

I did not intend to convey such an impression. Upon the contrary, I have for many years past been a strong advocate for immediate reduction of the deformity after operation, a procedure which separates the cut ends as far as possible, in place of the older plan of adjusting the foot in the deformed position, and gradually stretching out the uniting material. Moreover, if we have any doubt, we can always split the tendon and unite its attenuated ends, so as to ensure perfect union. I believe it is the immediate reduction plan which chiefly helps us to cure cases of severe varus without the operation so ingeniously devised and so pertinaciously advocated by Dr. Phelps. Holding these opinions, it is not likely that I can fear non-union.—I am, etc.,

City Orthopaedic Hospital, London, Oct. 26th.

NOBLE SMITH.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND.

At the stated annual meeting of the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, held on October 18th, the elections for the ensuing year were made. Sir Christopher J. Nixon, M.D., was elected President; Dr. Joseph Redmond, Vice-President; and Drs. Joseph Redmond, J. O'Carroll, E. H. Tweedy, and A. N. Montgomery, Censors.

The following appointments were also made:

Additional Examiners (to take the place of an absent Censor).—Medicine: H. C. Tweedy, M.D. Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene: F. C. Martley, M.D. Midwifery: H. Jellet, M.D.

Examiners for the Licence to Practise Midwifery.—J. H. R. Glenn, M.D., and T. H. Wilson.

Additional Examiners under the Conjoint Examination Scheme.—Biology: E. MacDowel Cosgrave, M.D. Chemistry and Physics: H. T. Bewley, M.D., and E. Lapper. Materia Medica and Pharmacy: F. J. B. Quinlan, M.B., and M. Falkiner, M.B. Physiology: J. M. Purser, M.D. Pathology: A. C. O'Sullivan, M.B. Medicine: J. B. Coleman, M.D., and G. J. Peacocke, M.D. Hygiene and Forensic Medicine: W. Langford Symes.

College Examiners for the Conjoint Diploma in Public Health.—Hygiene: F. J. B. Quinlan, M.D. Chemistry: E. Lapper. Meteorology: N. Falkiner, M.B.

Examiners in Preliminary Education under the Conjoint Scheme.—Science: W. E. Thrift, F.T.C.D. Languages: William Kennedy, F.T.C.D. Representative on the General Medical Council.—L. Atthill, M.D.

Representatives on the Conjoint Committee of Management.—J. M. Finny, M.D.; Sir John Moore, M.D.; J. Craig, M.D.

Treasurer.—L. Atthill, M.D.

Registrar.—James Craig, M.D.

Fellowship.—Dr. Martin Dempsey was elected to the Fellowship.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring President.—A cordial vote of thanks to the outgoing President (Sir J. W. Moore, M.D.) was passed and responded to.

Sir Henry Acland.—A resolution of condolence with the family of the late Sir Henry W. Acland, Bart., an Honorary Fellow of the College, was adopted.

Annual Banquet.—In the evening the annual St. Luke's Day banquet was held in the College Hall. The newly-elected President, Sir C. J. Nixon, M.D., occupied the chair, and he was supported by a large assemblage of Fellows and guests. The speakers included the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Lord Morris and Killanin, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, the Rev. Dr. Mahaffy, S.F.T.C.D., the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, S.J., Mr. Horace Plunkett, and Mr. M'Cann, M.P. Telegrams of greeting were received from and sent to the sister Colleges in London and Edinburgh.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

APPOINTMENTS.—The following are announced: Demonstrators of Anatomy, Mr. F. C. Kempson, M.B., and Dr. G. F. Rogers; Demonstrators of Physics, Mr. C. T. R. Wilson and Mr. J. S. E. Townsend; Examiner in Elementary Physics, Mr. T. C. Fitzpatrick; in Elementary Chemistry, Mr. R. H. Adie and Mr. W. J. Sell, F.R.S.; in Elementary Biology, Mr. F. F. Blackman and Mr. W. Bateson, F.R.S.; in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Mr. A. Ivatt and Mr. J. E. Purvis; in Anatomy (Medical Degrees), Dr. Barclay-Smith and Professor Wardrop Griffith; in Physiology (Medical Degrees), Mr. I. L. Tuckett and Professor Starling, F.R.S.; in Anatomy (Tripos), Mr. W. L. H. Duckworth and Mr. F. G. Farsons; in Physiology (Tripos), Dr. Anderson and Professor Gotch, F.R.S.

GEDGE PRIZE.—This prize, for the encouragement of research in Physiology, is divided between Mr. J. Barcroft (King's) and Mr. H. H. Dale (Trinity).

EXAMINATION IN SANITARY SCIENCE.—The following having satisfied the Examiners in both parts of the examination, are entitled to the Diploma in Public Health: J. E. Adam, J. Allan, W. S. Badger, W. R. Bhat, W. A. Densham, W. H. de Wyt, J. R. Garrood, H. W. G. Macleod, S. Mallannah, W. F. Moore, T. Telford-Smith, G. A. Troup, J. J. Weaver, J. H. G. Whiteford, R. S. Williams, and R. P. Wilson.

MATRICULATION.—On October 22nd 841 freshmen were matriculated. The number on the corresponding day last year was 828. The number entered for Medicine is about 115.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

GRADUATION CEREMONIAL.

A SPECIAL graduation ceremonial was held on Saturday, October 20th, in the McEwan Hall, Principal and Vice-Chancellor Sir William Muir presiding. A considerable number of the members of the Senatus Academicus accompanied the Principal, and there was a large gathering of the public. The following degrees were conferred:

Degrees of M.B. and C.M.—T. G. Elsworth, S. E. Johnston, and A. H. Reid.

Degrees of M.B. and Ch.B.—C. H. Allen, M. C. Beatty, A. D. S. Cooke, W. P. Cormack, T. A. Davies, A. W. Fuller, N. Glegg, J. L. Green, P. S. Haldane, C. E. F. Husband, T. G. S. Leary, W. E. M'Farlane, J. G. M'Kenna, K. D. Melville, M. C. Morgan, D. J. Roberts, F. E. Robinson, Elizabeth T. Selkirk, J. F. Selkirk, J. A. Smith, and A. W. Wilson.

