

amine his stock for this dangerous impurity. The pure salt is made and can be obtained in London, for we have received a sample of sodium phosphate free from arsenic made by Messrs. May and Baker, Limited, chemical manufacturers, Garden Wharf, Church Road, Battersea, S.W.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

SIR,—On April 28th last you were good enough to insert a letter from me referring to certain irregularities that had occurred at the above hospital; the sequel is interesting. The Treasurer and his advisers, although they refused to admit the soundness of my criticisms, nevertheless thought it expedient that the rules of the hospital should be altered in such a way as to prevent similar questions from being again raised. The existing rules were therefore laid before counsel and revised from beginning to end.

The method adopted for obtaining the sanction of the Governors to the proposed new rules was as follows: The notice convening the General Court held on June 20th last contained as one item among a quantity of miscellaneous business the following: "To approve certain alterations in the rules for the government of the hospital." No intimation was given as to the nature or extent of the proposed alterations, and not only was the draft of the new rules not circulated or offered for inspection, but the governors were not even informed that any such draft existed. The result was that the usual limited number of governors attended the Court, and the new rules were purported to be passed without discussion.

This mode of conducting business appeared to me so unsatisfactory that I again consulted counsel, and have been advised that no proper notice of the proposed alterations of the rules was given, and that consequently the new rules have not been validly passed.

I enclose a copy of the opinion, and have also sent a copy to the Treasurer of the hospital.—I am, etc.,

Lambeth Palace Road, July 7th.

WALTER EDMUNDS.

DIACHYLON AS AN ABORTIFACIENT.

SIR,—With reference to my paper on this subject in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 30th, I should like to say that I have to-day seen another case of poisoning from lead taken to procure abortion.

The patient, a married woman, aged 39, the mother of two children, went a week beyond her period in May last. She therefore bought a box of pills from a chemist "to bring the period on," and in about a week had a discharge of blood with clots, and more pain than usual. Ever since she has had severe colicky pains in the abdomen, with constipation and some retching. She has had no signs or symptoms of disturbance of the central or peripheral nervous system, but has a distinct blue line on her gums. She has had two menstrual discharges since the passage of clots at the beginning of June, whereas usually she has a full month's interval. The uterus is normal to examination, as are the thoracic and other abdominal viscera. There is no optic neuritis, the knee-jerks are normal, and there is no wrist-drop.

Chance brought this case my way, and has given further evidence of the frequency of this practice.—I am, etc.,

Nottingham, July 16th.

W. B. RANSOM.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

FIRST EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF M.B.—The following have passed this examination in the subjects undernoted:

Organic Chemistry.—G. B. D. Adams, Ch. Ch.; O. A. R. Berkeley-Hill, Trin.; G. H. Crossfield, Univ.; T. Henderson, Univ.; R. Jamieson, Trin.; W. H. Lee, Balliol; C. T. Raikes, Trin.; C. J. Singer, Magd.

Materia Medica and Pharmacy.—L. T. Burra, Univ.; E. Bursall, Trin.; H. R. Dean, New Coll.; G. E. Friend, Keble; R. C. Jewsbury, Ch. Ch.; J. E. Rutherford, Corpus Christi; A. Shelley, Keble; C. J. Singer, Magd.; C. A. Smallhorn, Wadham.

Human Anatomy and Physiology.—P. E. H. Adams, Exeter; E. F. Beaumont, Wadh.; J. M. Bickerton, Merton; W. B. Billingham, St. John's; W. E. Blackall, non-coll.; W. L. M. Day, Exeter; H. Frankish, Worcester; A. F. Hertz, Magd. Coll.; D. W. C. Jones, Corpus Christi; H. W. Kaye, Magd.; H. L. Laws, Wadh.; R. E. H. Leach, Merton; D. R. Pike, Jesus; J. E. Rutherford, Corpus; R. H. Sankey, Ch. Ch.

FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF M.B.—The following have passed this examination in the subjects undernoted:

Pathology.—A. E. Boycott, Oriel; L. H. Carr-Birkbeck, Trin.; W. M. G.

Glanville, Ch. Ch.; E. H. Hunt, Balliol; A. E. A. Loosely, Pembroke; R. C. Mullins, Keble; L. J. Picton, Merton; C. E. West, Balliol.
All Other Subjects.—E. D. Bond, Keble; R. C. Mullins, Keble; J. D. Rolleston, B.N.C.; A. E. Thomas, Merton; R. Warren, New.
Mr. J. H. Evans, B.A., M.B. (non-coll.) has passed the examination for the Mastership in Surgery.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

THE Clerk of Convocation on July 19th issued a notice to members of Convocation, stating that the 16 representatives to be appointed by Convocation to the new Senate will be elected at the meeting of Convocation on October 9th, and intimating that the following rules will regulate the procedure:

(a) No one can be a candidate unless a written nomination, signed by ten members of Convocation, and stating by what Faculty he or she is proposed to be elected, has been transmitted to the Clerk at least twenty-one days previously.

