

Army Service Corps and General Hospital Staff, are to leave in the ship above named and on the day noted.

#### HORSES AND FIELD KIT FOR THE R.A.M.C.

ALL units except cavalry and artillery will be provided with horses in South Africa "at cost price"—that is, officers will pay the cost of the horse to Government. This, of course, is a boon. But nothing is said about the price of the horse when an officer has to leave South Africa on being ordered elsewhere—say to India or to Ceylon, West Indies, etc.—when the horses will sell for about one-tenth of what the cost was to the officer. Under such circumstances the Government should either repurchase the horse or should rule its conveyance free of charge to India or elsewhere wherever the officer may be ordered after the campaign. It is stated that two medical officers sent to Crete from Egypt had their horses carried there free of charge; but when the disturbance at the former station terminated, and the medical officers left Crete, they could get no transport for the horses, and had to sell them locally for a mere trifle, obtaining no compensation for the loss. The present regulation hits the R.A.M.C. officers hardest, for they beyond all other branches are moved frequently and have short home service. It would thus only be fair if Government would sell them horses at cost price everywhere, and when medical officers go abroad or are moved from colony to colony, or to India, the horse should be transported free or repurchased at a valuation.

There is also another subject connected with active service, and that is the "field kit." This should be sold to officers out of the Government stores at "cost price." Mess tins, Sam Brown belts, water bottles, camp beds, sleeping valises, etc., and even khaki uniform costs a great deal too much when bought privately from outfitters' or other shops. They would cost but a small and reasonable figure if provided by contract. Indeed uniform might easily be so provided. But, apart from this, all field articles should certainly be so. Regimental saddlery is also a heavy item in a medical officer's equipment when purchased from saddlers. Why not let it be supplied from Government stores?

There are some complaints on the head of the "New Army Pocket Case." It is considered a very heavy article, and by no means a good one. It costs £3 7s. 6d., even at the Stores, and could be supplied for about, at most, £2. It has a heavy thermometer, a useless article on the field of battle. It should be in the medical companion which always accompanies each corps.

These are all matters which should be taken into careful consideration at the Medical Division of the War Office, whose duty it is to see that the incomes of army surgeons are not unnecessarily taxed, for the constant moves to which they are subjected entail great expenses, and it is with some difficulty medical officers pay their way. Reform in the direction here suggested would materially reduce the expenses of the Royal Army Medical Corps officers, although it might even be placed before the War Office as a general army question.

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS EXCHANGE.

*The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 8s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps or post office order with the notice, not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

A CAPTAIN, R.A.M.C., home last trooping season, March, 1899, is willing to exchange out to India (Madras presidency preferred) this trooping season. Address No. 1,003, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, 429, Strand, W.C.

#### ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: R. HUGHES, G. M. O. RICHARDS, T. MARLES-THOMAS, A. H. PRICHARD, H. L. GEOGHEGAN, B.A., M.D., and S. J. HAYLOCK, Surgeons, to the *Duke of Wellington*, for disposal, October 28th; J. P. H. GREER-HAIGH, M.B., J. H. JONES, A. J. LAURIE, J. W. ROBERTSON, M.B., J. H. LIGHTFOOT, and P. G. WILLIAMS, Surgeons, to the *Vivid*, for disposal, October 28th; H. M. HART-SMITH, B.A., M.D., L. A. BAISS, and C. R. NICHOLSON, Surgeons, to the *Wildfire*, for disposal, October 28th; E. T. BURTON, N. J. ROCHE, and A. W. NOURSE, Surgeons, to the *Pembroke*, for disposal, October 28th; RAMSEY M. RICHARDS and MERVYN W. FALKNER, Surgeons, to the *Doris*, for disposal, October 2nd.

#### ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

MAJOR E. M. WILSON, Royal Army Medical Corps, is appointed Deputy Assistant Director, Army Medical Service, *vice* Major W. G. A. BEDFORD,

R.A.M.C., whose period of service in that appointment has expired, October 1st. Major Wilson joined the department, July 30th, 1881, becoming Surgeon-Major twelve years after. His war services comprise the Zulu war of 1879 as Civil Surgeon (medicive with clasp); the Nile Expedition in 1884-5 (medal with clasp and Khedive's bronze star); the Egyptian Frontier Field Force, 1885-6; the expedition up the River Gambia in 1891-2 (medal with clasp); the Ashanti Expedition in 1895, in charge of the Base Hospital (C.M.G. and star); the Soudan campaign in 1898, including the Battle of Khartoum (mentioned in despatches, D.S.O., British medal, and Khedive's medal with clasp).

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

MAJOR ROBERT N. BUIST is placed on temporary half-pay on account of ill-health, September 26th.

Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant WILLIAM H. BARTON is dismissed the army by sentence of a general court-martial, September 2nd.

Sergeant-Major HARRY SPACKMAN is appointed Quartermaster, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, *vice* Honorary Lieutenant W. H. Barton, October 4th.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. SLAUGHTER, who is serving in the Bengal command at Lucknow, has been appointed to officiate in the administrative medical staff of the army with the temporary rank of Colonel, from August 23rd, *vice* Colonel M. B. Major, invalided.

#### ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT A. D. DUCAT is promoted to be Surgeon-Captain, October 4th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant JAMES P. BROWN, M.B., 5th Volunteer Battalion Princess Louise Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is appointed Surgeon-Lieutenant, October 4th.

#### THE VOLUNTEERS.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT W. K. PAULI, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), has resigned his commission, October 4th.

Surgeon-Major D. THOMSON, M.D., 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Bedfordshire Regiment, is promoted to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, October 4th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant G. G. OAKLEY, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, is promoted to be Surgeon-Captain, October 4th.

Surgeon-Major F. H. APPLBY, 4th Volunteer Battalion the Derbyshire Regiment, is promoted to be Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel on appointment as Senior Medical Officer to the North Midland Volunteer Infantry Brigades, October 4th.

#### INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

It is officially notified that an examination for some appointments to Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service will be held in London in February, 1900. Copies of regulations for the examination, with other information, may be obtained on application to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, S.W. The exact date of the examination and number of appointments to be competed for will be announced hereafter.

#### THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

THE winter work of the School commenced on Monday last, October 2nd, at the headquarters of the London Rifle Brigade, when two unusually large classes paraded for instruction under Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel P. B. Giles, Senior Medical Officer. One class consisting of men already in possession of the Army Ambulance Certificate is being instructed in the use of the roller bandage and the duties of hospital orderlies. The other class, consisting entirely of untrained men, is being taken through the ordinary course of first aid, stretcher, and wagon drill, as laid down for regimental stretcher bearers in the new manual for the Royal Army Medical Corps. Among the corps well represented in both classes are: The London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, the London Rifle Brigade, the 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Queen's Regiment, and the 1st Cadet Battalion King's Royal Rifles. The competitions take place on November 27th and December 4th, and the official inspection on December 11th.

#### VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN J. HARPER, V.M.S.C., Honorary Secretary, Proficiency Class Volunteer Medical Association (South Kensington, S.W.), writes: I have just seen (on returning from my holiday) the paragraphs under the above title in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 12th and 19th, or I would have written sooner to express my regret for having inadvertently included the four names in the pass list from the Volunteer Medical Association Proficiency Class. I shall check succeeding lists more carefully. May I take this opportunity of stating that the next course of instruction (both lectures and Correspondence Class) will commence about the second week of November, and I shall be happy to give any information and receive the names of intending candidates before that date.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

#### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

##### REPORT ON NEW DRAFT STATUTES.

At the meeting of Convocation, to be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at 5 P.M., the Special Committee appointed to make representations to the London University Commission as to points in the scheme of the Commission in which modification might be desirable, will present an interim report on the distribution of Faculties in the reorganised

University, and the allocation of the representatives of Convocation on the Senate. The Special Committee has also considered the proposed statutes of the Commissioners relating to the Schools and Teachers of the reorganised University, and considers them, on the whole, satisfactory, and in accordance with the report of the Royal Commission, and recommends alterations only in some minor points.

Respecting the distribution of Faculties, the Committee agrees with the proposals of the Cowper Commission as far as they concern the establishment of separate Faculties of Arts, Law, Medicine, and Theology. Discussing the question whether there ought to be one Faculty of Science or several Faculties (Engineering, Agriculture, and, possibly, Architecture, for example), each concerned with a portion only of the very wide area covered by this great subject, the Committee comes to certain conclusions: (1) There should be only one Faculty of Science with adequate representation on the Senate and the Academic Council; (2) Engineering should be a distinct branch of the one Faculty of Science, and not a separate Faculty, but degrees should be given in Engineering bearing a distinctive name; (3) no distinctive name should be given to degrees that may hereafter be taken in any other distinct branch of the Faculty of Science; (4) the Art or Profession of Teaching should find its place as a branch of the Faculty of Arts; (5) the Committee favours also the constitution of a new and separate Faculty for Economic, Commercial, and Social subjects. The Committee suggests the following as a fair distribution of the 16 representatives of the Faculties on the Senate and Academic Council: Faculty of Science, 5; Arts, 4; Medicine, 3; Law, Theology, Music and Economics, 1 each. The Medical Faculty it is noted will also from the first have direct and independent representatives in the Senate through the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons.

With regard to the allocation of the representatives of Convocation on the Senate, the Committee concludes (1) that it is desirable that no Faculty shall be entitled to separate representation on the Senate until the number of its registered graduates shall amount to at least 50; (2) that the representatives of Convocation on the Senate should be allocated as follows: 4 to the Faculty of Arts, 3 to Laws, 4 to Science, 3 to Medicine, and 1 additional representative to the Faculties of Arts and of Science respectively, until the graduates in Theology, and any one other Faculty that may be created, amount to 50.

The Committee makes other suggestions, amongst which are the following: That the restriction of the amount of the property to be held by the University to an annual value of £10,000, should, if possible, be removed, and that there should be vested in the University the freehold or leasehold interest in any buildings occupied by the University, the copyright in all printed matter published by the University, and the right of managing all funds received by the University for fees or otherwise, and of disposing of the surplus, if any, from its income over its expenditure.