Degree of B.Sc. in the Department of Public Health.—Surgeon-Captain H. Bennett, M.D. Edin., I.M.S.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE report of the Council recording the work done by the College between July 13th, 1899, and August 1st, 1900, which is to be laid before the meeting of Fellows and Members on Thursday, November 15th, 1900, has been issued.

It contains the official report of the last annual meeting of Fellows and Members; and details the offences committed by two Members whose names have been erased from the College List.

The Midwives Bill.—The recent Bill for the registration of midwives, being found not to contain no provision that the licensed midwife should "apply for qualified medical assistance in every case attended by a midwife which presents symptoms of difficulty, abnormality, danger, or disease on the part of the mother or the newborn child," the Council supported the General Medical Council in again representing to the Privy Council the necessity of such a provision.

Veneral Diseases.—The resolutions passed at the International Conference (held at Brussels in September, 1899) on the prophylaxis of syphilis and veneral diseases are duly set out.

Examinations.—The alterations in the by-laws relating to the mode of admission by examination to the Fellowship, and the recommendations of the Committee of Management of the two Colleges in reference to the regulations for diplomas in public health are set out.

The General Medical Council.—The recommendation of the General Medical Council that the two Royal Colleges and the Apothecaries' Society of London shall combine for the purpose of holding qualifying examinations jointly brought forth no responsive action upon the part of either of the Colleges beyond the formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the letter containing the resolutions in question. The position adopted by the two Colleges in opposition to the resolution of the General Medical Council, that scientific institutions where medical study is commenced should be approved by that Council is fully described.

Prizes.—The awards of the Jacksonian Prize and the John Tomes Prize are mentioned, and the subject for the former for the year 1901 is "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Bullet Wounds of the Chest and Abdomen."

Assessment of the College.—The decision of the Court of Appeal respecting the assessment of the College to Corporation Duty is accepted by the Council as final, and the taxed costs of the Crown in the appeal, amounting to £138, and the duty for the six years 1894 to 1900, amounting to £916, have both been paid.

Income and Expenditure.—The gross income of the College for the past year is £25,211, being £500 greater than the gross income of the previous year. The increase is chiefly due to the fact that the fee for the Diploma in Dental Surgery has been increased from 10 to 20 guineas, and that owing partly to this circumstance the fees under this head have been increased by £1,654. On the other hand, the fees for the examination of the Conjoint Examining Board diminished during the past year to the extent of £1,094, as compared with the previous year; also the receipts from the Fellowship Examinations were £225 less; and there was a loss of £300 in rent from the bankruptcy of a tenant of the College. On the other hand, the expenditure of the year was £23,565, being almost identical with the amount of the previous year's expenditure, and showing a balance of £1,645 on the year.

The Laboratories.—A considerable quantity of new apparatus has been provided, and the laboratories are now well equipped for the carrying out of any research work. The preparation of diphtheria antitoxin serum has been very successful, over 36,000 doses having been issued during the year.

The Centenary.—A full description is given of the proceedings connected with the election of Honorary Fellows in June and July last, and with the celebration of the centenary of the College on July 25th, 26th, and 27th. The speeches delivered at the centenary meeting in Burlington Gardens, and at the subsequent dinner in the Hall of Lincoln's Inn, are given *in extenso*.

Museum and Library.—The chief additions to the museum and to the library are mentioned. Finally, tables of the results of the examinations held during the year; the accounts of the College for the twelve months under notice.

Deceased Fellows.—A list of the Fellows deceased during that same period of time appropriately brings this interesting report to a close.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.

PASS LIST, October, 1900.—The following candidates passed in:

Surgery.—F. G. Aldrich (Section II), Charing Cross Hospital; A. C. Clarke (Sections I and II), Manchester; C. J. E. Edmonds (Section II), St. Thomas's Hospital; H. Jessop (Section I), Birmingham; J. R. Pooler (Sections I and II), Birmingham; G. M. Smith, St. Thomas's Hospital; A. H. Wade, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; J. Waters (Sections I and II), Middlesex Hospital; H. F. Willington, Manchester; T. R. Willshaw (Section II), Birmingham.

Medicine.—A. G. H. Anthonisz (Section II), University College Hospital; J. Black, Manchester; A. C. Clarke (Sections I and II), Manchester; J. R. Clemens, St. Thomas's and London Hospitals; F. A. Hort,

Middlesex Hospital: C. Johnson (Section II), London Hospital and Durham; R. A. Pitter, Middlesex Hospital; J. R. Pooler (Section II), Birmingham; F. P. Rose, London Hospital; H. V. Swindale (Sections I and II), Middlesex Hospital; A. J. Watson (Section II), St. Mary's Hospital; T. R. Wilshaw (Section II), Birmingham.

Forensic Medicine.—J. Black, Manchester; A. C. Clarke, Manchester; J. R. Clemens, St. Thomas's and London Hospitals; C. J. Marsh, University College Hospital; R. A. Pitter, Middlesex Hospital; H. V. Swindale, Middlesex Hospital; T. R. Wilshaw, Birmingham.

Midwifery.—J. Black, Manchester; G. E. Dixon, Charing Cross Hospital; S. R. Dudley, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; A. W. H. Grant, Charing Cross Hospital; C. E. A. Huddart, London Hospital; C. Johnson, London Hospital and Durham; F. Robinson, Royal Free Hospital; P. G. Sheppard, Cambridge and Liverpool; J. E. Skeg, Westminster Hospital; F. I. Trimmer, London Hospital.

The Diploma of the Society was granted to F. G. Aldrich, J. Black, J. R. Clemens, C. Johnson, J. R. Pooler, F. Robinson, G. M. Smith, H. V. Swindale, A. H. Wade, J. Waters, H. F. Willington, and T. R. Wilshaw.

CONJOINT BOARD IN IRELAND.

