

matter would be referred to the guardians, and not entertained by the Local Government Board unless the guardians had already passed a resolution in favour of our correspondent's application.

ALTERATION OF MEDICAL OFFICER'S DISTRICT.

M.D., who has been a district medical officer in a provincial union for the past twenty-seven years, writes saying that this union is about to be dissolved by order of the Local Government Board. He asks what compensation he will become entitled to, if not engaged as medical officer under the fresh arrangement of the district, also what he will be able to claim for depreciation if engaged at a reduced stipend.

* * We are afraid that our correspondent will not be able to claim any compensation for loss of office, as by Medical Appointments Order of May 25th, 1857, it is distinctly stated that when any such change is made as our correspondent describes, the guardians may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, after six months' notice in writing to the medical officer determine his appointment. It is evident, therefore, that this can be done, though the appointment is supposed to be for life, and we are not aware of any regulation which provides for any form of compensation in such a case.

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY MANAGEMENT.

THE NIGHTINGALE FUND.

FROM the report of the Nightingale Fund for the year 1898, it appears that there were 111 probationer nurses under training at St. Thomas's Hospital; 25 left for various reasons, and 35 completed their year's probationary training, and were taken on the staff at St. Thomas's Hospital. Since the school opened in 1860, 1,519 candidates have been admitted; 899 have been placed on the register of Nightingale nurses, and received appointments at various hospitals and public nursing institutions. Besides the training afforded to the probationers by the Home Sister, Miss Haig-Brown, and in the wards by the sisters and staff nurses, lectures have been delivered to them by Professor Dunstan, Mr. Clutton, and Dr. Sharkey. The attendance at the lectures and the results of the examinations were satisfactory. At the St. Marylebone Infirmary Training School 51 probationers were under training; of these 9 resigned, and 20 were taken on the staff of the Infirmary. Lectures were delivered by Mr. Lunn, the Medical Superintendent, and classes held by the Home Sister, Miss Blackett. The receipts from all sources amounted to £2,157 10s. 3d.; and the expenditure including gratuities to certified nurses, and a pension, amounted to £2,061 19s. 8d., leaving a balance of £95 10s. 7d.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASES, NORTHAMPTON.

THE annual report for 1898 shows that the number of admissions has increased from 73 in the preceding year to 86 for 1898, and the average daily number resident has been 366, an increase of 7. The percentage of recoveries has risen from 41.66 for 1897 to 43.33 for 1898; 74 patients were assisted by the Charity during the year, the charges for their maintenance being considerably reduced, and 3.46 per cent. were treated free of cost. Charity such as this is a great boon to the community. The death-rate for the year has been higher than usual, but Mr. Bayley, the medical superintendent, states that all the deaths were from natural causes except one, that of a man admitted with a self-inflicted wound of the throat who died from exhaustion. The provision of occupation for the patients receives much attention at this hospital, while healthy rational amusement is provided with a liberal hand to the advantage of all resident in the institution.

"THE LAWN" HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASES, LINCOLN.

DURING 1898 the total number of patients under care and treatment was 119, while the daily average number resident was 82. This number includes voluntary boarders, of whom 1 male and 1 female were resident at the beginning of the year, 1 male and 4 females were discharged, so that at the end of the year there was no boarder resident. Dr. Russell states that of the voluntary boarders some were patients who had recovered and wished to remain at the hospital, and 1 lady remained as a voluntary boarder after having been discharged recovered in order that she might accompany a party of patients to the seaside. No more eloquent testimony than this could be borne as to the kindness and care shown in the treatment of the patients. To those unacquainted with the management of our modern asylums for the insane, it must seem almost incredible that any sane person should prefer to remain in one. The recovery-rate is 33 per cent., and the health of the institution generally good.

MEDICAL NEWS.

It is stated by the *Pioneer* that Surgeon-General Taylor is taking steps to have a supply of Calmette's antivenene issued to all military hospitals throughout India.

THE Intercolonial Medical Congress of Australasia will hold its fifth session in Brisbane from September 18th to 23rd. A large attendance is accepted.

THE late Mr. Thomas Lockwood of Harrogate has by his will bequeathed £2,000 each to the Bradford Infirmary, the Harrogate Bath Hospital; £1,000 each to the Bradford Ear and Eye Hospital, the Huddersfield Infirmary, and the Harrogate Cottage Hospital.