The Committee recommends that the power to fix the days on which the ordinary meetings of Convocation are to be held should be vested in Convocation, and not as at present in the Senate; and, further, that Convocation should prescribe the form and manner in which the election by Convocation of the Chancellor and members of the Senate shall take place.

#### UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

At the Convocation held on Saturday, September 23rd, the following Degrees were conferred:

*Doctor in Medicine*—J. C. Anderson, M.B., Durham; A. J. Dale, M.B., B.S., Durham; J. L. Frazer-Hurst, B.A., M.B., B.S., Durham; R. N. Lishman, M.B., B.S., Durham; T. Lund, M.B., B.S., Durham (*in absentia*); N. McCall Smith, M.B., B.S., Durham; W. L. W. Walker, M.B., B.S., Durham; W. H. Whitehouse, M.B., B.S., Durham.

*Doctor in Medicine (Practitioners of Fifteen Years' Standing)*—O. Baker, L.R.C.P. and S. E., R. H. Browne, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., W. G. Dickenson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D. C. Embleton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., S. Hassan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., H. N. Holberton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., J. S. Hooker, L.R.C.P. and S. E., L.S.A., J. C. R. Husband, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., H. Knowles, L.R.C.P., L., L.R.C.S., E. H. R. Leech, L.R.C.P. and S. E., L.S.A., G. B. W. Messum, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., G. Sinclair, L.R.C.P. and S. E., T. H. Smith, L.R.C.P. and S. E., H. G. Sworn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J. A. Webster, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., N. T. Wood, M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

*Bachelor in Medicine (M.B.)*—N. C. Bailes, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; L. J. Blandford, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; M. F. Cahill, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.I., Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; S. Cross, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; H. B. Fawcus, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. D. Fisher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., London Hospital; E. Gifton, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. B. Greaves, L.S.A., University College, Sheffield; J. R. Halliday, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; W. J. Harrison, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; W. C. Hayward, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Charing Cross Hospital; J. T. Johnson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; H. H. Markham, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. O. Mather, L.R.C.P. and S. Eng., University College, Liverpool; J. Muirhead, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. F. Pratt, L.R.C.P. Lond., Mason College, Birmingham; M. Richards, L.S.A., London Hospital; N. Roberts, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. L. Routledge, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. N. Threlfall, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; C. W. von Bergen, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; D. H. Weir, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

*Bachelor in Surgery (B.S.)*—N. C. Bailes, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; L. J. Blandford, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; S. Cross, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; H. B. Fawcus, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. D. Fisher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., London Hospital; L. Fothergill, M.B., College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. Gifton, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. B. Greaves, L.S.A., University College, Sheffield; W. J. Harrison, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; W. C. Hayward, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Charing Cross Hospital; J. T. Johnson, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-

Tyne; H. H. Markham, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; J. Muirhead, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. F. Pratt, L.R.C.P. Lond., Mason College, Birmingham; M. Richards, L.S.A., London Hospital; N. Roberts, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; R. L. Routledge, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; E. N. Threlfall, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; C. W. von Bergen, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; D. H. Weir, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

#### ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

FIRST EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.—The following candidates have passed this examination:

Anna E. Adderley, Catholic University School of Medicine and Royal College of Science; \*Lily A. Baker, Royal College of Science; J. Brady, University College, Dublin; \*M. Cagney, Queen's College, Cork; \*J. J. Clarke, University College, Dublin; \*W. M. Crofton, University College, Dublin; \*J. Dowling, Queen's College, Galway; E. Fitzgerald, Queen's College, Belfast; \*M. Fitzgerald, University College, Dublin; \*D. Gillespie, Queen's College, Belfast; \*Marie E. Hayes, Royal College of Science; \*C. G. Lowry, Queen's College, Belfast; J. Morris, Queen's College, Cork; \*M. J. O'Flynn, Queen's College, Galway; P. Power, Queen's College, Cork; \*J. J. Rogers, University College, Dublin; \*F. C. Sampson, University College, Dublin; \*D. H. Vickery, Queen's College, Cork.

SECOND EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.—The following candidates have passed this examination:

UPPER PASS.—\*S. H. G. Blakely, Queen's College, Belfast; \*T. Carnwath, Queen's College, Belfast; \*R. H. Caughey, B.A., Queen's College, Belfast; \*J. F. I. Harty, Queen's College, Cork; \*W. K. Hayden, Queen's College, Belfast; \*H. M. Johnston, Queen's College, Belfast; \*T. Killen, Queen's College, Belfast; \*J. Shipsey, Queen's College, Cork; J. K. Small, Queen's College, Belfast; \*W. Warnock, Queen's College, Galway.