SECOND PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.—The following candidates have completed this Examination:

C. H. Browne, J. J. Gibney, R. T. Gordon, D. Jones, P. J. Irwin, J. J. McInway.

ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

FLEET-SURGEON WILLIAM G. JACK is placed on the retired list, October 10th. He was appointed Surgeon, March 31st, 1879; Staff-Surgeon, March 31st, 1891; and Fleet-Surgeon, December 9th, 1899.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: RICHARD A. ROSS, Surgeon, to the *Monarch*, for Ascension Hospital, October 18th; CHARLES H. J. ROBINSON, Surgeon, to the *Excellent*, October 18th; JOHN G. CORRY, Surgeon, to the *Condor*, November 1st; EDWARD T. BURTON, Surgeon, to the *Sandpiper*, undated; LLEWELYN A. BAISSE, Surgeon, to the *Woodcock*, additional, October 20th; CHARLES E. GEOGHEGAN, Fleet-Surgeon, to the *Glory*, November 1st; HENRY HARRIES, Staff-Surgeon, to the *Nile*, November 1st; HAROLD HUSKINSON and J. G. WALLIS, Surgeon, to the *Glory*, November 1st.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

AMONG the officers returning from South Africa invalided are the following: Lieutenant-Colonel IRVINE, Major DRURY.

The following are on passage home doing duty on the voyage: Civil Surgeon S. W. RICHARDSON, J. H. HARVEY, A. H. EDWARDS, W. L. BROWN, M. BROWN.

The undermentioned are also returning: Major READE, Civil Surgeons LAMING, EVANS, DAY, CRALEY, WOOD.

The following have been discharged from hospital in South Africa to duty: Civil Surgeon W. J. MOIR.

Quartermaster H. W. GLOVER was accidentally severely injured at Harrismith, Orange River Colony, on October 16th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. D. COOK, M.B., Madras Establishment, retires from the service from August 26th. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon, April 1st, 1870, and became Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel, April 1st, 1890.

Colonel G. MCB. DAVIS, M.D., C.B., D.S.O., Bengal Establishment, resumes his appointment of Principal Medical Officer Punjab Frontier Force. Lieutenant-Colonel J. DUXE, who has been acting for Colonel Davis, reverts to Residency Surgeon, Cashmere.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. F. O'CONNOR, Bengal Establishment, Principal Medical Officer Malakand Force, has been ordered to Shanghai as Principal Medical Officer of the brigade there.

Colonel J. T. B. BOOKEY, Principal Medical Officer China Field Force, is returning to India on account of ill-health. Colonel G. MCB. Davis is named as his probable successor.

The promotion of Colonel G. W. R. HAY, M.D., Bombay Establishment, to the rank of Surgeon-General is antedated to April 1st.

Lieutenants J. G. P. MURRAY, M.B., S. ANDERSON, M.B., F. H. G. HUTCHINSON, M.B., J. L. MARJORIBANKS, M.B., A. FENTON, M.B., J. A. DREDGE, and R. W. KNOX, M.B., having completed three years' full-pay service, are promoted to be Captains July 28th.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. RUSSELL, M.B., Bengal Establishment, has retired from the service August 27th. His commission as Assistant Surgeon bears date March 30th, 1872; that of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel December 21st, 1896.

HYSTERICAL WAR CORRESPONDENCE.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: All fair and sober-minded men must regret that a journal of the standing of the *Daily News* saw fit, in the thick of the elections, to give publicity to a letter of a war correspondent—Mr. A. G. Hales—which for unblushing abuse of the British officer certainly "takes the cake." The letter was dated August simply, from the Orange River Colony, but did not appear until October 3rd. From a merely literary, descriptive, and harrowing point of view, the letter was certainly effective, and would so prove in certain quarters, where its hysterical assertions and deductions could not be properly discounted. Otherwise it was and is simply a gross and libellous caricature of the British, and especially the army medical, officer.

He paints the sufferings of the troops in the deepest colours, and roundly asserts that the deaths of many a brave man took place from "wanton carelessness upon the part of men sent out by the British War

Office." While this horrible sickness and mortality was going on, he asserts: "The so-called Medical Staff looked on, and puffed their cigarettes, and talked under their eyeglasses. The fools, the idle, empty-headed noodles; and whilst they smoked and talked twaddle, the grim, gaunt shadow of death chuckled in the watches of the night, thinking of the harvest that was to follow."

He goes on to say, had latrines been dug, garbage burnt, etc., "four-fifths of those who now fill fever graves in South Africa would be with us hale and hearty men to-day."

Who is this tremendous strategist, sanitarian, and general censor? His wild assertions and still more aerial deductions can only be characterised as war correspondence gone mad. What makes this man so cocksure how enteric fever is disseminated? How dare he libel a whole body of brave and honourable men who tried to do, and by the testimony of witnesses who have no political or other ends to serve, did their duty nobly, often sealing their devotion with their lives? I for one, and I most certainly represent the opinion of many just and honourable men, protest against and resent such hysterical nonsense. It is useless to say such wild journalism defeats itself in the minds of all thoughtful and intelligent men; unfortunately it is believed in quarters where mere sensationalism is taken as fact.

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN thirty-three of the largest English towns, including London, 6,416 births and 3,815 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, October 26th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 18.4, 17.8, and 17.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, was again 17.1 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 10.4 in Halifax, 10.7 in Cardiff, 11.3 in Norwich, and 11.9 in Croydon, to 22.3 in Manchester, 22.7 in Sheffield, 23.6 in Salford, and 28.6 in Gateshead. In the thirty-two provincial towns the mean death-rate was 18.0 per 1,000, and exceeded by 2.2 the rate recorded in London, which was 15.8 per 1,000. The zymotic death-rate in the thirty-three towns averaged 2.1 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.7 per 1,000, while it averaged 2.4 in the thirty-two provincial towns, among which the highest zymotic death-rates were 4.0 in Leicester, 4.2 in Blackburn, 4.4 in Swansea, and 4.5 in Salford. Measles caused a death-rate of 2.5 in Swansea; scarlet fever of 1.1 in Sunderland; whooping-cough of 1.0 in Gateshead; "fever" of 1.2 in Wolverhampton, 1.3 in Portsmouth and in Preston, and 1.7 in Nottingham; and diarrhoea of 1.8 in Norwich, 1.9 in Cardiff, 2.4 in Gateshead, and 3.0 in Blackburn. The 85 deaths from diphtheria in the thirty-three towns included 36 in London, 9 in Leicester, 8 in Leeds, and 8 in Sheffield. No fatal case of small-pox was registered last week either in London or in any of the thirty-two large provincial towns; and only one small-pox patient was under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylum Hospitals on Saturday last, October 26th. The number of scarlet fever patients in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital, which had increased from 1,707 to 2,187 at the end of the seven preceding weeks, had further risen to 2,342 on Saturday last; 328 new cases were admitted during the week, against 318, 313, and 322 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, October 26th, 991 births and 542 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.3 and 18.0 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, further declined to 17.5 last week, but was 0.4 above the mean rate during the same period in the thirty-three large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the death-rates ranged from 11.9 in Leith and 12.0 in Greenock, to 18.9 in Glasgow and 23.0 in Aberdeen. The zymotic death-rate in these towns averaged 2.2 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Dundee, Aberdeen, and Greenock. The 270 deaths registered in Glasgow included 2 from small-pox, 3 from scarlet fever, 5 from diphtheria, 7 from whooping-cough, 4 from "fever," and 12 from diarrhoea. Two fatal cases of diphtheria and 5 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh; 8 deaths from diarrhoea occurred in Dundee and 4 in Aberdeen; and 4 from whooping-cough in Greenock.

