Wood, Esq. (Shrewsbury).

East York and North Lincoln Branch. Sir Henry Cooper, M.D. (Hull).

South-Western Branch. Joseph C. Cookworthy, M.D. (Plymouth); Philip C. De la Garde, Esq. (Exeter); Thomas L. Pridham, Esq. (Bideford).

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.

THE first meeting for the eighth Session, 1864-5, was held at Rochester, on Sept. 30th; ADAM MARTIN, M.D., in the Chair. Nine members and visitors were present.

The Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected.

New Member. Alfred Monckton, Esq., of Brenchley, Kent, was elected a new member.

Communications. The following communications were made:—

1. Difference in the Susceptibility of Joints. By J. V. Bell, M.D.

2. Specimen of Ossification of the Larynx, and Death by Dysphagia: with Remarks. By J. Armstrong, M.D.

Discussions. 1. Respecting the Provident Fund, it appeared that the appointment of three Directors instead of two by the South-Eastern Branch was owing to the increase of members brought about by the district meetings held in Kent (East and West).

2. The consideration of the following questions was adjourned to the next meeting:—

Advisability of diminishing the amount of district subscriptions (now 2s. 6d.)

Advisability of holding meetings (few or many at will) at the hospitals within the district.

Advisability of limiting the number of dinners to one or two in the session, and of diminishing the charges of dinners.

Dinner. After the usual vote of thanks, the members and visitors adjourned to dinner.

THE MEDICAL ACT. Mr. Paget, of the Thames Police Court, has considered his decision in reference to the Medical Act. Mr. Fentiman, a chemist, was charged before him with a breach of the Act in having described himself as a surgeon; and Mr. Paget ruled that the matter complained of was not a breach of the Act. Subsequently, however, his attention was called to another report of the case to which he had alluded, and after reading it he decided that Mr. Fentiman had been guilty of a breach of the Medical Act. Mr. Fentiman promised not to offend again, and on this understanding the case was adjourned for a month, when it is to be brought forward again should the defendant not have kept his promise.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Friday, September 30th, 1864, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, were duly admitted members of the College:—

Fox, Cornelius Benjamin, M.D., F.R.S., Truro, Cornwall
Stevenson, Thomas, M.B. Lond., Guy's Hospital

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen were reported by the examiners to have passed the Preliminary Examination in the subjects of General Education:—

Boyd, William Bernard, Wells, Somerset
Fox, Alexander, Stoke Newington
Gittens, Thomas Joshua, Barbadoes
Guy, Frederic George, Shoeburyness
Henley, Anthony Alfred, Ringwood
Minter, Edward Withers, Southsea
Parker, George Hargrave William Broughton, King's College
Sutcliffe, Henry, Rochdale

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On September 29th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Birt, Joseph, Grove House, Leamington
Bush, Henry John Ryder, Warwick Street, Regent Street
Fowler, George, jun., Newington Terrace, Kennington Park
Metcalf, Fenwick, Wisbeach, Cambridgeshire
Owen, David Charles Lloyd, Smethwick, Birmingham
Phillips, George Richard Turner, Leinster Square, Hyde Park
Ryder, Henry Thomas, Upper Fitzroy Street, Fitzroy Square

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

Rogers, Charles E. H., West Meon, near Petersfield

APPOINTMENTS.

DOWNES, James Badger, Esq., appointed Resident Surgeon to Christ's Hospital, New Zealand.

BIRTH.

GIBSON. On September 28th, at Birdley, the wife of *George Gibson, M.D., of a son.

DEATHS.

CURRY. On September 29th, at East Rainton, Durham, aged 28, the wife of *William Curry, Esq.

RICHARDSON. On October 5th, at 12, Hinde Street, aged 3 years, Kenneth Benjamin, second son of *Benj. W. Richardson, M.D.

PROFESSOR OWEN is to deliver four lectures at the Birmingham Institute.

THE LATE DR. VOGEL. The British government has given £500 to the sister of the late Dr. Edward Vogel, who lost his life in Central Africa.

THE CAMBRIDGE BOTANIC GARDEN. The Curatorship of the Botanic Garden at Cambridge is now vacant. The pecuniary emoluments are supposed to be somewhere about £120 a year.