PASS.—J. D. Buchanan, Queen's College, Belfast; A. A. Chancellor, Queen's College, Belfast; W. Cummings, Queen's College, Belfast; P. F. Dolan, M.A., Catholic University School of Medicine; R. J. Dwyane, Catholic University School of Medicine; A. J. Foote, Queen's College, Cork; J. J. Gillis, Queen's College, Belfast; A. W. Hamilton, Queen's College, Belfast; S. T. Irwin, Queen's College, Belfast; J. W. Killen, Queen's College, Belfast; J. F. McDermott, Queen's College, Cork; T. McFetridge, Queen's College, Cork; F. A. McOstrich, Queen's College, Cork; P. J. Murray, Catholic University School of Medicine; W. F. O'Connor, Queen's College, Cork; D. J. Rottantree, Catholic University School of Medicine; C. E. Suffern, Queen's College, Belfast; T. H. Suffern, Queen's College, Belfast; A. T. Swan, Catholic University School of Medicine; J. Thompson, Queen's College, Belfast; Margaret Tonar, Queen's College, Belfast; J. W. A. Wilsons, Queen's College, Belfast.

Candidates marked thus (\*) may present themselves for the further examination for honours.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

### POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

#### HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

In thirty-three of the largest English towns, including London, 6,490 births and 4,186 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, September 30th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had decreased from 26.8 to 20.6 per 1,000 in the five preceding weeks, further declined to 19.1 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 12.6 in Bradford, 13.4 in Norwich, 14.3 in Croydon, and 14.4 in Halifax, to 25.8 in Hull, 26.0 in Salford, 26.5 in Liverpool, and 27.9 in Preston. In the thirty-two provincial towns the mean death-rate was 20.8 per 1,000, and exceeded by 4.1 the rate recorded in London, which was 16.7 per 1,000. The zymotic death-rate in the thirty-three towns averaged 3.3 per 1,000; in London the death-rate was equal to 2.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 4.0 in the thirty-two provincial towns, among which the highest zymotic death-rates were 5.5 in Bolton, 5.7 in Portsmouth, 6.2 in Preston, and 6.4 in Sheffield. Whooping-cough caused a death-rate of 1.0 in Bolton, 1.2 in Leicester, and 1.6 in Portsmouth; "fever" of 1.4 in Portsmouth, in Salford, and in Sheffield, and 2.3 in Birkenhead; and diarrhoea of 3.6 in Salford, 3.7 in Birmingham, 3.9 in Gateshead, 4.0 in West Ham, and 5.3 in Preston. The mortality from measles and from scarlet fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. The 95 deaths from diphtheria in the thirty-three towns included 44 in London, 13 in Sheffield, 8 in Leeds, 6 in Birmingham, and 3 in Leicester. One fatal case of small-pox was registered in Hull last week, but not one in any other of the thirty-three towns; and no small-pox patients were under treatment in any of the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals on Saturday last, September 30th. The number of scarlet fever patients in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had increased from 2,538 to 2,758 at the end of the four preceding weeks, had further risen to 2,886 on Saturday last; 409 new cases were admitted during the week, against 298, 336, and 364 in the three preceding weeks.

#### HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, September 30th, 873 births and 562 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had decreased from 24.1 to 19.0 per 1,000 in the four preceding weeks, further declined to 18.4 last week, and was 0.7 per 1,000 below the mean rate during the same period in the thirty-three large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the death-rates ranged from 14.1 in Leith and 15.6 in Paisley to 19.4 in Dundee and 24.8 in Greenock. The zymotic death-rate in these towns averaged 3.7 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Dundee and Greenock.

The 261 deaths registered in Glasgow included 2 from measles, 4 from scarlet fever, 3 from whooping-cough, 6 from "fever," and 40 from diarrhoea. Three fatal cases of diphtheria, and 15 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh; 2 deaths from measles and 2 from diphtheria occurred in Greenock, and 11 from diarrhoea in Dundee.

## MEDICO-LEGAL.

### BOROUGH CORONERS.

**MEDICAL CORONER** writes as follows: In the absence of the coroner and his legal deputy from a town, who can hold an inquest, and what is the form to go through?

\*\*\* We do not find that there is any legal provision made for such a contingency, but we have been advised that the mayor of the town in case of such an emergency occurring would be justified in appointing a deputy *pro tem.* for the purpose of holding the inquest, and probably he would nominate one of the adjoining county coroners.

### MEDICAL WITNESSES.

**S. L. C. M.** states that he has attended on three different days at the police-court to give evidence in a case of alleged murder, and is now bound over to appear at the Central Criminal Court in the same case. He wishes to know what fees he is entitled to, and when and how they will be paid.

\*\*\* Our correspondent is entitled to receive for each attendance at the police-court a sum in the discretion of the magistrate not exceeding 10s. 6d., and at the Central Criminal Court a sum not exceeding £1 1s. per diem. The fees will be paid by the Treasury at the conclusion of the case. In criminal cases no preliminary tender of fees is necessary.

### BONDS NOT TO PRACTISE.

**PHYSICIAN.**—We are not aware whether our correspondent's question refers to England or Scotland, but, assuming it to be the former, we consider that the bond, so far as we can judge from our correspondent's letter, is valid, and that in the absence of a time limit the assistant is unable to practise in the district, even after the death of his former principal. We venture to remind our correspondent that questions of this kind will be far more satisfactorily dealt with by his own legal adviser, before whom the full facts of the case can be laid.

### UNSTAMPED RECEIPTS.

**MEMBER.**—The receipt would be valid, but would not be receivable as evidence of payment without being stamped, and the giver of such a receipt renders himself liable to a penalty of £10.