VITAL STATISTICS OF LONDON SANITARY DISTRICTS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1900.

IN the accompanying table will be found summarised the vital statistics of the forty-three sanitary areas of the metropolis based upon the Registrar-General's returns for the third, or summer, quarter of the current year. The mortality figures in the table relate to the deaths of persons actually belonging to the various sanitary areas, and are the result of a complete system of distribution of deaths occurring in the public institutions of London among the various sanitary areas in which the patients had previously resided.

The 32,764 births registered in London during the three months ending September last were equal to an annual rate of 28.6 per 1,000 of the population, estimated at 4,589,129 persons in the middle of the year; this rate was equal to that recorded in the corresponding period of last year, and was 1.4 per 1,000 below the average rate in the third quarters of the ten preceding years, 1890-1899. The birth-rates in the various sanitary areas showed, as usual, wide variations, owing principally to the differences in the age and sex distribution of the populations. In Kensington, St. George Hanover Square, St. James Westminster, St.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE ON WORKMEN.

STATHERN writes that he was sent for by a firm to see one of their workmen who had met with an accident while following his occupation. The man was removed to his own house, where the writer continued to attend him. Our correspondent inquires if the firm is responsible for his attendance throughout, or only for the visit to the man while lying on their premises; and, in the latter case, what would be a reasonable fee to charge?

"* In the absence of any express or implied authority by the employers to continue the attendance, we are advised that their responsibility would probably be held to be limited to the charge for the visit to the man while on their premises. The amount of the fee would materially depend upon the nature of the accident, and the time, care, and skill required in doing what was necessary. We fear that without this information we can hardly express an opinion as to what could be a proper fee. Perhaps the best test would be the amount our correspondent would have charged for attending a like accident in the case of a well-to-do patient of his own.

CLUB PATIENTS AND COMPENSATION FOR INJURY.

A CORRESPONDENT asks our opinion on the following circumstances. He is surgeon to a club, and recently one of his members met with an accident. As he was taking steps to recover damages from those liable for his injuries, he asked the doctor to make out a bill for his attendance, and later he recovered £20 damages and £5 for expenses. On our correspondent asking for the amount of his bill, the member declined on the ground that the doctor was bound to attend to him as club surgeon. Our correspondent wishes to know whether he can legally claim.

"* A club surgeon cannot legally claim payment under these circumstances, but if a club member in an action for injuries employed the doctor's bill in the manner described, it would be something very like obtaining money under false pretences. If the member declines to pay our correspondent he might report the circumstances to the solicitors of the other side.

FEE FOR INJECTION OF ANTITOXIN.

"H. B." wishes to know what would be a reasonable charge to make to a well-to-do builder, who usually pays him 3s. 6d. a visit, for injecting antitoxin in a case of diphtheria.

"* Under the circumstances stated half-a-guinea would be a reasonable fee.

A HOUSE SURGEON'S DIFFICULTIES.

PONTOON.—We have read this correspondence carefully, but note that it only represents one side, and therefore we do not possess the necessary data for expressing an opinion upon the merits of the dispute. It is, however, certainly to be regretted that our correspondent was not allowed to attend before the committees to speak in his own defence and to offer his explanations of the charges against him.

RIVAL CLAIMS TO A PATIENT.

R.—On the principle that the practitioner first in attendance is in possession, we should assign the case to B., but this is governed by another rule—namely, that "he who pays the piper has the right to call the tune," so that ultimately the patient or whoever employs the doctor has the right to decide which practitioner he would prefer to take charge of the case.

LIFE INSURANCE AGENCY.

IGNORAMUS.—There can be no objection to a medical man becoming an agent for a respectable life insurance company, but it is hardly necessary to add that he will not be able to act as examiner upon cases introduced by himself, and he may at times find an incompatibility between his duty to the company and his position as medical adviser acquainted with the constitutional weaknesses of the person wishing to become insured.

DOMESTIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

H. W. asks our opinion as to the taste displayed by members of the medical profession who insert all their qualifications in the announcements of domestic occurrences such as births, marriages, etc., in the public newspapers. We do not care to comment upon matters of taste, but we have no doubt that a gentleman who has the misfortune to possess such a formula as D.P.H.R.C.P.S., to put after his name, would be very glad to exchange it for something less cumbersome.

CHEMISTS' RECOMMENDATIONS.

JUSTICE.—A chemist usually finds it in his interest to be on good terms with all the medical practitioners in his neighbourhood, but if he chooses to recommend a particular doctor to his friends and customers we do not see what remedy our correspondent can have; we are glad to know that he suffered no damage.

APPETITUS RATIONI PAREAT.—We should like more information respecting the Society before we give a reply to our correspondent's question.

INERTIA wishes to know what would be a reasonable charge to make to a patient who comes into his house to be confined when he has to supply the nurse, and the husband would be in and out during the whole of the time.

"* One guinea a day would be a reasonable charge, exclusive of fee for actual attendance in labour, and any expense the husband might incur.

MEDICAL NEWS.

It is stated that as a sequel of the Galveston tragedy, the popular prejudice against cremation has notably diminished.