(b) The nominating members of Convocation need not be members of the Faculty by which the candidate is proposed to be elected.

(c) There is no restriction on the choice of candidates.

(d) The election will be by signed voting papers as heretofore.

(e) Graduates will vote in their respective Faculties, but graduates who are members of two or more Faculties will have a vote in each.

(f) The Clerk will send to each member of Convocation, not less than seven days prior to the meeting of Convocation, a circular containing a list of all the candidates who have been duly nominated; and a certified list of the ten persons whose names first appear on the paper nominating each of the candidates; and also a voting paper or voting papers stating the names of the candidates in the Faculty or Faculties in which such member of Convocation is entitled to vote.

Nominations will accordingly be receivable by the Clerk up to Monday, September 17th.

We understand that four members of the present Senate will be invited to stand as candidates on behalf of the University of London Graduates' Association—namely, Sir Philip Magnus, Sir Albert Rolitt, Mr. Fletcher Moulton and Dr. Napier. Dr. Ward Cousins and Dr. S. Coupland have been approached as candidates in the Medical Faculty. Mr. Joseph Walton, Q.C., is not improbably the nominee who will be put forward in Laws. Dr. Mears, Dr. Benson, Mr. McClure, Sir W. Thistlethorn Dyer, Dr. Kimmins, Dr. Clowes, Dr. Russell Wells, and Mrs. Bryant are mentioned as the other candidates.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

FIRST PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.—The following candidates have passed this examination, those marked S. with distinction in Surgery and clinical surgery, those marked P. with distinction in medicine and clinical medicine, and those marked M. with distinction in midwifery.

M.B., C.M.—J. Lunn, A. M'D. Nevin, J. J. Robertson, J. W. Shane (old reg.), A. Stephenson.

M.B., Ch.B.—M. Aikman, M.A., G. Arthur, G. Barbour, T. T. Bathgate, J. F. Bennett (M.), A. Binning, A. Birch, H. E. Brown, J. D. Brownlie, T. Carruthers, M.A., A. H. Cassels, E. P. Cathcart (M.), Daisy Annabella Murdoch Clark, B.Sc., J. T. Clark (M.), R. Clark, C. C. Cuthbert, M.A. (P.), A. W. W. Davidson (M.), F. L. Dickson, D. C. Douglas, J. P. Duncan, B.Sc. (P.), L. Finlay (S.P.), A. Fraser, M.A., Lizzie Thomson Fraser, G. Garrey, D. G. S. Gartshore, W. Gibson, E. Gillespie, W. Girvan, Helen Mary Gordon, C. A. Gourlay, M.A. (M.), J. Gracie, C. H. Gunson, A. W. Harrington (M.), I. M. Huey, T. Inglis, F. Jones, W. B. Kerr, J. D. Laidlaw, (S.), J. F. Lambie, N. M. Leys (M.), J. D. Lickley (M.), Mary Forbes Liston, J. Lockhart, A. Logan, D. Longwill, A. G. M'Kendrick (M.), J. Mackinnon (M.), G. T. Maclean, M.A., A. R. MacLurkin (M.), B. M'Phee, (M.), A. Maier, R. MacN. Marshall (M.), A. Martin, M.A., B.Sc. (M.), J. Millar, M.A., E. W. Milne, A. R. Moir, A. Munro, W. B. I. Pollock, R. Rennie, J. D. Richmond, Margaret Mitchell Ritchie, D. Russell, J. Scott, M.A., E. W. Sharp, J. Shearer, D. A. Simon, C. C. W. Smith, J. T. Smith, J. S. Smith, A. Stewart, Gertrude F. Taylor, R. Taylor, T. B. Tierney, J. C. Turnbull, (P.), W. D. Walker, G. White, M. W. Williams, A. Wilson, (S. M.), T. W. Wilson, H. P. Wright (M.)

ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

FIRST EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.—The Examiners have recommended that the undermentioned candidates be adjudged to have passed this examination:

C. Armstrong, Queen's College, Belfast; T. Barry, University College, Dublin; H. J. Burke, Queen's College, Galway; J. Byrne, Queen's College, Galway; R. J. Cahill, University College, Dublin; T. Cronin, University College, Dublin; W. J. Deighan, University College, Dublin; W. Egan, Queen's College, Cork; W. P. Farrell, University College, Dublin; R. C. S. P. Flood, University College, Dublin; A. S. Gardiner, Queen's College, Belfast; H. Gill, Queen's College, Belfast; W. Godfrey, Queen's College, Cork; J. C. Hart, Queen's College, Cork; Eva J. Jellett, Royal College of Science and Catholic University School of Medicine; R. Johnston, Queen's College, Belfast; D. J. Keane, University College, Dublin; T. Lavery, University College, Dublin; F. A. McCammon, Queen's College, Belfast; J. McCausland, Queen's College, Galway; J. McCloskey, University College, Dublin; W. J. O'Connor, University College, Dublin; J. A. O'Dea, University College, Dublin; E. J. O'Hanlon, University College, Dublin; J. S. O'Neill, Queen's College, Belfast; Isabella G. A. Ovenden, B.A., Royal College of Science and Catholic University School of Medicine; T. McC. Phillips, Queen's College, Belfast; J. H. Power, B.A., Queen's College, Cork; T. Rouse, University College; J. G. Shanklin, Queen's College, Galway; H. S. Sims, Queen's College, Cork; R. J. Spence, Queen's College, Belfast; W. G. Stewart, Queen's College, Belfast; G. H. Stevenson, Queen's College, Belfast; O'C Sullivan, University College, Dublin; J. K. Thompson, Queen's College, Belfast; Alice Vance, Royal College of Science and Catholic University School of Medicine; J. M. Warnock, Queen's College, Belfast; L. Welpy, Queen's College.

Cork: J. L. West, University College, Dublin; G. P. White, University College, Dublin; M. O. Wilson, Queen's College, Belfast; W. J. Wilson, Queen's College, Belfast; J. Wright, Queen's College, Belfast.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.

An extraordinary Comitia of the Fellows was held on July 12th, the President, Dr. W. S. Church, in the chair.

The Centenary of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.—Upon the proposal of the President it was unanimously resolved that a congratulatory address be presented by the College to the Royal College of Surgeons on the occasion of their forthcoming centenary meeting.

The South African Commission.—A letter dated July 3rd was read from the Secretary of State for War to the President of the College, asking him to serve upon a Commission to be appointed by Her Majesty's Government to inquire into and report upon the arrangements made for the sick and wounded during the South African campaign. The President informed the Fellows that he had unreservedly placed his services at the disposal of Her Majesty's Government; and the Senior Censor assured the President of the deep sense of appreciation with which the Fellows regarded his patriotic act.

Appointment of Vicarius.—The President announced that he nominated Dr. F. W. Pavy, F.R.S., to act as his Vicarius during the time of his absence.

Laboratories.—The quarterly report of the Laboratories Committee dated June 8th, was received and adopted as follows: It is stated that eleven of those who have been working have applied for permission to continue their researches, and permission has been granted to all. In addition, three gentlemen have received permission to begin work in the laboratories. The Committee have awarded the sum of £25 to Dr. T. G. Brodie from the Goldsmiths' Research Grant as a recognition of his work on the methods for the separation of diphtheria antitoxins. The superintendent of the bacteriological department has reported that during the quarter 7,297 doses of diphtheria antitoxin, each containing 3,000 units, had been supplied to the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, making a total of 21,891,000 units. Under the grant from the Goldsmiths' Company 87 doses of antitoxin containing 3,000 units and 412 doses of 2,000 units had been supplied to the general and children's hospitals in or near London since December 8th, 1899. During the quarter further batches of antitoxin supplied by Messrs. Parke, Davis and Co. had been tested in the laboratory, and a certificate granted showing their strength, sterility, and freedom from excess of antiseptic.

Alterations of By-laws.—The Registrar moved that alterations in the by-laws provided for the election of representatives of the College on the Senate of the University of London should be re-enacted for the second time, and that By-law cxxxiii should be amended to make it conformable to the Conjoint Regulations as follows (the alteration is shown in italics, the period is now six months): "A candidate shall not be admitted to the Second Examination until the expiration of two winter sessions and one summer session (or fifteen months during the ordinary sessions) from the date of registration as a medical student, nor until one year after passing Parts I and III of the First Examination." This was enacted for the first time. The Registrar further proposed the enactment for the first time of the following by-law: "That Dr. Fleming Mant Sandwith, resident in Egypt, be admitted a Fellow of the College *in absentia*, any by-law to the contrary notwithstanding."

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

At the quarterly council on July 12th, the chair was occupied by Sir William MacCormac, Bart., K.C.V.O., President, and the recently-elected members of Council, Mr. Tweedy, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Ward Cousins, and Mr. Gould were introduced, to make declarations in the terms of the oath prescribed by the charter of 1800, and to take their seats as members of the Council.

Honorary Fellows.—The Most Honourable the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., and the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosebery, K.G., K.T., were elected by the Council Honorary Fellows of the College.