## INDIA AND THE COLONIES.

**THE QUEEN'S DAUGHTERS IN INDIA.**—This is the title of a book which has been extensively circulated, describing the working of the Contagious Diseases Acts in India. The descriptions are supplied by pious and philanthropic ladies, who, under strong religious influence and fixed abhorrence of "State encouragement of vice," sought and obtained their information from prostitutes on whose traffic in vice and disease these Acts placed some measure of restriction. That this class should respond to partial and fervid denunciation of interference with their liberty to spread loathsome disease is not surprising. We have been favoured with a reprint of an excellent letter written upon this subject by a staff surgeon, who points out that these ladies were blind to all but one side of the question; that the amount of venereal disease in the army, and the sickness, incapacity, and evil arising therefrom are unquestionably extensive and serious, and affect civil as well as military communities; and that the amount and severity of disease undoubtedly increased after the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts. He shows that the practice at present in force of making these diseases notifiable, and, as regards diseased women, of insisting on their treatment in hospital or departure from cantonments, promises some preventive benefit, without restoration of the objectionable features of the old Acts, while efforts for moral reformation may simultaneously be resorted to.

**HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES OF THE HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.**—The report submitted by Lieutenant-Colonel C. L. Swaine, M.D., is a triennial one, including the years 1896-97-98. There are 47 institutions in operation in these districts, in which in 1898 304,987 patients were treated. The attendance of patients has been falling off since 1893. This is attributed to various causes, including famine and plague; but the resident inclines to impute it to lack of zeal and energy on the part of the staff. To the same cause he ascribes a falling off in the number and importance of surgical operations. The financial condition of the institutions is satisfactory. A system of levying fees for treatment and medicines from those able to afford it is in force in this province, and Rs.2,807 were realised on this account. The system, however, tends to diminish subscriptions. The year 1898 was a healthy one. The famine of 1897 nearly doubled the number of indoor patients treated, but reduced the outdoor. 1,233 packets of quinine were sold, against 861 in 1897, indicating increased popularity of this measure.

**HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.**—It is a curious fact that in India, while a moderate increase of sickness among the native population such as occurs in an unhealthy season causes increased resort to hospitals and dispensaries, a great and overwhelming disaster such as a serious famine or an unusual visitation like plague, causing panic, diminishes the attendance on, and impairs the usefulness

of these institutions. The people become demoralised, are too weak and ill to travel, and special measures have to be adopted for their relief. Such was the case in the Central Provinces in the famine year 1897. There was, according to the report for that year submitted by Colonel G. Hutcheson, M.D., a decrease of 32,998 patients treated in the Government dispensaries; but the report includes for the first time the figures relating to 22 Feudatory States and 4 Zamindari Dispensaries, which raised the total to 1,526,659, while 607,949 patients received medical treatment at famine institutions. The same causes which diminished the attendance also reduced the number of surgical operations and the revenue. The death-rate among indoor patients was high, amounting to 13.44 per cent. of treated. There was a large increase of cases of malarial fever and of diseases accompanying famine, such as dysentery, diarrhoea, and ulcers; 1264 packets of quinine were sold through the agency of the post-office.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

THE lectures at the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, will be resumed on Tuesday next, at 3.30 P.M., when Dr. Beevor will give a lecture on Cerebral Localisation. The lectures are free to medical practitioners and senior students.

THE lectures at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, were resumed on Thursday, October 5th, when Dr. Lees gave a lecture on Rheumatism in Children. Subsequent lectures will be given on succeeding Thursdays down to December 14th, with the exception of November 9th, when no lectures will be given.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women will be reopened on October 9th. The operating theatre has been enlarged, and with its adjacent rooms brought into condition to fulfil the requirements of modern surgery. The electric light has been installed, a new hot-water service and electric lift have been provided, and the interior of the hospital has been thoroughly cleaned and painted. The Convalescent Home at St. Leonards-on-Sea is also being cleaned and painted, and will also be reopened next week.

**MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Northern and Midland division of this Association will be held at the West Riding Asylum, Menston, Leeds, on Wednesday, October 11th. Dr. MacDowall and staff will show members round the asylum at 2.30 P.M. The question of trained nurses for the insane in Union workhouses will be discussed and a paper will be read by Dr. C. K. Hitchcock on the disadvantages of hypnotics in the treatment of the insane. Dr. MacDowall invites members to dine at the asylum at 6.30 P.M.

THE annual service in St. Paul's Cathedral, organised by the Guild of St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician, to emphasise the working together of the two professions of religion and medicine for the good of humanity, will take place on Thursday, October 19th, at 7 P.M., when the Bishop of Stepney will preach. All the members of the profession in London have been invited to attend, and admission to the cathedral will be by ticket only. The offertory will be, as far as possible, transferred to the fund for providing medical missionaries to other lands—a work which is earnestly engaging the attention of St. Luke's Guild.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

**BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SKIN AND URINARY HOSPITAL.**—Assistant Surgeon. Applications to the hospital by October 18th.

**BUXTON: DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £20 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications endorsed "Assistant House-Surgeon" to the Secretary.