THE eighth course of public lectures in connection with the Childhood Society, which was established for the scientific study of the mental and physical conditions of children, will be given in the Library of the Sanitary Institute, 72, Margaret Street, W., at 8 P.M., on November 1st, 15th, and 29th, and December 13th. The subjects of the lectures are the treatment of feeble minded children in asylums, the training of teachers, physiology for teachers, and the causes of failure in the health of school girls.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH.—The annual general statutory meeting of the Edinburgh Royal Society was held on Tuesday, October 23rd, when the following members of Council were elected for the ensuing session: *President*: Lord Kelvin. *Vice-Presidents*: Professor Chrystal, Sir Arthur Mitchell, Sir William Turner, Professor Copeland, the Rev. Professor Duns, and Professor James Geikie. *General Secretary*: Professor Tait. *Secretaries to Ordinary Meetings*: Professor Crum Brown and Dr. Ramsay H. Traquair. *Treasurer*: Mr. Philip R. D. MacLagan. *Curator of Librarian and Museum*: Dr. Alexander Buchan. *Councillors*: Lord M'Laren, Mr. C. G. Knott, D.Sc., Dr. Alexander Bruce, Mr. James A. Wenley, the Rev. Professor Flint, Dr. James Burgess, C.I.E., Dr. R. M. Ferguson, Mr. Robert Irvine, Professor M'Kendrick, Professor Schäfer, Dr. Robert Monro, and Dr. J. S. Mackay.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:

- BETHNAL GREEN: PARISH OF ST. MATTHEW.**—Clinical Assistant at the Infirmary; unmarried. Salary at the rate of £40 for the six months, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, on forms provided to be sent to the Medical Superintendent at the Infirmary, Cambridge Road, by October 31st.
- BIRKENHEAD AND WIRRELL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.**—House Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, residence, and laundry. Applications to Mr. E. B. Tilby, Hon. Secretary, 52, Gosvenor Road, Birkenhead, by November 15th.
- BODMIN: CORNWALL COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £120, rising to £150 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, etc. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- BRISTOL: HAM GREEN FEVER HOSPITAL.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Dr. D. S. Davies, Medical Superintendent City Hospitals, 40, Princes Street, Bristol, by November 1st.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.** Fulham Road, S.W.—Assistant Anaesthetist. Applications to the Secretary by November 3rd.
- CHESTER COUNTY ASYLUM.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer; unmarried, and not more than 31 years of age. Salary, £150 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Dr. Lawrence at the Asylum by November 3rd.
- DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum. Applications to the "Chairman of Medical Committee" by November 8th.
- DOWN DISTRICT ASYLUM.** Downpatrick.—Assistant Medical Officer. Not more than 33 years of age, and unmarried. Salary, £150, increasing to £200, with furnished apartments, board, washing, and attendance. Applications to the Resident Medical Superintendent by November 7th.
- DUBLIN: ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.** Donnybrook.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and furnished apartments. Applications to the Registrar by November 5th.
- DUDLEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by November 5th.
- DUNDEE ROYAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.**—Medical Assistant. Applications to the Secretary, 5, Whitehall Street, Dundee.
- EDINBURGH: ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.**—Conservator of the Museum. Salary, £105 per annum. Applications to Mr. J. Robertson, Clerk to the College, 54, George Square, Edinburgh, by December 1st.
- FRENCH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.** London.—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried, and must speak French. Salary, £80 per annum, with full board. Applications to the Secretary.
- HEREFORDSHIRE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**—Medical Officer of Health. Not less than 30 or more than 50 years of age. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications to the Clerk, Hereford, by November 9th.
- HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT.** Golden Square, W.—Four vacancies in the Office of Senior Clinical Assistant. Applications to the Secretary by November 7th.
- HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.** Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Ophthalmic Surgeon, must be F.R.C.S. Eng. Applications to the Secretary by November 20th.
- JENNER INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.** Chelsea Gardens, S.W.—Assistant in the Department of Paedological Chemistry. Salary, £300. Applications to Dr. Allan MacLachlan by November 15th.
- KENT COUNTY ASYLUM.** Chatham, near Canterbury.—(1) Second Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried, and under 30 years of age. Salary commencing at £175 per annum. (2) Third Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £125 per annum. Board, quarters, washing and attendance provided in each case. Applications to Dr. Fitzgerald, Medical Superintendent.
- LAMBETH WORKHOUSE.**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, rising to £125, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications to the Clerk to the Guardians, Brook Street, Kensington, S.W., by October 25th.
- LEEDS: GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—(1) Two House-Physicians. (2) Resident Obstetric Officer. Board, lodging, and washing provided. Application to the Secretary to the Faculty at the Infirmary by October 30th.
- LEICESTER INFIRMARY.**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120, rising £10 per annum until the third year, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications to the Secretary, 24, Friar Lane, Leicester, by October 25th.
- LONDON TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.** Hampstead Road, N.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by November 10th.
- MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.** Quay Street.—Two Resident Medical Officers. Appointments for six months, but eligible for re-election. Salaries, £70 and £85 per annum respectively, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary by October 31st.

MARGATH: ROYAL SEA-BATHING HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary, at the offices, 30, Charing Cross, London, S.W., by November 1st.

MOLETT: NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Unmarried, and not more than 30 years of age. Salary, £125 per annum, rising to £155 with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by November 14th.

NEWCASTLE CITY ASYLUM.—Locum Tenens for two months. Salary, £38 a week. Applications to the Medical Superintendent, City Asylum, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORTH LONDON CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL. Hampstead, N.W.—(1) Senior Medical Officer. Honorarium, £100 per annum. (2) Junior Medical Officer. Honorarium £50 per annum. Applications to the Secretary by November 3rd.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY. Hartshill, Stoke-upon-Trent.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board, apartments, and washing provided, and honorarium of at least £10 at the end of six months. Applications to the Secretary by October 29th.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. W.—Surgeon to Out-patients; must be F.R.C.S. Applications to the Secretary by November 3rd.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months, but renewable. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Hon. Secretary by November 8th.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL. Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—(1) Two House-Physicians. (2) One House-Surgeon. (3) One Casualty House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. No salary, but board, etc., provided. Applications to the Secretary by October 29th.

ST. PANCAS AND NORTHERN DISPENSARY. Euston Road, N.W.—Two Honorary Physicians. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, 23, Gordon Street, W.C., by November 3rd.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months, but eligible for re-election. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by October 29th.

SEMPFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to be addressed to the Medical Staff, care of the Secretary, by November 12th.

SHOREDITCH: FISH OF ST. LEONARD.—Second Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary, Horton Street. Appointment for six months. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, ration, and washing. Applications, on forms provided, to the Clerk to the Guardians, 213, Kingsland Road, by October 29th.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with rooms, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary before November 1st.

SOUTHPORT CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AND SEA-BATHING INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried, and between 25 and 30 years of age. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Chairman by November 12th.

SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.—Resident Junior House and Visiting Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum, with board and lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by November 3rd.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE: JARVIS CHARITY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, with house, etc. Applications to the Correspondent, Jarvis Charity, Staunton-on-Wye, Hereford, before November 5th.

TAUNTON: TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £20 per annum, with board, lodging, and laundry. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.

TIVERTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £80 and board, lodging and washing. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by October 31st.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, LONDON.—Pathologist. Applications to the Secretary by November 1st.

WENTNOR: ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Secretary at the London Office, 84, Craven Street, Charing Cross, by October 30th.

WATERFORD DISTRICT ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried, and not exceeding 30 years of age. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, washing, and attendance. Applications to the Resident Medical Superintendent by November 9th.

WOLVERHAMPTON EYE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with rooms, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by November 17th.

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 31st.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

AINSLIE, Wm. M.B., Ch.B., Aberd., appointed Medical Officer for the Kingston District 2a, and the Workhouse of the Kingston Union, *vice* E. A. Billiard, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., resigned.

BERGIN, Wm. M., M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark.

BIRCHALL, E. H., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Walton Workhouse of the West Derby Union, *vice* E. J. Weightman, M.B., O.M. Edin., resigned.

BUTHELL, W. J. S., B.A., M.B., Ch.B., appointed Anesthetist to the Manchester Children's Hospital, Fendebury.

CHERRON, H., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent to the Hospital for Insane, Toowoomba, Queensland.

COSENS, F. B. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed District Medical Officer to the Honiton Union, *vice* W. V. Sinclair, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin.

FROST, William E., M.B., Ch.F., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

GRANT, Dundas, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Surgeon to the Royal Academy of Music.

HIGHMOOR, R. N. M., R.C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the Fransham District of the Mitford and Landisford Union, *vice* E. E. Newton, M.B., O.M. Glasg., resigned.

HILL, William H., M.B., O.M., appointed Clinical Assistant in Dr. Smart's Wards in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

KATHE, Norman, W., M.B., Ch.M. Syd., appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy at the University of Sydney.

MARSH, J. H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer for the Marton District of Rugby Union, *vice* F. W. Barton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

MELLERSE, W. Francis, L.D.S., R.C.S. Eng., appointed Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows.

MONTGOMERY, W. P., M.A. Oxon., R.S., M.B. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

NAISMITH, J. H., M.B. Glasg., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Tow Law Urban District, *vice* W. Tiplady, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin.

O'SHAUGHNESSY, T. H., W.D.B.U.I., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Nottingham Union Infirmary, *vice* F. A. H. Clarke, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., resigned.

PRICE, T. A., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the Hospital for Insane, Godna, Queensland.

RIDDELL, Robert, M.B., O.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Sandbach Urban District, *vice* H. J. Rice, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin.

RUSSELL, Miss M. H., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Camberwell Infirmary, *vice* Miss L. G. Anderson, M.B. Lond., resigned.

SIMMONS, S. S., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Ninth District of the Croydon Union, *vice* T. B. Parker, M.D. St. And., resigned.

SIMPSON, Frederick B., M.B., Ch.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

THOMAS, J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Newcastle Emlyn Urban District, *vice* David Lloyd, M.B. O.S. Eng.

THOMSON, Robert Stevenson, M.D., B.Sc., appointed to the Chair of Practice of Medicine in Anderson's College Medical School, Glasgow, *vice* Professor Samson Gemmell.

WETWAL, Wm. A., M.R.C.S. Eng., reappointed Medical Officer of Health for Bridlington.

WOOD, A. Murray, M.B., Ch.B., appointed a Clinical Assistant in Professor Greenfield's Wards in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments have been made for six months from October 15th:

House-Physicians.—Dr. Edward W. Roberts to Dr. Steven; Dr. John G. Douglas to Dr. McVail; Dr. Norman M. Levy, to Dr. Monro; Dr. Leonard Findlay, to Dr. Middleton; Dr. A. W. Harrington, to Dr. Dougall.

House-Surgeons.—Dr. T. B. Adam, to Dr. Clark; Dr. G. M. Crawford, to Dr. McLennan; Dr. A. L. Watson, to Dr. Newman; Dr. J. W. Leitch, to Dr. Knox; Dr. F. H. Balbirn, to Dr. Barclay; Dr. H. C. Ferguson, to Dr. Adams; Dr. H. Oswald Smith, to Mr. Fringle; Dr. Garrow, to Dr. Ramsey (Ophthalmic); Dr. Ellen S. McDonald, to Dr. Kelly (Gynaecologist).

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

West London Post-Graduate Course. West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W., 5 P.M.—Dr. Saunders: Headache; its Causes and Treatment.

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

TUESDAY.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic. 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Sir W. H. Broadbent: Consultation. (Medical.) 6 P.M.—Mr. A. Carless (Class): Applied Anatomy.

Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. 53, Stamford Street, Blackfriars, S.E., 5 P.M.—Dr. Phineas S. Abraham: Acne and Rosacea.

WEDNESDAY.

British Balmological and Climatological Society. 20, Hanover Square, W., 9.30 P.M.—Address by the incoming President, Dr. Frederic Bagshawe (St. Leonards-on-Sea), entitled Points in the Development of Seaside Towns.

London Throat Hospital. 204, Great Portland Street, W., 5 P.M.—Dr. Claud Woakes: Examination of the Nose.

Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest. Brompton, S.W., 4 P.M.—Sir M. Douglas Powell, Bart.: On some Varieties of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

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

THURSDAY.

Central London Throat, Nose, and Ear Hospital. 5 P.M.—Dr. Dundas Grant: Diagnosis of Diseases causing Pain in the Throat or Difficulty in Swallowing.