DR. BRADY, M.P. Owing to the death of Mr. Henry Rayner, of the Isle of Ely, the daughters of Dr. Brady, M.P. for Leitrim, have inherited a fortune of upwards of £1,000,000.

PAY OF DOCTORS IN TURIN. The *Medical Gazette* of Sardinia states that, of the two hundred doctors at Turin, there are not a hundred and twenty who gain 17 francs a day!

SKILFUL SURGERY. The surgery of this (the Federal) army is reaching an extraordinary high scale as weapons reach perfection. Men wounded in the head or neck are fed for weeks through silver or rubber tubes. Such is the progress made by the medical department in these parts that half a man's face demolished by a ball or piece of shell is replaced by a cork face. (*Springfield Republican*.)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE. Dr. Humphry's lectures on Human Anatomy and Physiology will commence on Friday, October 14th, at one o'clock, and be continued daily.

ACTION FOR MEDICAL FEES BY A NON-REGISTERED HOMŒOPATH. Lately, in the Westminster County Court, one Scheibler sued one Harding for medicine and medical attendance; but Scheibler was not registered, and therefore the judge decided that he could not recover. The plea put in by his counsel was, that Scheibler was in the homœopathic line, and therefore did not consider it necessary to register.

CAMBRIDGE EXHIBITIONS. There will be an examination at Sidney Sussex College on Tuesday, Oct. 11, of students who intend to commence residence; when, provided fit candidates present themselves, the following scholarships will be filled up: One for classics and mathematics combined, £80; one for classics only, £40; two for mathematics only, £40; two for natural science or mathematics, £40; one or more Johnson exhibitions, £32. The subjects of examination are, classics, mathematics, and natural science, including electricity, chemistry, geology, and anatomy.

YELLOW FEVER AT BERMUDA. The *Montreal Gazette* says:—"We regret to learn that seven of the military surgeons who recently left the North American Provinces for Bermuda were at last accounts sick with the yellow fever. Drs. Ewell and Mellery are dead, and Dr. Lloyd not expected to recover." The *Montreal Herald* of the 17th says:—"Captain Lockhart of the Royal Engineers was also dead of the fever; and several officers of the Queen's Royals, Dr. Harrison, of the Royal Artillery, and others, have also fallen victims to the disease."

ACTION FOR MEDICAL FEE. Bath County Court. *Parker v. Fisher.* This was an action brought by Mr. Parker against Mr. Fisher, to recover £15:15 for medical attendance upon the defendant's wife. It was contended for the defence that, in consequence of the defendant having volunteered his services (which were admitted to have been rendered) he undertook the matter gratuitously; and that the account was excessive, the plaintiff having attended more frequently than was necessary. In support of this latter view Mr. Spender and Mr. Gore were called for the defendant. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for £4:4. (*Bath Journal*.)

HIPPOPHAGIC BANQUET. The following is the invitation issued to the members of the Congress at Lyons:—"The use of horse-flesh for food is an immense benefit to health and public fortune. Adopting it in France, we should introduce 40,000,000 kilos of flesh—as good as beef—more succulent than pork, and a third of the price of other butcher's meat. But is the taste of horse agreeable? The Hippophagi say: 'Yes,' their adversaries 'No!' because they have not yet acquired the taste. M.M. the members of the Congress are earnestly requested to give the experience of their tried palates, in order to do away with this prejudice, and to favour us with their company at this great hippophagic demonstration. The banquet will take place at the restaurant 'Neyret.' A menu of twelve dishes will be prepared for the guests. There are only 120 tickets. Dr. MUNARET QUIVOGUE, Veterinary Surgeon, Promoter of the Festival."

THE LATE PROFESSOR QUEKETT. A handsome polished granite tomb, with ornamental railings, has recently been erected to the memory of Professor Quekett within the churchyard of Pangbourn, in Berkshire, where he died in 1861, while residing there for the benefit of his health. The following in-

scription encircles the tomb:—"In memory of John Thomas Quekett, F.R.S., P.L.S., M.R.C.S.E., etc., Professor of Histology, and Conservator of the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Born at Langport, Somerset, 11th August, 1815; died at Pangbourn, 20th August, 1861, aged 46 years. 'There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.' His memory will for ever be cherished by all who knew him, and by the thousands who have profited by his wonderful stores of science."