**CAIRO: EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.**—Professor of Ophthalmology. Applications, addressed "The Director, Government School of Medicine, Cairo," by October 15th.

**CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.** Victoria Park, E.—(1) Assistant Physician; must be F.R.C.P. Lond. (2) Pathologist; salary, 100 guineas per annum. (3) Second House-Physician; appointment for six months; board and residence provided, and salary at the rate of £50 per annum. Applications to the Secretary by October 11th.

**COLCHESTER: ESSEX AND COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, washing, and residence. Applications to the Secretary by October 14th.

**EDINBURGH: ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Superintendent. Salary, £500 per annum, with free house, coal, and light. Applications to Mr. W. Caw, Treasurer and Clerk, by November 15th.

**GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 16th.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.** Brompton.—(1) Resident House-Physician. Appointment for six months and an honorarium of £25. (2) Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary by October 10th.

**HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN**, 52, Stamford Street, Blackfriars, S.E.—Honorary Pathologist. Applications to the Secretary by October 10th.

**HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN**, Soho Square, W.—House-Physician. Appointment for six months. Salary, £50. Applications to the Secretary by October 21st.

**KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON**.—Sambrook Surgical Registrarship. Applications to the Secretary by October 18th.

**LAGOS RAILWAY**, West Africa.—Two qualified Assistant Medical Officers, aged 25 to 40. Salary, £30 to £35 per month, with free quarters, first class passages out and home. Applications, endorsed "Assistant Medical Officer," to Messrs. Shelford and Son, 35A, Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.

**LEISTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LUNATIC ASYLUM**.—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Age 25 to 30. Salary, £150, rising £10 yearly to £200 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, and attendance. Applications to W. I. Freer, Clerk to the Committee of Visitors, 10, New Street, Leicester, by October 9th.

**LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL**.—House-Surgeon; under 30 years of age and unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 26th.

**METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD**.—Assistant Medical Officers at the Fever and small-pox hospitals; unmarried, and not exceeding 35 years of age. Salary, £180 per annum during the first year, £180 the second year, and £200 the third and subsequent years with board, lodging, attendance and washing. Applications on forms to be obtained at the office of the Board, Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, by October 14th.

**NORTHAMPTON: ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASES**.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried and not more than 30 years of age. Salary, £150 per annum, increasing £25 per annum to £200, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by October 19th.

**NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**.—House-Surgeon. Appointment for eight months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum. Applications to the Secretary, 27, Clement's Lane, E.C., by October 17th.

**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 26th. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months but renewable. Salary at the rate of £65 per annum, with board, and residence. Applications to the House-Governor by October 20th.

**ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE ORBIT**, City Road, E.C.—(1) Assistant Physician; must be F. or M.B.C.P. Lond. (2) Resident Medical Officer. Appointment for six months, when re-election is required. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 9th.

**ST. MARY, ISLINGTON**.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Workhouse and Infirmary, St. John's Road. Salary, £80 per annum, with rations, apartments, and washing. Applications on forms provided to be sent to the Clerk, Guardians' Office, St. John's Road, Upper Holloway, N., by October 18th.

**SALISBURY INFIRMARY**.—Assistant House-Surgeon; unmarried. Salary, £30 per annum. Applications to the Secretary by October 19th.

**SALOP INFIRMARY**.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months, but renewable. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by October 11th.

**SANITARY INSPECTORS' EXAMINATION BOARD**.—Four examiners. Applications to W. B. E. Cole, Honorary Secretary, 1, Adelaide Buildings, London Bridge, E.C., by October 10th.

**SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY (Dreadnought)**.—Senior House-Surgeon at the Branch Hospital in the Royal Victoria and Albert Docks, E. Salary, £75 per annum, with board and residence, and an additional £25 per annum if certain clinical work is performed satisfactorily. Applications to the Secretary by October 9th.

**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.

**TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL**.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £30 per annum, with board, washing and lodging. Applications, endorsed "Assistant House-Surgeon," to the Honorary Secretary by October 20th.

**TOTTENHAM HOSPITAL**.—(1) Honorary Physician to Out-patients. (2) Honorary Gynaecologist to Out-patients. (3) Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, residence, and laundry. Applications to the Chairman of the Joint Committee for the first two appointments by October 24th, and for the latter October 17th.

**VENTNOR ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION**.—Clinical Assistant. Board, residence, and laundry provided. Applications to Dr. Farry, Resident Medical Officer.

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**.—External Examiner in Anatomy. Appointment for three years. Applications to the Registrar by November 1st.

**WAKEFIELD: WEST RIDING ASYLUM**.—Fifth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, rising £10 annually to £150, with furnished apartments, board, washing, and attendance. Applications to the Medical Director by October 11th.

**WESTMINSTER GENERAL DISPENSARY**.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary, 9, Gerrard Street, Soho, by October 23rd.

**YORK DISPENSARY**.—Resident Medical Officer; unmarried. Salary, £110 per annum, with board, lodging, and attendance. Applications to Mr. W. Draper, De Grey House, York, by October 18th.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**CROOKER, T. L.**, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed House-Surgeon to the Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand, vice W. Fox, M.S., Ch.M. Glasg., resigned.