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTHERAPEUTIC CONGRESS.—The French Electrotherapeutic and Radiological Societies has decided to organise an International Congress, with an exhibition of new apparatus, to be held each year. The organising committee is composed of Drs. Apostoli, Boisseau de Rocher, Branly, Oudin, and Moutier of Paris, and Doumer of Lille. All communications should be addressed to Dr. Doumer, 57, Rue Nicolas-Leblanc, Lille.

CONGRESS OF ITALIAN ALIENISTS.—The tenth congress of Italian alienists will be held in Naples from the 10th to the 14th of October, under the presidency of Professor Tamburini. The following are the subjects proposed for discussion: Practical methods of individual psychological investigation in asylums and clinics; the light which has been, and may be, thrown by anatomical data on normal and pathological psychology; psychiatry and the study of the individual and his activity in social relations; intoxications and infections in the pathogenesis of mental diseases and neuropathies.

TRAVELLING IN EGYPT.—Messrs. Cook and Son have just issued their programme of arrangements for travelling in Egypt, by which it appears their steamers will commence to run between Cairo and the First Cataract in November, and continue until the middle of March with connecting steamers between the First and Second Cataract. A new feature is the arrangement of combined bookings by Messrs. Cook's steamers and the Egyptian and Soudan railways, enabling tourists with only limited time at their disposal to make their visits to Upper Egypt more rapidly than can be done by using the steamers only. Under arrangements with the Governor-General of the Soudan through tickets will be issued to Khartoum early in the New Year.

INSANITARY CHINESE PORTS.—The reports by the Customs medical officers to the Inspector-General of Customs on the nature and prevalence of diseases among the foreigners and natives at different Chinese ports throw some light on sanitary conditions in the ports where Europeans live and die. Dr. Rankine, of Ichang, reports on the prevalence of various forms of bowel complaint, dysentery, diarrhoea, etc., and fevers of malarial and typho-malarial types. Dr. Clindening reports on the health of Kiukiang, and notes an absence of sickness attributed to climatic or surrounding influences; the only epidemic was one of chicken-pox. Besides the ordinary forms of illness such as pneumonia, bronchitis, rheumatism, etc., some cases of enteric fever and malaria contracted elsewhere came under his treatment. At Chinkiang, in the early spring, typhoid fever and small-pox were prevalent, the outbreak of the latter, according to Dr. Lynch, being more widespread and virulent than in previous epidemics. In the autumn malaria and typhoid prevailed. In Ningpo, Dr. Hickin reports an absence of epidemics, the most prevalent disease being malaria and bowel complaints. Dr. Roderick Macdonald's report on Wuchow is of special interest, dealing, as it does, with many important sanitary questions. He shows that a large amount of disease is to be attributed to the sanitary defects of the residences, and the milk supply is bad, the milk being largely diluted with impure water. The meat is sometimes unfit for human consumption, diseased animals being at times slaughtered by the butchers. The water for drinking purposes is derived from various sources, the purest (?) being that from the Icy Well, which in its chemical and microscopical characters resembles diluted pond water, and is polluted with sewage matter. In conclusion, Dr. Macdonald describes the state of the town as execrable, and points out the urgent need of sanitary reform in various directions.

A METHOD OF PRINTING IN COLOURS.—An invention of Mr. Ivan Orloff, chief engineer and manager of the Bank Note Printing Establishment of the Russian Government, St. Petersburg, has recently been shown in London. One of the chief reasons for the costliness of printing in colours has been that by previous methods only one colour is applied at one impression, and between each impression the paper must be left to dry. In the Orloff press the picture is printed by a single operation. There is a separate printing surface for each colour; these are arranged on one large cylinder; this cylinder in revolving prints each colour in its proper register on to an impression cylinder, and the impression cylinder prints upon the paper. The advantages claimed for the machines are the saving of time, great economy of cost, and greater accuracy in register.

GERMAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.—The German Public Health Association will hold its twenty-fourth annual meeting at Nuremberg from September 13th to the 18th. Among the subjects proposed for discussion are the Hygienic Aspects of the Different Kinds of Artificial Illumination; the Duties of Medical Officers of Schools; the Smoke Nuisance in Towns.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

- AYR COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by September 18th.
- BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.**—House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Application to the Honorary Secretary, 77 and 79, Gloucester Street, S.W., by September 16th.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Residence, board, and washing provided. Applications to the House-Governor by September 30th.
- BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SKIN AND URINARY HOSPITAL.**—Clinical Assistant. Applications to the Secretary by September 11th.
- CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.**—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. No salary; board, lodging, and washing provided. Applications to the Secretary by September 23rd.
- CAMBRIDGESHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Fulbourn.**—Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried. Salary, £140 per annum, with board, lodging, and attendance. Applications to the Clerk to the Visitors by September 20th.
- CARLISLE: CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by September 11th.
- CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASYLUM, Garlands, Carlisle.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried, and not more than 26 years of age. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- DEVON COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Two Assistant Medical Officers. The first to begin with a salary of £120 per annum, rising to £150; the second, £100, rising to £130, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Dr. Davis, Medical Superintendent, County Asylum, Axminster, by September 16th.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell.**—(1) House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Board and residence provided, and honorarium of £25. (2) Two Clinical Clerks. Lunch provided. Applications to the Secretary by September 16th.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Glamis Road, Shadwell, E.**—Two Clinical Clerks. Applications to the Secretary by September 16th.
- EDINBURGH: VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION.**—Non-Resident Clinical Assistant for Out-Patient Department. Salary, £60 per annum. Applications to Messrs. Wallace and Guthrie, Honorary Secretary, 1, North Charlotte Street, Edinburgh.
- FOLKESTONE: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, rising to £100, with board, residence, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 1st.
- GEORGE HENRY LEWIS STUDENTSHIP FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH IN PHYSIOLOGY.** Applications to Professor Sir Michael Foster, K.C.B., New Museums, Cambridge, by October 1st.
- GLOUCESTER: BARNWOOD HOUSE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, rising to £140, with board, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- GLOUCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE EYE INSTITUTION.**—Assistant Physician. Applications to the Secretary by September 13th.
- GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to F. E. Ferrier, Honorary Secretary, 33, Hall Place, Great Yarmouth, by September 23rd.
- HALIFAX: ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon; unmarried. Salary, £50 per annum, with an extra allowance of £9 2s. 6d. per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by September 20th.
- HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: WEST HEETS INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon and Dispenser; unmarried. Appointment for two years. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, fire, light, attendance, and washing. Applications to the Assistant Secretary by September 13th.
- LANCASTER: ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.**—Resident Medical Officer. Between 30 and 40 years of age. Salary, £400 per annum, advancing to £450, with furnished house, coals, gas, milk, and vegetables. Applications to the Principal and Secretary by September 14th.
- LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN, Myrtle Street.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £25 per annum, with board and lodging; also Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary, £25 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by September 15th.
- LEITH HOSPITAL.**—House-Physician, House-Surgeon, and Surgeon for the Outdoor Department, and Assistant House-Surgeon (non-resident). Appointments for six months. Applications to the Secretary, 33, Bedford Street, Leith, by September 12th.
- MANCHESTER CLINICAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Park Place, Cheetham Hill Road.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with apartments and board. Applications to the Secretary, 33, Barton Arcade, Manchester, by September 28th.
- MARGATE: ROYAL SEA BATHING HOSPITAL.**—Assistant Resident Surgeon. Salary, £32, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary, Royal Sea Bathing Hospital Offices, 30, Charing Cross, S.W.
- METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.**—Three Assistant Medical Officers (two for the Darenth and one for the Leavesden Asylums). Not exceeding 35 years of age. Salary, £120 per annum, rising to £150, with board, lodging, attendance, and washing. Applications, on forms provided, to the Clerk to the Board, Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C., by September 30th.
- METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road.**—(1) House-Physician; (2) House-Surgeon; (3) Assistant House-Physician; (4) Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointments for six months. Salaries, for the first two, at the rate of £40 per annum, and for the latter two at the rate of £20 per annum. Applications to the Secretary by September 11th.
- MONTROSE ROYAL ASYLUM.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL, Hartshill, Stoke-upon-Trent.**—(1) House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, increasing by £10 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 9th. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Apartments, board, and washing to be an equivalent for services rendered. Applications to the Secretary by October 23rd.
- OXFORD EYE HOSPITAL.**—Honorary Assistant Surgeon. Applications to the Hon. Secretary, Oxford Eye Hospital, 29, Banbury Road, Oxford, by September 16th.
- PORTSMOUTH BOROUGH ASYLUM.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, increasing to £150, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- PRESTON ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, etc. Applications to W. Davis, Secretary, 5, Winkley Street, Preston, by September 13th.
- PRESTWICH: MANCHESTER COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried, and under 35 years of age. Salary, £125, increasing to £250, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications to the Superintendent.

- ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, E.C.**—Clinical Assistant. Appointment for six months, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary.
- ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Plaistow, E.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by September 25th.
- SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with rooms, board, and washing. Applications to T. A. Fisher, Esq., by October 2nd.
- STOKE-ON-TRENT: NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL, Hartshill.**—House-Surgeon. Salary £120 per annum, increasing by £10 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 9th.
- STOKE-UPON-TRENT UNION.**—Resident Medical Officer for the Workhouse. Salary, at the rate of £100 for the first year, £110 for the second year, and £120 for the third year, with board, washing, and furnished apartments. Applications to the Clerk to the Guardians by September 22nd.
- WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road.**—Second House-Surgeon; unmarried. Salary, £75 per annum, with board and residence, and 10s. a month allowed for washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.**—House-Physician and House-Surgeon. Appointments tenable for six months. Applications to the Secretary-Superintendent by September 20th.
- WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.**—Pathologist. Salary £250 per annum, and a sum of £80 per annum allowed for expenses. Applications to S. H. Quennell, Secretary, by October 1st.
- WHITHEAVEN AND WEST CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with £30 per annum for dispensing, furnished apartments and attendance. Applications to the Secretary by September 23rd.
- WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Physician. Appointment for six months. Honorarium at the rate of £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Testimonials, sealed, to the Chairman of the Medical Committee by September 22nd.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- BALFOUR, T. S., M.D. Edin., M.B. C.M.,** appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator to the North Chardstock District of the Axminster Union.
- BRENNER, C. S., M.B., Ch.B. Edin.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Durham County Hospital.
- EDINGTON, George H., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., F.F.P.S. Glasg.,** appointed Extra Dispensary Surgeon, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.
- KENDAL, C. R., M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A.,** appointed Medical Officer for the Parish of Wendron, in the Helston Union.
- LEAH, T. Noy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.,** appointed Surgeon to the Provident Dispensary of the Royal Albert Hospital.
- LIVINGSTONE, T. H., M.B., Ch.B. Edin.,** appointed House-Surgeon to the Rchdale Infirmary.
- MORRIS, J. J. Nixon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.,** appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport.
- MUNRO, D. G. Macleod, M.B., M.R.C.P. Edin.,** appointed Physician to the Cheltenham Provident Dispensary, vice R. Benton, M.B., resigned.
- ROBINSON, E. M.D. Edin., M.B., C.M.,** appointed Medical Officer of the Frencham District of the Farnham Union.
- THURNELL, H. L., M.A. Camb., B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond.,** appointed Medical Officer of the Gravesend District of the Gravesend and Milton Union, vice J. Gramshaw, M.D. St. And., resigned.
- ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.**—The following gentlemen have been appointed House Officers from September 5th:—
House-Physicians—E. H. Ross, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; J. Gaff, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; A. Bayan, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; H. C. Thorp, M.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab.
Assistant House-Physicians—F. H. Ellis, B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; B. F. Howlett, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.
House-Surgeons—H. J. Phillips, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; P. W. G. Sargent, M.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; S. A. Lucas, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; H. T. D. Acland, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.
Assistant House-Surgeons—A. Webb Jones, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; E. A. Gates, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; E. C. Bourdas, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; N. Unsworth, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.
Obstetric House-Physicians (Senior)—H. M. Scraper, B.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; (Junior) A. E. Stevens, M.B. Unth., L.R.C.P., M. & C.S.
Ophthalmic House-Surgeons (Senior)—T. Hoban, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; (Junior) J. A. Barnes, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.
Clinical Assistants in the Special Department for Diseases of the Throat—L. H. Lind, F.R.C.S., R.Ch. Oxon.; L. Hawley, B.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; M. O. S. Kinn, H. E. Beale, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; T. Perrin, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Ear—A. E. Martin, B.A. Cantab., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.