HONEY AS AN EXCIPIENT FOR PILLS. M. Thibault (*Bulletin de Therapeutique*) believes that much of the disappointment following the employment of pills arises from their, as ordinarily prepared, acquiring a degree of induration that prevents their solution, and enables them to traverse the alimentary canal unchanged. To prevent this he recommends the employment of honey; pills prepared with it always remaining soft, however long they might be kept.

LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the above institution took place on the 3rd inst. Dr. Long delivered the introductory address. Prizes in the following classes were then delivered to the successful students:—*Surgery*: Mr. Warburton, medal. *Medicine*: Mr. H. G. Samuels, medal; Mr. H. F. Fisher, certificate. *Junior Anatomy*: Mr. D. Evans, medal; Mr. L. V. Mapei, certificate. *Chemistry*: Mr. R. Hughes, medal; Mr. R. A. Mowll, certificate; Mr. H. F. Fisher, certificate. *Materia Medica*: Mr. H. F. Fisher, certificate. *Midwifery, etc.*: Mr. J. E. Burton, medal. *Practical Chemistry*: Mr. H. F. Fisher, books. *Medical Jurisprudence*: Mr. H. F. Fisher, books.

A HERBALIST'S PATHOLOGY. At a late inquest on a child which had been treated by a herbalist, and prescribed for by Dr. Coffin, it came out that Dr. Coffin had sent a certificate by post to the effect that the child had died of phthisis. Mr. Gant, who made a *post mortem* examination, stated that the lungs and other organs were quite healthy. Thereupon the jury returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased died from exhaustion from diarrhoea from natural causes; and the jury are of opinion that the legislature ought to put a stop to the practice of unqualified practitioners giving certificates, as it was calculated to facilitate child murder and irregularities of registration."

MR. SYME'S CLINICAL METHOD. Mr. Syme thus describes his mode of instruction: "The plan, therefore, which I introduced into the Edinburgh school thirty-five years ago, and still pursue, is to bring the cases, one by one, into a room where the students are comfortably seated, and if the patients have not been seen previously by the surgeon, so much the better; then ascertain the seat and nature of their complaints, and point out the distinctive characters. Having done this, so that every one present knows distinctly the case under consideration, the teacher, either in the presence or absence of the patient, according to circumstances, proceeds to explain the principles of treatment, with his reasons for choosing the method preferred; and, lastly, does what is requisite in the presence of his pupils. The great advantage of this system is, that it makes an impression at the same time on the eye and ear, which is known from experience to be more indelible than any other, and thus conveys instruction of the most lasting character. Every season I have from a dozen to twenty of my old pupils, who, having been employed for many years in the public service, and not unfrequently attained the highest rank, yet attend the whole course

without missing a lecture, and often bring to my recollection cases seen or remarks heard long before the bulk of the class were born. I may add, that the Edinburgh College of Surgeons, in their curriculum of study, have wisely taken a second course of clinical surgery instead of a second systematic course at option of the student; so that, instead of hearing the same story told over again, not always in the most lively manner, he may read his books and store his mind with valuable facts for future guidance and practice."