**DOUGLAS, Archibald E.**, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties, Lancaster, vice T. Telford Smith, M.A., M.D., B.Oh., Medical Superintendent, resigned.

**EVANS, D. E.**, M.B., B.S. Lond., appointed Anesthetist and Pathologist to the Swansea Hospital, vice E. Reid, M.B.C.S. L.R.C.P. Lond.

**FOWLIE, C. H.**, M.B.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Second Division of the Third District of the Newhaven Union, vice J. P. Pearce, M.B.C.S. Eng., resigned.

**HALL, H. S.**, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse of the Leigh Union.

**HAYES, A. Herbert**, M.B.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed House-Surgeon to the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, vice W. O. Ambrose, M.B.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., resigned.

**INGRAM, A. M.B.**, C.M. Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Aston Union Workhouse, vice V. M. Chinn, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Edin., resigned.

**JOYCE, E. C.**, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Cymmer District of the Pontypridd Union, vice H. N. Davies, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng.

**JUKES, G.**, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Long-range Urban District, vice E. Roddes, M.B.C.S. Eng., resigned.

**KEYNACK, T. N.**, M.D. Vict., M.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Registrar to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, vice E. T. Williamson, M.D., resigned.

**KENNY, T. H.**, M.B.C.S., appointed Resident Surgeon at the Hospital, Gypmpe, Queensland.

**LYLE, Robert P. B.**, M.D. Dub., B.Ch., appointed Lecturer in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the Durham University College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne, vice T. O. Nesham, M.D. Edin., deceased.

**MIDDLEMIST, Robert C.**, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Ryhall District of the Stamford Union.

**PARRY, Edward James**, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., L.S.A., appointed House-Surgeon to the Torbay Hospital and Eye Infirmary, Torquay.

**PATERSON, J. H.**, M.B., Ch.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer of Health and Public Vaccinator for the Terralgon Shire and for Toongabbie Riding of Rosedale Shire, Victoria, vice J. P. Montgomery, M.B., Ch.B. Melb., resigned.

**POWELL, Cecil**, M.B.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Wandsworth and Clapham Union.

**QUILTER, J.**, M.B. Melb., appointed Government Medical Officer and Vaccinator for the District of Moruya, New South Wales, vice Edward Bost, M.M.C.S. Eng., resigned.

**RABY, Leonard**, M.D. Durh., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the First District of the Devises Union, vice E. N. Carless, M.D. Aberd.

**RICHMOND, E. T.**, M.A. Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed House-Physician to the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

**SHELLEY, P. W. G.**, M.B.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Cwmyn Marchard District of the Tiverton Union, vice G. F. Weisford, M.B. Camb., M.R.C.S. Eng.

**STANWELL, St. John**, M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Barnet District of the Stamford Union.

**SUTHERLAND, D. S.**, M.B., Ch.B. Glasg., appointed Resident House-Surgeon to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

### DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

#### MONDAY.

**Medical Society of London**, 8 P.M.—General meeting; 8.30 P.M. ordinary meeting. Opening addresses by the President, Dr. Frederick Roberts. Discussion on Personal Experience in relation to Serum Therapeutics and Antitoxin Treatment, by Drs. Mitchell Bruce, G. Heron, Sidney Martin, and J. Washbourn.

#### TUESDAY.

**West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System**, 73, Welbeck Street, W. 1. P.M.—Dr. T. D. Savill: Clinical Demonstration—On the Diagnosis of Disorders of the Nervous system, with typical cases of the principal divisions.

**National Hospital for the Spinal Cord**, 1, Epiphany, Queen's Square, W.C. 3.30 P.M.—Dr. Beevor: On Cerebral Localisation.

**Hospital Reform Association**, St. Martin's 10th Hall, W.C., 4 P.M.—Conference.

#### WEDNESDAY.

**Hunterian Society**, 8.30 P.M.—Dr. Sansom: The Effects of Influenza on the Heart and Circulation—their Clinical History and their Treatment.

**Hospital Reform Association**, St. Martin's Town Hall, W.C., 4 P.M.—Conference.

#### THURSDAY.

**British Gynaecological Society**, 8 P.M.—Specimens will be shown by Dr. Macnaghton-Jones, Mr. Charles Kyall, and others. Paper—Mr. J. Furness Jordan: On the after-results of Operations on the Uterus and Appendages.

**Charing Cross Hospital**, post-graduate Course, 4 P.M.—Dr. J. Mitchell Bruce: Cases in the Wards.

**Hospital for Sick Children**, Great Ormond Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Dr. Penrose: Demonstration of Selected Cases.

**North London Medical and Chirurgical Society**, Great Northern Central Hospital, 5 P.M.—Dr. Champneys: On some points in the Natural History of Uterine Fibroids.

#### FRIDAY.

**Clinical Society of London**, 8.30 P.M.—Dr. Robert Adams: On Acute Streptococcal Meningitis supervening in the course of Chronic Nephritis. Dr. Churton: Aneurysm of the First Part of the Arch of the Aorta projecting into the Aorta. Dr. P. J. Smith: A case of Obstinate Anemia in a Young Girl associated with Peculiar Tropic Disturbances and with Confirmed Thrombosis of the Superior Longitudinal Sinus. Mr. H. Betham Robinson: Acute Intestinal Obstruction due to an Intussusception of Meckel's Diverticulum.