Election of Officers and Lecturers.—Sir William MacCormac, Bart., K.C.V.O., was re-elected President of the College, and Mr. Langton and Mr. Morris Vice-Presidents. Professor Charles Stewart, Mr. Percy Furnivall, and Professor Christopher Addison were elected Hunterian Professors; Dr. T. G. Brodie, Arris and Gale Lecturer, and Dr. Walter Edmunds, Erasmus Wilson Lecturer.

Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery.—Mr. Storer Bennett was elected, and Mr. Frederick Canton re-elected to the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery.

CONJOINT BOARD IN IRELAND.

FIRST PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.—Candidates have passed this examination as undernoted:

Honours in Order of Merit.—J. J. Connolly, Miss A. M. Barry, F. O'D. Fawcett; B. N. Peters, J. S. Sheath, equal; J. Pratt, M. Power.

In all Subjects.—A. J. Bracken, F. J. Cairnes, Miss G. W. Clarke, A. N. Crawford, C. A. Cusock, P. E. Harrison, G. A. D. Harvey, J. C. Heelan, M. Keane, R. W. D. Leslie, E. C. Mulligan, J. C. Murphy, S. H. Robinson, D. L. Rogers.

Completed the Examination.—W. F. B. Loughnan, R. Martin, R. McElroy, V. H. MacSwiney, F. G. O'Brien, E. Walsh.

SECOND PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.—Candidates have passed this examination as undernoted:

In all Subjects.—Honours: J. S. Ashe. Pass: W. Cremin, A. T. Mulhall, W. Ormsby.

Completed the Examination.—L. C. E. Murphy, P. McDermott, R. C. Nicholl, O. F. M. Ormsby, S. H. Raverty, M. C. Sage, P. M. Sheridan, J. P. Ziervogel.

An official chair of hydrotherapy is about to be established at Berlin. A hydrotherapeutic department in the Charité Hospital will be opened in the autumn under the direction of Professor Brieger.

ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

GERMAN AND BRITISH MILITARY MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

THE East Asiatic Expeditionary Corps now being organised in Germany for service in China will consist of two infantry brigades, a cavalry regiment of three squadrons, field artillery (four batteries), a light ammunition column, a pioneer battalion of two companies, a telegraph corps, a railway company, a sanitary company, ammunition column and train, four field hospitals, base depôts, one general hospital, and one hospital ship. Each infantry brigade will consist of two regiments, and each regiment of two battalions; the strength of each infantry battalion is stated to be 800 men, and each cavalry squadron 200 men. The infantry will therefore number 6,400 and the cavalry 600. This is exclusive of artillery, engineers, service corps, sanitary company, hospitals, communications, and base depôts.

The following is a comparison of the medical staff detailed for this German expeditionary force with the medical staff of the first infantry division and first cavalry brigade ordered to South Africa last year. The particulars as to the German expeditionary force are taken from the official list in the *Militär Wochenblatt*, those for the British force from the official list published by the War Office on October 31st, 1899.

GERMAN (China, 1900).	BRITISH (South Africa, 1899).
East Asiatic Expeditionary Corps—	First Infantry Division—
Staff:	Staff:
1 Surgeon-General.	1 P.M.O.
2 other Medical Officers.	1 Medical Officer.
First Infantry Brigade—	First Brigade—
First Regiment, 4 Medical Officers.	4 Medical Officers.
Second Regiment, 4 Medical Officers.	
Second Infantry Brigade—	Second Brigade—
Third Regiment, 4 Medical Officers.	4 Medical Officers.
Fourth Regiment, 4 Medical Officers.	
Cavalry Regiment (3 squadrons)—	First Cavalry Brigade (3 Regiments,
2 Medical Officers.	1 Batt. R.H.A.)—
	4 Medical Officers.
Field Artillery (4 batteries)—	Royal Field Artillery (3 Batteries)—
4 Medical Officers.	1 Medical Officer.
Pioneer Battalion (2 companies)—	Engineers (1 Company)—
2 Medical Officers.	1 Medical Officer.
Telegraph Corps—	Telegraph Corps.
1 Medical Officer.	
Railway Company—	Railway Company.
1 Medical Officer.	
Sanitary Company—	Bearer Companies.
8 Medical Officers.	9 Medical Officers.
Ammunition Column—	Ammunition Column.
1 Medical Officer.	
Field Hospital—	Field Hospital—
(1) Six Medical Officers.	(1) Four Medical Officers.
(2) Six Medical Officers.	(2) Four Medical Officers.
(3) Six Medical Officers.	(3) Four Medical Officers.
(4) Six Medical Officers.	(4) Four Medical Officers.
General Hospital—	General Hospital—
19 Medical Officers.	7 Medical Officers.
	11 Civil Surgeons.
Hospital Ship—	Hospital Ship (<i>Spartan</i>)—
10 Medical Officers.	1 Medical Officer.
	2 Civil Surgeons.