West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, 73, Welbeck Street, W., 4 P.M.—Dr. Fletcher Beach: Mental Defects in Childhood.

FRIDAY.

West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, 73, Welbeck Street W., 4 P.M.—Dr. Dundas Grant: Cases of Disorders of the Ear, Nose and Throat in Relation to Diseases of the Nervous System.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 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.

- ATKINSON.**—On July 28th, at the Government Civil Hospital, Hong Kong, the wife of J. M. Atkinson, M.B. Lond., of a son.
- STOCKER.**—On August 23rd, at Pinehurst, Clevedon, the wife of E. Gaved Stocker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- LUCAS-BASSETT.**—On August 31st, by the Rev. J. H. Jowett, M.A., Albert Lucas, F.R.C.S., of 9, Easy Row, Birmingham, to Edith Hannah, younger daughter of the late John Bassett, M.D., of Handsworth.
- MANSSELL-LANGHAM.**—August 31st, at St. Helen's Church, Ore, Hastings, Harry Rosser Mansell, M.R.C.S. Eng., of Crofton West Hill, Hastings, to Lillian Annie, only daughter of F. A. Langham, Esq., of Meradenn, Ore.
- RANDALL-COOKE.**—On September 5th, at the Parish Church, Liffon, Bath, by the Rev. F. Cooke, M.D., father of the bride, Martin Randall, M.D., F.R.C.S., of Wimbledon, to Edith Katharine Cooke, of Liffon Rectory.
- STEVENS-REEVES.**—On August 31st, at St. Peter's Church, Eltham Road, by the Rev. Richard Owen, M.A., Vicar, Thomas George Stevens, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.P. Lond., of 8, St. Thomas Street, S.E., eldest son of G. J. B. Stevens, Esq., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., of Newton Green, N., to Lizzie, eldest daughter of John Reeves, Esq., of Ecclebourne, St. Eltham Road, Lee, S.E.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AND OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CANCER, Brompton (Free). *Attendances*.—Daily, 2. *Operations*.—Tu. W. F., 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*.—1 p., Tu., 2.30; o.p., F., 2.
CHARING 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.
CHELSEA 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., 2.
GWY'S. *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, F., 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.
LONDON THROAT, Great Portland Street. *Attendances*.—Daily, 2; Tu. F., 6. *Operations*.—Daily, 2.
METROPOLITAN. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; S., 9; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 2; Throat and Ear, Th., 2; Dental, Tu. Th. S., 9. *Operations*.—Tu. W., 2.30; Th., 4.
MIDDLESEX. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th., 1.30; o.p., M., 9; W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Tu., 4; Th., 9.30; Dental, M. Th. F., 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; S., 10; Surgical, daily, exc. W., 2; W., 10; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, F., 2; Dental, F., 9. *Operations*.—Th., 2.30.
ROYAL EAR, Frith Street. *Attendances*.—M. W. F., 3; Tu. F., 9.30 and 7.30. *Operations*.—Th., 3.
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, Th., 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; Orthopaedic, 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. Tu., 2.30; Eye, W., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2.45; Throat, F., 2; Orthopaedic, F., 12; Dental, M. Tu. F., S., 12. *Operations*.—Daily, 1; Ophthalmic, W., 1; Dental, Th., 9.
ST. MARK'S. *Attendances*.—Fistula and Diseases of the Rectum, males, S., 2; females, W., 9.30. *Operations*.—Tu., 2.40; Th., 2.
ST. MARY'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; o.p., 12.45; Obstetric, Tu., F., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 1; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear, M. Th., 9; Throat, Tu. F., 3; Skin, M. Th., 9; Dental, W. S., 9. *Operations*.—Electro-therapeutics, M. Th., 2.30; Children's Medical, Tu. F., 9. *Operations*.—M., 2.30; Tu. W. F., 2; Th., 2.30; S., 10; (Ophthalmic), F., 10.
ST. PETER'S. *Attendances*.—M., 2 and 5; Tu., 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. S., 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.
THERAPY, 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. F., 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; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Diseases of Women, W. S., 2; Electrical, 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., 9.30. *Operations*.—M. Tu. W., 2.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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QUERIES.