### 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 ensure insertion in the current issue.

#### BIRTHS.

**GALLOWAY**.—On October 1st, at 54, Harley Street, W., the wife of James Galloway, M.D. F.R.C.P., of a daughter.

**LAWSON**.—At 46, Leytonstone Road, Stratford, the wife of H. A. Wellesley Lawson L.R.C.P. & S. Edin., of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGES.

**ADAMSON-JOHNSTON**.—At Corstorphine House, on October 3rd, by the Very Rev. James MacGillivray, D.D., St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, Charles Henry Adamson, M.B., C.M., F.R.S.E., Russell House, Edmonton, London, to Margaret Fraser, only daughter of the late Thomas Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, Corstorphine House, Midlothian.

**FRENNELL-GRAY**.—On September 28th, at All Saints Church, Annesley, Notts., by the Rev. W. R. Kynaston, B.A., Vicar, Edward Barrington Fennell, M.D., B.Ch., etc., T.O.D., of Nuncar Castle, Kirkby, Notts, formerly of Eniskerry, co. Wicklow, to Frances, elder daughter of the late William Gray, and niece of Henry Lewis, of the Larches, Annesley, Notts.

**MOBERTON-HATHERELL**.—On October 3rd, at St. Anselme, Davies Street, W., by the Rev. E. S. Richardson, B.A., Vicar of St. Matthews, Bolton, Lancashire, assisted by the Rev. B. N. Atkinson, M.A., Curate of Tavrin, Chester, and the Rev. C. G. Wyothe, Rector of Beeston with Ashmanbough, Norfolk, T. W. Earl Moreton, F.R.C.S. Eng., M.B.C.S. and L.R.C.P. Lond., Tavrin, Chester, to Katie, youngest daughter of Mrs. Hatherell, Banwyll, Somerset.

**MUIR-BARNES**.—On October 4th, at St. James's, Hatcham, S.E., by the Rev. Edwin Davies, Vicar of St. Paul's, Birkenhead, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Kennedy, Vicar of the Parish, and the Rev. W. H. Parsons, Curate-in-Charge of St. Michael's, Hatcham, Robert Douglas Muir, M.D. Brux., M.B.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., to Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barnes, of 60, Erlanger Road, New Cross Gate.

**SUTHERLAND-GAIRDNER**.—On Thursday, September 28th, at the University of Glasgow, by the Very Reverend Dr. Story, Principal of the University, assisted by the Reverend Dr. Stronach, Hillhead Parish Church, and the Reverend Dr. Keith, Free College Church, Sutherland, M.D., Professor of Pathology in the University of St. Andrews, to Helen Christian, elder daughter of Sir William Gairdner, K.C.B., Professor of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

#### DEATHS.

**HUNTER**.—At Jebba, Niger Territories, of malarial fever, on September 13th, Andrew Hunter, M.B., C.M., Medical Officer in the West African Frontier Force, and late of 173, King Street, Aberdeen, aged 31 years.

**SHURLOCK**.—On September 27th, at Hiddridge, Chertsey, Manwaring Shurlock, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., aged 55. Funeral at Chertsey Church on September 30th at 12.30. No flowers.

**WATSON**.—On September 29th, at Blackrock, Dublin, George Alexander Watson, M.B. Lond., D.P.H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., eldest son of W. Tyndale Watson, M.D., of Tottenham, Middlesex, aged 31.

## 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.*—I. p., Tu., 2.30; o. p., F., 2.  
**CHARING CROSS.** *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Women, W. 1; S. 9.30; Skin, M. Th., 2; Dental, M. Th., 3.45; Throat and Ear, F., 9.30; Electro-Therapeutics, Tu. Th., 9.30; Children, Tu. F., 1; Roentgen, W., 9.45; Orthopaedic, Th., 1. *Operations.*—W. Th. F., 3; S., 2.  
**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.  
**GUY'S.** *Attendances.*—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, 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.*—M., 9; Tu. W., 12; Th., 9; F. S., 12. *Operations.*—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, M., 10. *Operations.*—W. Th. F., 2.  
**LONDON.** *Attendances.*—Medical, daily, i. 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 THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR.** *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, 9.30.  
**METROPOLITAN.** *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; S., 9; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 2; Throat and Ear, Th., 2; Dental, Tu. Th. S., 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., 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.*—Tu., 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.*—Tu., 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 Ovariotomy, F., 2.  
**ST. GEORGE'S.** *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, i. p., 1; o. p., 1.2. Obstetric, i. p., Tu. F., 1.45; o. p., M. Tu., 2.30; Eye, W. S., 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., 2.30; 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; 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., 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., 9.2; 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; (Gynecological), Th., 2.  
**SAMARITAN FREE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.** *Attendances.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operations.*—Gynecological, 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., 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., 9.15. *Operations.*—M. Tu. W., 2.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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## NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

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