It is believed that the fighting strength of the two forces may fairly be compared, although the cavalry in the British force was more numerous. On the other hand, the German Corps for China has two Engineer companies, and is furnished with base depôts which are not reckoned in the above table of the British Force.

The gross result is that the German Expeditionary Corps for China has 91 medical officers, whereas a British force of corresponding strength had 49 medical officers and 13 civil surgeons, a total of 62.

The four German field hospitals each have 6 medical officers, or 24 altogether, the four British field hospitals each had 4 medical officers, or 16 altogether. The German General (Base) Hospital has 19 medical officers, the British (No. 1) General (Base) Hospital 18 medical officers, of whom 11 were civil surgeons. The German hospital ship has 10 medical officers, the British hospital ship (*Spartan*) had 3 medical officers, of whom 2 were civil surgeons.

We think A.'s conduct as described is highly improper, and we should advise B. to write to him politely and request him to alter his behaviour. If he takes no notice a complaint might be made to the Council or Ethical Committee of the local Branch. We deplore the fact that men are to be found to undersell their brethren by offering to do their work at lower rates. We do not think it probable, however, that the medical authorities would take any steps to prevent it; the remedy lies in union among the local practitioners.

OBITUARY.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES STEVENSON FORRESTER.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES STEVENSON FORRESTER, who died on board the steamer *Dunera* on June 18th, went out to South Africa on January 20th to take charge of the Princess Christian Hospital Train for Natal.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Forrester was the only child of the late Surgeon-Major William Forrester, of the Madras Artillery, and was born in Edinburgh on October 14th, 1852. He received his medical education at the University of Edinburgh and at the Royal College of Surgeons there. He obtained the diplomas of L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. Edin. in 1873, and was for some time house-surgeon of the Chalmers Hospital. He entered the Army Medical Service in September, 1874. He took part in the Egyptian campaign of 1882, was present at the engagement of Tel-el-Mahuta, the two actions at Kassassin and the battle of Tel-el-Kebir; for these services he received the medal with clasps and the Khedive's Bronze Star. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1883, and in February, 1885, was gazetted to the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) as Surgeon. He was promoted Surgeon-Major and Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel in October, 1894, and became Senior Medical Officer of the Royal Horse Guards in October, 1897. He earned golden opinions in this office, and his death is felt as an irreparable loss by the regiment.

He took great interest in his work as commanding officer of the Princess Christian Hospital Train, which had been brought to a great state of perfection under his direction when he contracted the disease which brought his useful life to an end. He was buried at Woodstock Cemetery, Capetown, on June 21st.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Dr. Mougeot, sometime member of the French Chamber of Deputies for the Haute-Maine Department; Dr. T. Beco, President of the Belgian Medical Commission, Knight of the Order of Leopold; and Dr. James T. Whittaker, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in Ohio Medical College.

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL MAGISTRATE.—Dr. W. J. Munro, of Sydney, New South Wales, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace within the colony of New South Wales.

EDINBURGH OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY.—After the discussion on The Treatment of Dysmenorrhœa on Wednesday afternoon, July 11th, the Fellows of the Society dined together in the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Dr. Milne Murray. The toast list was "The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family," "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," "The Country Fellows," and "*Floreat Lucina*."

FACTORY GIRLS' COUNTRY HOLIDAY FUND.—An appeal signed by, among others, the Bishops of London, Rochester, and Bristol, the Chief Rabbi, and Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., has been issued for contributions towards this fund, which gives a country holiday of a week or more to working girls and women employed in factories and workshops in London. Last year 2,200 were given a holiday, and themselves provided towards the expenses £515. The girls, many of whom are little more than children, are sent to the seaside and to country villages, and care is taken in making all arrangements. The fund, which has already done much good, appears to us to be deserving of all support. Contributions may be sent to Miss Margaret A. Wyatt, the Honorary Treasurer, St. Peter's Rectory, Saffron Hill, E.C.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