West London Post-Graduate Course. West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W., 5 P.M.—Mr. H. P. Dunn: Antiseptics in Ocular Surgery.

Harveian Society of London. Stafford Rooms, Tichborne Street, Edgware Road, W., 8.30 P.M.—Dr. Robert Macaire: The Prognosis and Treatment of Tuberculous Disease of the Lungs. Harveian Lecture I.

Roentgen Society. 20, Hanover Square, 6 P.M.—Presidential Address by Dr. J. B. Macintyre.

Charing Cross Hospital. Post-Graduate Course, 4 P.M.—Mr. Waterhouse: Surgical Cases.

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

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

FRIDAY.

West London Medical-Chirurgical Society. West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W., 8.30 P.M.—Mr. G. L. Chesdale: Some Personal Experiences of the late Boer War. Mr. Jackson Clarke: Some Surgical Phases of Rheumatoid Arthritis and Gout. Card Specimen—Mr. T. R. Atkinson: Tubal Pregnancy.

Society of Anesthetists. 20, Hanover Square, 8.30 P.M.—Clinical Evening.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic. 22, Chancery Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Mr. Holmes Spicer: Consultation. (Eye.) 6 P.M.—Mr. P. J. Freyer: Some Practical Points in the Surgery of the Urinary Organs.

West Kent Medical-Chirurgical Society. Royal Kent Dispensary, Greenwich Road, S.E., 8.45 P.M.—Dr. James Donelan: On Tracheal Hemorrhage in Influenza, and Demonstration on the Advantages and Disadvantages of Certain Positions for Adenoid Operations.

Laryngological Society of London. 20, Hanover Square, W., 5 P.M.—Cases will be shown by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Spencer, Dr. Scanes Spicer, Dr. Dundas Grant, Dr. Barclay Baron, Dr. Watson Williams, Mr. Waggett, Mr. Eoughton, Dr. Tiley, Mr. Freyatt Wingrave, Mr. Charters Symonds, Dr. Stclair Thomson, and Mr. Lake.

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.

BLUMER.—October 19th, at St. Mary's Grove, Stafford, the wife of F. Milnes Blumer, M.D., of a son.

BROCK.—On October 14th, at Via Vento, B., Rome, Italy, the wife of G. Sandison Brock, M.D. of a daughter.

FARGUCHARSON.—At Garlands, Carlisle, on October 18th, the wife of William F. FarguCHARSON, M.D., of a son.

MACKNESS.—On October 21st, at Fort Street House, Broughty Ferry, N.B., the wife of G. Owen G. Mackness, M.D., of a daughter.

NEWHAM.—On October 21st, the wife of W. H. C. Newnam, M.A., M.B. Cantab., Chancery Villa, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol, of a daughter.

PATERSON.—On October 24th, at 7A, Manchester Square, the wife of Wm. Bromfield Paterson, F.R.C.S., L.D.S., of a son.

WATSON.—On October 17th, at Hendre, Overton Park, Cheltenham, the wife of Deputy Surgeon-General George Alder Watson, Bengal Army (retired), of a daughter.

WITHERS.—On Wednesday, October 17th, at Ashford, Hale, Cheshire, the wife of Percy WITHERS, M.B., B.S., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—On October 17th, at Holly Lodge, Brockley Road, S.E., Alexander Stewart Brown, F.R.C.S., aged 45 years.

ECCLES.—On the 22nd Oct., suddenly, at 23, Hertford Street, Mayfair, W., Arthur Symons Eccles, M.B., O.M., in his 46th year.

TANNER.—On October 13th, Ettie Lillian, elder daughter of John Tanner, M.D., of 19, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, W., aged 31 years.

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., 1; Dental, M. Th., 8.45; Throat and Ear, F., 9.30; Electro-Therapeutics, Tu. Th., 9.30; Ophthalmic, Tu. F., 1; Boscawen, W., 9.45; Orthopaedic, Th., 1. **Operations.**—W. Th. F., 9; S., 2.
CHURCH LANE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. Attendances.—Daily, 1.30. **Operations.**—M. Th. F., 2.
CITY ORTHOPEDIC. Attendances.—O-p., M. Tu. Th. F., 2. **Operations.**—M., 4.
EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. Attendances.—M. Tu. Th. F., 2.
GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL. Attendances.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. W. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, M. Tu., 2.30; Throat and Ear, Tu. F., 2.30; Skin, W., 2.30; Dental, W., 2.30. **Operations.**—M. W. Th. F.
GUY'S. Attendances.—Medical, I-p., M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; o.p., M. W. Th. F., 12; Surgical, I-p., daily, 1.30; o.p., M. W. Th. F., 12; Obstetric, I-p., M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; o.p., Th. S., 12; Eye, I-p., M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; o.p., M. Tu. Th. F., 12; o.p., Ear, Tu. Th., 12; Skin, Tu. Th., 12; Throat, F., 12; Dental, daily, 9.30. **Operations.**—Tu. F., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), M., 1.30; Th., 2.
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho. Attendances.—O-p., M., 9; Tu. W., 12; Th., 9; F. S., 12. **Operations.**—M. Th., 2; Th., 9.30.
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, M. Tu. Th. F., 9. **Operations.**—Daily, 2.
LONDON TEMPERANCE. Attendances.—Medical, I-p., M., 2.30; Tu. F., 3.30; Th., 3.0; O-p., M. Tu. W. F., 1; Surgical, I-p., M., 2; Th., 3; O-p., M. Th., 1.30. **Operations.**—Th., 4.
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, M., 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.**—W., 10.
NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. Attendances.—Daily, 2; Ophthalmic, W. S., 9.30. **Operations.**—Tu. F., 9; Th., 2.
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. S., 3; Tu. F., 9; W., 2.30; Th., 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, Tu., 9.30; Throat, Nose, and Ear, W., 9.30. **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.**—O-p., M., 2; I-p., Tu. Th., 2.30.
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. F., 2; o.p., M. Th., 9; W. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, Tu., 9. **Larynx, M. Th., 2; Orthopaedic, Tu., 1.50; Dental, Tu. F., 9; Electrocath., M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30. Operations.**—Daily, 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu. F., 2; Abdominal Section for Ovariotomy, W., 2.
ST. GEORGE'S. Attendances.—Medical and Surgical, daily, I-p., 1; o.p., 12; Obstetric, I-p., Tu. F., 1.45; o.p., M. Tu., 2.30; Eye, W. S., 1.30; Ear, M., 2; Skin, W., 2.45; Throat, F., 2; 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., 2; Th., 2; Ear, M. Th., 9; 12.45; Tu. F., 3; Skin, M. Th., 9; Dental, W. S., 9; Electro-Therapeutics, W. S., 10; Children's Medical, M. Th., 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.—I-p., Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; o.p., daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu., 2; Eye, Tu. F., 2; Throat, Tu. F., 2; o.p., daily, exc. S., 1.30; Ear, M., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Th., 1.30; Children, W. 10.30; Electro-Therapeutics, Th., 2; Mental Diseases, Th., 10; Dental, Tu. F., 10; X-Rays, Tu. F., 2; Vaccination, W., 11.30. **Operations.**—Daily, 2; (Ophthalmic), Th., 2; (Gynecological), Th., 2; (Throat), M., 9.30; (Ear), Th., 9.30.
TEMPERANCE 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. Th., 9; Dental, Tu. F., 9.30. **Operations.**—Tu. W. Th., 2.
WEST LONDON. Attendances.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Dental, Tu. F., 9.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Diseases of Women, W. S., 2; Electric, M. Th. S., 1.5; Skin, Tu. F., 2; Throat and Nose, Tu. F., 2; S., 10. **Operations.**—Daily, about 2.30; F., 10.
WESTMINSTER. Attendances.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 2; Eye, Tu. F., 9.30; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin W., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.15. **Operations.**—M. Tu. W., 2.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO
CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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.