M.B. desires to know of a winter resort on the south coast where the climate is specially dry and not too cold.

R. wants to know how long, after complete immersion in water, one would expect artificial respiration to be of any avail, and what is the record time of submersion.

NEMO would be glad to know of an institution for men or boys of a weak intellect where they could work and be kept for not too large a sum annually.

A CORRESPONDENT asks for an expression of practical experience of the use of acetylene as a lighting vehicle for a brougham, and the best sort of lamp hitherto invented.

DR. J. THOMSON asks if any reader who has had experience of eucaine in dentistry can inform him if its use predisposes to hemorrhage. In two cases in which he has used it, secondary hemorrhage has followed. He investigated both, and in one found a history of preceding bleeding after tooth extraction, the other gave negative results.

M.B. writes: A medical neighbour of mine is the subject of chronic asthmatic bronchitis; age about 40. His resisting power is now considerably reduced. I have recommended him to try to get to a suitable place in New Zealand or Australia. Would one who has acquaintance with these countries kindly assist by naming a place likely to be suitable, and where he might have a chance of work?

VIATOR writes: Can any member give me a hint as to the treatment of weakness of the circulation resulting from the long use of full doses of sulphonal. The patient, aged 43, suffered years ago from syphilitic hemiplegia, from which he almost completely recovered. Last November he suffered from mental worry and insomnia, for which he took sulphonal, which he continued till June. The failure of circulation was not marked till influenza supervened in February. He has had no narcotics save bromide since June, but still is quite unable to bear any change of temperature. Heart sounds quite regular; pulse fairly strong.

COCA DE MER.

SEYCHELLE will feel obliged to any reader who can give him the address of a dealer residing at home or in the Seychelle Archipelago, from whom a good specimen of the coca de mer nut could be procured. It is required for a local collection.

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO BROTHER PRACTITIONERS.

A CORRESPONDENT asks for advice under the following circumstances: A short time ago his *locum tenens* was called to assist a practitioner in his neighbourhood in a difficult confinement. He was detained all the evening and unable to attend to his surgery work. What—if any—fee should be charged?

* If the patient is able to pay an additional fee for the services rendered by the *locum tenens*, the amount should be in proportion to the patient's means. It is the duty of the practitioner calling for assistance to see that his professional doctor is paid, and he will know best what his patient is able to pay.

ANSWERS.

MIDLANDS.—The nurse is entitled to her full fee. She has fulfilled her part of the contract. That the confinement has not come off is not her fault, but is due to the error of those who engaged her.

A. J.—No one can legally practise medicine within the territory of the French Republic unless he possesses the degree of Doctor of Medicine granted after examination by a French Faculty.

F. C. B.—We do not give medical advice. We may say, however, that we do not think the carrying in the right trouser pocket of a phial containing two ounces of quicksilver is a method of treatment likely to be approved by scientific men.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

MALARIA AND THE MOSQUITO THEORY.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL EDWIN FAIRLAND, A.M.S. (R.P.) (Gravesend), writes: The interesting discoveries that Major Ross and his colleagues are making in connection with the etiology of malarial fevers demand attention; and if they succeed in proving, as we believe they will, that the mosquito is the *causa causans* of the disease, they will be entitled to take rank amongst the world's greatest benefactors. But a curious point has occurred to me, and I ask, What light can any of your readers throw upon it? During the recent hot weather the mosquito has become unpleasantly familiar with us; and surprise is expressed at his presence here in England, for he was not recognised as a resident in temperate climates. Yet from the earliest times malarial fevers have been prevalent in several parts of England, such as the fens in Lincolnshire, the Thames Valley, etc., and often of a grave type. Now here we have two admitted facts—that is, the presence of the specific fevers, the at once (or non-existence) of the mosquito. How does the theory explain this?

COMPETING MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

A FOREIGN correspondent under the title "Aliboron" writes complaining of certain strictures by "Indian graduates," notably of the Madras University, on the value of certain European qualifications—particularly of those of Edinburgh and the M.D. of Brussels—*versus* their own. We have not seen these strictures in their original form, but judging from the quotations he gives they are in the worst possible taste, and