VACCINATION. The report of the medical officer of the Privy Council furnishes reliable data on the subject of vaccination. The inquiries made into the progress of vaccination are very partial, arising from the circumstance that the only returns which can be relied upon are those made to the registrars and to the Poor-Law Board. Dr. Seaton stated "that as a rule returns of successful vaccination are not made by private medical practitioners"; and that the "certificates of vaccination were rarely sent by any medical man who was not a contractor, and often neglected by those who held contracts." Dr. Buchanan's testimony is to the same effect. Dr. Stevens, in his report, shows: that one registrar had not kept his registry of vaccination since 1854, another since 1855, another since 1857, and three since 1859. From this it is evident that a complete return of successful vaccination is not made, and that, therefore, the inquiries carried on by the medical inspectors could only give the result of vaccination tabulated in the different unions. It is desirable that the inspectors should, in addition, examine the children in the schools. From these two sources—the tabulated union returns and the returns of the inspectors with reference to the children in schools—we can form a very fair estimate as to the progress of vaccination. The returns, taken from the reports, show that the Act of Parliament has failed entirely in procuring vaccination returns from private medical practitioners, and that, while all praise is due to the authorities in certain districts, such as Eton, for their diligence, in others it is impossible to speak too severely. We, therefore, are compelled to consider the Compulsory Vaccination Act, as it at present stands, very imperfect. It fails to secure the general return of vaccination certificates. The Boards of Guardians do not perform their duty with reference to the promotion of vaccination, and taking proceedings against those who fail to comply with the Act. The remuneration to the union medical officers is generally fixed at so low a scale as to make every case vaccinated almost a dead loss to the doctor. A suggestion is made that, instead of medical men being required to give two certificates, one to the parents and the other to the registrar, there should be delivered to every medical practitioner a quarterly form for him to fill up of persons vaccinated, and that he should be paid for his return nearly in the same manner as clergymen are paid for their marriage returns; and that if they—i.e., the doctors—failed to make their returns within a limited time proceedings should be taken against them before the magistrates. It must be conceded by everyone that to enjoin upon a union medical officer to vaccinate a child within a radius of two miles for 1s. 6d., to visit it again on the eighth day, then to have to fill up four distinct forms, and to be paid only for the successful cases is more than ought to be required of any one. Two returns, one to the Board of Guardians and one to the registrar, might be held to be sufficient; and if the payment were fixed at 2s. 6d. within two miles, and 3s. 6d. beyond, would any one say that the parish would be a loser?

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 Orthopædic, 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Microscopical Society.

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.

ERRATUM.—In Dr. Fleming's paper published in the JOURNAL for October 1st, line 2, of paragraph 2, for "inches", read "yards".

MR. CARTER.—The quotation was taken from the *Journal of British Ophthalmology*, which, we find, interpolated into Mr. Carter's lines the words: "Editor and his crew". What Mr. Carter wrote was—"The *Journal* will fight for its life, like a rat in a corner, and will only be overcome by persevering and concerted action on the part of those who, like myself, regard it as a mere nuisance, devoted to the expression of unworthy sentiments, in illiterate and unwarrentable language." We still, however, ask if this is model language current amongst gentlemen?

A NEW QUARTERLY JOURNAL appears this October—*The Journal of British Ophthalmology*, edited by Mr. Jabez Hogg. It promises to be in an especial manner the exponent of the English school of eye surgery. It contains articles on Iridectomy and Section of the Ciliary Muscle; on Cancer of the Eyeball, by Dr. Nottingham; Reports of Ophthalmic Cases, by Mr. Hancock, by Mr. H. Wilson, by Dr. Graseman, and by Dr. Garstang. Mr. Watson writes on the Physiological Aspect of Certain Diseases of the Eye; Mr. J. Hogg on the Value of Belladonna in Iritis; etc.

GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.—SIR: The following subscriptions have been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—T. H. Fenn, Esq. (Sudbury), 10s. 6d.; F. J. Bicknell, Esq. (Coventry), £1 1s.; Dr. H. Clarke (Sedgefield), 10s.; Dr. James H. Dowling (Cerne), 5s.; Dr. S. H. Steel (Abergavenny), 10s. 6d.

Amount previously announced, £91 16s. 6d. Received at the *Lancet* office, £3 11s.

I am, etc.,

ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, October 5th, 1864.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. ARTHUR RANSOME; Mr. W. DOWNES; Dr. C. HARRISON; Mr. WILLIAM CORNEY; Dr. BASHAM; Mr. CALLENDER; Dr. WILKS; Mr. HAYNES WALTON; Dr. SMALLMAN; Dr. ORMEROD; Dr. PAGE; Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Mr. PARKER; Dr. H. HARE; Dr. MACKESY; Mr. HEMSTED; Dr. CLAPTON; Dr. GREENHOW; Mr. TOYNBEE; Dr. JAMES RUSSELL; Dr. J. B. HICKS; Mr. R. B. CARTER; Dr. FREDERICK J. BROWN; Dr. BRALE; Dr. KIDD; Dr. HOLLAND; Mr. G. MAY, jun.; Dr. H. MARSHALL; Mr. W. H. BROWNE; Dr. ALEXANDER FLEMING; Mr. LOWNDES; Dr. ROBERT FOWLER; Mr. OLIVER PENDERTON; Dr. G. M. HUMPHRY; Mr. ROOPE; Mr. F. D. FLETCHER; Mr. W. CURRY; Mr. NUNNELEY; and Mr. T. M. STONE.

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