G. R. J. F. asks if any readers can give him reliable modern statistics on the comparative mortality after craniotomy and Caesarean section.

O. S. asks where he can find the best information as to neurasthenia, its causes, effects, and treatment.

EGYPT asks to be informed if there is a good prospect of work at Cairo for a qualified trained nurse (certificated), and if there is any institution there to which she could become attached. Failing the latter he would be glad to be recommended to anyone to whom she could apply with the object of procuring suitable quarters.

NORTH BRITISH writes: A clergyman of gouty habit, aged about 60, suffering from slight incontinence of urine, but whose urine is free from sugar or albumen, was ordered to use a suppository of morphia mur. gr. 3 before service as he was nervous that he might have to retire to the vestry during service. On Sunday last he used the suppository as above at 9.15 A.M., at about 11 A.M., whilst conducting service, he "got into a cold perspiration," "felt giddy," and had to give up the service. I saw him about 1 P.M., he complained of flatulent pain; the pupils were not contracted, he still felt giddy but had his natural pulse. He had purged himself rather freely the day and evening before. Could the morphia suppository have caused the attack in church? He has administered chlorodyne on several occasions to himself without any bad effect. I have reason to know that the strength of the suppository was correct.

M.D., ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

BACCALAUREUS writes: Would some member who has obtained this degree mention the best books to read for the examination in medicine, pathology, and clinical diagnosis? Are bacteriology and mental diseases necessary?

TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS BY HOT AIR.

A. D. asks for the recent experiences of practitioners who have treated cases of rheumatoid arthritis by hot air.

SALIVATION IN OLD AGE.

G.W.S. asks for advice in the treatment of an old man suffering from excessive salivation during the daytime. Except for atheroma of the blood vessels and chronic rheumatism he has good health, the salivation is very troublesome as he is constantly spitting clear fluid and cannot go to all into society as a consequence.

LUNACY FEES.

LUNACY asks what is a fair fee for examining a patient and signing a certificate for removal to an asylum, where the usual visiting fee is 3s. 6d. per visit.

. [This appears to be a private case of small means, and a charge of one and a-half for two guineas seems fair.

TREATMENT OF INCONTINENCE OF URINE.

ITALY asks for advice in the treatment of the following case: A boy, 3 years old, passes water unconsciously whenever he goes to sleep, either by day or night, even should he sleep for only half an hour, having previously emptied his bladder. In addition, if the child is for a short time very quiet sitting on a chair, he will empty his bladder without apparently noticing it. When he is moving about, walking or playing, he will go for many hours without wanting to pass water, and when the wish comes he invariably says so.

ANSWERS.

C. J. T.—A second edition of MacLagan's *Rheumatism* was published in 1896 by Messrs. A. and C. Black.

OCULUS.—Perrin's artificial eye is made by Messrs. Giroux Frères, 9, Rue de l'Odéon, Paris. Possibly they may supply instructions as to its use. We know of nothing else published.

A. H. J. (Bexhill-on-Sea) writes: In answer to "Edinburgh" I should think that Bexhill would probably answer his requirements. It is sunny, dry, on the South Coast near Hastings, not expensive, quiet, and not overcrowded. Mean temperature, 50.8° F. Total sunlight, 2,185.3 hours (50 per cent.). Rainfall, 20 to 25 inches.

TREATMENT OF TAPEWORM.

MR. G. D. MACINTOSH (Kennington) writes: I saw the following plan some time ago in the *Scottish Medical Journal* and have never known it to fail: Shake in 1/2 oz. croton in 3/4 chloroform, and give it in half a tumblerful of milk in the early morning, fasting.

TREATMENT OF THREADWORMS.

MR. JOHN M'ELROY, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin. (Uddington), writes: In reply to "Navalis," I have in 4 cases used injections of santonin combined with turpentine. Three patients were children, the fourth being an adult in which the condition had persisted for several years. In the 3 cases already mentioned the injections were entirely successful, while in the fourth I used the injection one week, then gave a pill composed of santonin and aloes for a week, and then again used the injection for another week, at the end of which time a cure seemed to be effected. This was six weeks ago, and up to the present no recurrence has taken place. I would suggest for the child 8 years old the following line of treatment: R. ol. terebinthin. 3iij, santonin. gr. ij, mucilag. amyli. 3vj, M. ft. enema. Sig.: Inject at bed time every third night till three injections are given. If no cure, then order a pill as follows: R. santonin. gr. j, pill. aloes et ferri