- BANBURY, HORTON INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Hon. Secretary.
- BIRMINGHAM CORPORATION.**—Second Assistant Medical Officer to the City Hospital, Lodge Road, Salary, £120, with board, residence, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.**—Resident Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £150 per annum, with allowance of £80 for cab hire, and furnished rooms, etc. Applications to the Secretary by August 13th.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. No salary, but board, residence, and washing provided. Applications to the House Governor by July 28th.
- BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.**—House-Physician. Salary, £25 for six months, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 28th.
- BOURNEMOUTH ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications to the Chairman of the Committee by September 6th.
- BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—House-Physician, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications, endorsed "House-Physician," to the Secretary by July 25th.
- BRECON INFIRMARY.**—Resident House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, etc. Applications to the Secretary, 6, Bulwark, Brecon.
- BUXFORD DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.**—(1) House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Furnished apartments, board, and washing provided in each case. Applications to the Secretary by July 24th.
- CARDIFF: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.**—(1) Demonstrator and Assistant Lecturer in Physiology. (2) Assistant Lecturer in Physiology. Salary in each case £120. Applications to the Secretary by September 8th.
- CARLISLE DISPENSARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum, with apartments. Applications to the Hon. Secretary, 25, Lowther Street, Carlisle.
- CHLSTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with residence and maintenance. Applications to the Chairman of the Board of Management, 29, Eastgate Row North, Chester, by July 25th.
- CHORLEY HOSPITAL.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.
- CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, etc. Applications to the Secretary by September 8th.
- CORNWALL COUNTY ASYLUM, Bodmin.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120, rising to £150, with board, furnished apartments, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by August 11th.
- DUBLIN: ROYAL HOSPITAL.**—Resident Medical Officer. Application to the Registrar by July 23rd.
- DUNDEE COMBINATION POORHOUSES AND HOSPITAL.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and furnished apartments. Applications to the Clerk of Council, Parish Council Chambers, Dundee, by July 31st.
- DURHAM COUNTY ASYLUM, Winterton, Ferryhill.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140, rising to £160, per annum, with board, laundry, and attendance. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by July 23rd.
- GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, York Road, Lambeth.**—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board and residence. Appointment for four months, subject to extension. Applications to the Secretary by July 23rd.
- GLASGOW: ST. MUNGO'S COLLEGE.**—Bellahouston Chair of Anatomy. Emoluments, £300 per annum. Applications to the Secretary, 93, West Regent Street, Glasgow, by July 27th.
- GOSFORTH: CITY ASYLUM.**—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried and under 30 years of age. Salary, £130, increasing to £150, with furnished apartments and board. Applications to the Clerk.
- HALIFAX ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 and £50 per annum respectively, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 25th.
- HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.**—House-Physician, unmarried. Salary, £20, with board and residence. Appointment for six months. Applications to the Secretary by July 25th.
- INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to Mr. J. B. Wheldon, 74, King Street, South Shields.
- ITALIAN HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications, marked "House-Surgeon," to the Secretary by July 25th.
- JENNER INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, Chelsea.**—Assistant Bacteriologist in the Antitoxin Department at Sudbury, Harrow. Salary, £200 per annum, with rooms. Applications to Dr. Allen Macfadyen, Secretary, immediately.
- LEEDS: BECKETT STREET FEVER HOSPITAL.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum, rising to £150, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent, Manston Hospital, Seacroft, near Leeds, by July 28th.
- LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES.**—Four Assistant House-Surgeons, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and apartments. Applications to the Secretary, 84, Moorfields, Liverpool, by July 28th.
- MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Chairman of the House Committee by August 1st.
- MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND CHEST.**—Assistant Medical Officer for the Out-Patient Department. Honorarium, £40 per annum. Applications to the Secretary before August 2nd.
- NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Honorary Assistant-Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary by July 25th.
- NORTHAMPTON GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Assistant House-Surgeon, not under 25 years of age. Salary, £75 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, etc. Applications to the Secretary by August 1st.
- NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL, Hartshill, Stoke-upon-Trent.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, increasing £10 yearly, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary and House Governor by July 28th.
- NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.**—Assistant Resident Surgeon. Unmarried. Salary, £140 per annum, with all found except board. Applications to the Secretary.
- OLDHAM INFIRMARY.**—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum, with board, residence, and washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by August 6th.
- PAISLEY INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.**—Resident Physician. Salary, £70 per annum, with board, washing, and attendance. Applications to the Clerk to the Local Authority, Municipal Buildings, Paisley, by July 30th.
- PLYMOUTH BOROUGH ASYLUM.**—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary, £125, increasing to £175 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications, endorsed "Assistant Medical Officer," to Dr. W. H. Bowes, Medical Superintendent, Plymouth Borough Asylum, Blockadon, Ivybridge, Devon, by July 25th.
- RAINFORD COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried, and not more than 30 years of age. Salary, commencing £125 per annum with prospect of increase to £250, with furnished apartments, board, attendance, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by July 24th.
- SHEFFIELD UNION.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse Infirmary. Salary, £60 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to the Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Westbar, Sheffield, by July 28th.

SHEWSEBURY: SALOP INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months, but renewable. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum, with board and washing. Applications to the Secretary.

TEIGNMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 a year, with board, lodging and washing, and allowance. Applications to the House Committee.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £200 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by July 24th.

VENTNOR: ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION.—Clinical Assistant. Salary, £40, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary, London Office, 34, Craven Street, Strand, W.C.

WEST HAM HOSPITAL, Stratford, E.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum, with board, residence, etc. Appointment for one year, but eligible for re-election as Senior, salary £100. Applications, marked "Junior House Surgeon," to the Secretary by July 25th.

WILTS COUNTY ASYLUM, Devizes.—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary, £130 a year, rising to £160, with board, residence, attendance, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by August 18th.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Physician. Appointment for six months. Honorarium at the rate of £75 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by August 2nd.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BUCHANAN, R. J. M., M.D. Vict. appointed Honorary Physician to the Liverpool Stanley Hospital, *vice* C. J. Macallister, M.D. Edin., resigned.

EMANUEL, J. G., M.B., B.Sc. Lond., appointed Pathologist to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

GRIFFITHS, Cornelius A., F.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Cardiff Infirmary, *vice* Dr. W. Sheen, appointed Surgeon.

HALL, D. G., M.B., B.C. Cantab., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

CLAWSON, O. O., M.D., M.R.C.P., appointed Physician to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital.

MACKEITH, T. C., M.B., Ch.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

MORGAN, J. H., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

MOBICE, C. G. F., F.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Sanitary Commissioner for Westland and Buller, New Zealand.

PECK, Herbert, M.D., D.P.H., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Chesterfield, *vice* H. Meredith Richards, M.D., appointed Medical Officer of Health for Groydon.

PORTER, William, M.B., B.S., B.A.O. R.U.I., appointed Medical Officer to the Portrush Dispensary District, and Medical Officer of Health for Portrush Urban District, *vice* J. C. Martin, M.D. Dub. Univ., resigned.

FRANCE, C. H. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Workhouse, Plympton, and No. 1 District, and Public Vaccinator.

WADDE, Charles Henry, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for Southend-on-Sea.

WILSON, H. C., L.R.C.P.I., L.F.P.S. Glasg., appointed Medical Officer for the South District of the Poplar Union, *vice* W. A. Leslie, M.D., resigned.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

London Throat Hospital, 204, Great Portland Street, W., 4.30 P.M.—Dr. Cathcart: Miscellaneous Cases.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic, 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Dr. A. Whitfield: Consultation (Skin).

West London Post-Graduate Course, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W., 5 P.M.—Mr. Bidwell: The Preparation of Patients before, and the Treatment after, Operations.

TUESDAY.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic, 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Dr. J. E. Squire: Consultation. (Medical.)

WEDNESDAY.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic, 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Dr. Alfred Hillier: Consultation (Medical).

THURSDAY.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic, 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Mr. J. Hutchinson: Consultation. (Surgical.)

FRIDAY.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic, 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Mr. Marcus Gunn: Consultation. (Eye.)

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.

MASSIAH.—On July 14th, at West Didsbury, Manchester, the wife of B. J. Massiah, M.D., of a son.

MATHWIN.—On July 2nd, at Nathalia, Victoria, Australia, the wife of Frank S. Mathwin, M.B., Ch.B. Eng., of a son. (By cable.)

O'MEARA.—On July 4th, at Skibbereen, the wife of T. J. O'Meara, A.B., M.B., etc., R.U.I., of a son.

SHAW.—At 32, New Cavendish Street, Cavendish Square, W., on July 11th, the wife of John Shaw, M.D. Lond., M.R.C.P. Lond., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HENTSCH-PETERKIN.—On Thursday, July 12th, at St. Stephen's, Paddington, by the Rev. W. E. Burkill, B.A., Rector of Buttermere, Wilts, George Frederick Hentsch, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., youngest son of the late George Hentsch, of Chancery Lane and Barnsbury, to Beatrice M., youngest daughter of William Peterkin, of Clitheroe, Lancashire.

REES-MILNER.—On June 28th, at the New Church, Argyle Square, by the Rev. James Hyde, Rhys B. Rees, second son of William Rees, Esq., of Hampstead, to Edith Maud Milner, fifth daughter of late William Milner, Esq., and Mrs. Milner, of Parkhill Road, Hampstead.

SINNETT-DARLEY-HARTLEY.—On July 11th, at St. Barnabas Church, Capetown, Percy Edenor Sinnett, of the Suffolk Regiment, son of A. P. Sinnett, Esq., of 27, Leinster Gardens, Hyde Park, to Gwendoline Gladys, daughter of W. Darley-Hartley, M.D., M.R.C.P., 110, J. Street, Capetown.

WALDO-EXTON.—On July 14th, at the Parish Church, Hampstead, by the father of the bride, Frederick Joseph Waldo, M.D., Barrister-at-Law, to Marion, daughter of the Rev. B. B. L. Exton, formerly Vicar of Strood, Kent.

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

QUERIES.

R. O. desires to hear of a quiet place in the Black Forest where "mild treatment for acidity could be combined with some trout fishing."

GASTRIC asks: What is the best treatment, or at least the best intestinal antiseptic (with dose), for chronic gastro-intestinal catarrh where the faeces have a very bad odour, as in children, especially in those reared on the bottle?

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE ON INEBRIATE HOME.

ABSTAINER asks: What is the usual salary for a visiting medical officer to a female home for inebriates licensed for twenty beds (lower class), in the event of such a home being opened with a smaller number of patients? What should be the minimum salary?

* * We are not in a position to say what would be the usual salary, but we are advised that the charges might be based upon the following scale. A medical officer should under any circumstances pay at least one visit a week whether sent for or not. If he resides fairly close—that is, about a mile—he should be paid £13 a year, with a capitation fee of 10s. 6d. a head for all patients (dipsomaniacs) admitted, these fees to include all treatment for breaking off dipsomaniacs, and the treatment of minor ailments, for which, of course, special visits would be paid, but not of serious illness or epidemics. In the case of drug patients there should be special charges. If the distance is much over a mile there should be a corresponding increase in the retaining fee of £13.

AMMONIUM CHLORIDE IN CHRONIC DYSPPEPSIA.

MR. A. H. CRESWELL, L.S.A. Lond. (Cinderford, R.S.O.), writes: With reference to Dr. A. B. Henschley's letter on ammonium chloride in chronic dyspepsia, and the editorial comment thereon that the prescription should be dispensed with distilled water to avoid precipitation of the mercury, I wish to ask (1) if the object of the prescription would not be answered as well by the substitution of the biniodide for the perchloride; and, if so, (2) is it then necessary to use distilled water, as I find no deposit at any time in my solution of the biniodide which is made with ordinary water drawn from a limestone district?

HYPNOTISM.

SUI-MATE asks for the following information: (1) What is the most reliable and scientific work on hypnotism, especially from a therapeutic point of view? (2) Is there any special authoritative work on the treatment of "fixed idea" (obsession) by hypnotism, with results? (3) Where can the subject be best studied by a medical man, with a view to practical work?

* * (1) Moll's *Hypnotism* is, we believe, the best general book on the subject. Bernheim's *Suggestive Therapeutics* is the best from a medical point of view. We understand that a work on the subject by Dr. Milne Bramwell will appear next year. (2) The only work on the subject of obsessions and their treatment by suggestion that we are acquainted with is a paper by Dr. Milne Bramwell, entitled *Imperative Ideas*, which was published in *Brain*, Parts LXX and LXXI, and reprinted separately in 1896. (3) Hypnotism can be best studied in (a) Paris, where Bérillon and others give lectures and demonstrations; (b) at Amsterdam, in Van Reuterghem's clinic; (c) Nancy, General Hospital, Bernheim's demonstrations; (d) Stockholm, Wetterstrand's clinic. The medical men at these and other places on the Continent are, we are informed, very accessible and ready to give information. No introduction is necessary.

ANSWERS.

D. M.—The paper by the late Sir William Gull on Anorexia Nervosa was published in vol. vii of the *Transactions of the Clinical Society of London* (London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1874.).

C. M. K.—We are not aware that the Local Government Board has made any reports on the subject. The report by the Committee of the British Medical Association on Tuberculosis was published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of January 28th, 1899, p. 242, and copies may be obtained on application to the General Secretary, price 1d. each, post free 1½d.

NOTIFICATION OF CASES OF PLUMBISM.

PLUMBISM.—All cases of industrial lead poisoning must be reported to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office. A fee of 2s. 6d. is given to the notifier of the case of plumbism. A simple notification is all that is required. Copper poisoning is not yet required to be notified, but if there has been a large number of cases of industrial copper poisoning coming under our correspondent's notice, it would be well to draw the attention of the Home Office to the circumstance.

NURSING INSTRUCTION FOR SHORT PERIODS.

R. W.—Lady pupils, or special probationers are received at all the London hospitals (St. George's and Great Northern excepted), for periods of three months to one year. The fee is generally one guinea a week for the short period; all personal expenses are borne by the pupil. At St. Mary's Hospital £30 is paid for the year, and no shorter period is contemplated in the regulations. Certificates are not given for any training less than one year, and these certificates are not of sufficient value to secure a matron's post. The training given is only intended to enable ladies to obtain an insight into nursing for charitable work in the homes of the poor.