

chlorodyne was the most effective. But the remedy was scarce and dear. A grand opening, therefore, for the manufacturer of the article! The noble lord, we may presume, will have given the article a lift. Next comes Earl de Grey, who sends his compliments, and hopes the Council will inquire into Warburg's febrifuge tincture, of which he has heard great things. To him Dr. Alderson, as Pro-president, had already sent an appropriate answer, telling him that the College took no cognisance of unknown remedies. Our readers have, no doubt, often heard of these Warburg's drops. They probably contain beberine; and have been already extensively tried in India, and found not to be as efficacious as quinine.

THE *lex talionis*, in a moral sense, has been well played out against Mr. Crossley of Leicester. Mr. Crossley, some three years ago, appeared as a witness in a county court affair, to maintain that the charge of Mr. Jackson, a brother practitioner, for services rendered to a Mr. Gee, were excessive; and his evidence so far prevailed that the charge was reduced from £15 to £12. But years revolve; and now Mr. Crossley himself appears in a county court to defend his own moderate charges; and, we are happy to say, to defend them successfully. A correspondent gives an outline of the case. We only refer to it now to note the moral of the tale, which of itself speaks an eloquent lesson. Glad are we to note that on this occasion medical brethren appeared in the witness-box, not to object to, but to support, Mr. Crossley's claim. This case showed also painfully before the public the unsatisfactory condition of our system of medical charges. The county court judge was clearly confused by what he heard. His remarks, on summing up the case, are worthy of note.

"Some remarks had been made as to the plaintiff acting in the two capacities of surgeon and apothecary; but it was well known that general practitioners dispensed their own medicines. There were some gentlemen, like Mr. Benfield, who charged only for their visits. There was another class of practitioners, who paid themselves in the most unsatisfactory of all ways—by administering medicine, and so charging for the time which they were occupied. It should be remembered, however, that a surgeon must have occupied the early portion of his life in reading, study, and hospital practice; and that he looked to the amount which was paid him as payment for his time and skill. In the case before them, Mr. Crossley had made his charge for attendance in a lump sum, as he had not entered each attendance in his book. He did not quite understand why surgeons should charge for visits in surgical and not in medical cases."

A peasant, 47 years old, came into Dr. Mosler's hands for diabetes. It turned out that her father, mother, and two of her sisters, had died of the same disease. Three weeks later, a son of this woman, 15 years old, was found to have diabetic urine.

## Association Intelligence.

### WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Branch will be held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday, January 11th, 1865, at 7 p.m.

Notice of papers or cases to be communicated should be sent to the Honorary Secretary previous to the meeting.

W. M. KELLY, M.D.,

Honorary Secretary.

Taunton, December 10th, 1864.

## Correspondence.

### INTRAOCULAR MYOTOMY.

LETTER FROM JAMES VOSE SOLOMON, ESQ.

SIR,—To two of the replies of the five questions to which I gave categorical answers in my letter in the JOURNAL of October 22nd, Mr. Hancock has raised no objections which are intended to invalidate my accuracy. He admits that intraocular myotomy embodies all the principles of a subcutaneous myotomy; that it was devised by me, and is insusceptible of being proved to be a similar procedure to "division of the ciliary muscle". He admits also that in iridectomy, as performed by Dr. von Gräfe for the relief of glaucoma, the ciliary muscle is cut transversely and in front of the iris. It would have been only ingenuous on the part of Mr. Hancock, had he stated it was Dr. von Gräfe who first propounded the hypothesis that the relaxation of the ciliary muscle might possibly have much to do with the good which iridectomy effected in glaucoma. A careful study of Mr. Hancock's papers in the *Lancet* has convinced me that it was upon this suggestion of Von Gräfe's, and an intimate knowledge of Desmarres's practice of puncturing the sclerotic in glaucoma, that he built up his theory of spasm of the ciliary muscle, and its cure by cutting in the direction of its principal fibres. In commenting, in his letter to you, upon Desmarres's practice, and quoting from the first edition of his ophthalmic treatise, Mr. Hancock has not attempted to refute the statements contained in my paper in this JOURNAL (p. 451, vol. i, 1863). I there notice that Desmarres treated with success the acute glaucoma which sometimes follows the depression of cataract, and which proves unamenable to ordinary antiphlogistics—by plunging a Wenzel's cataract-knife into the outer and lower part of the globe, at three millimètres or one-tenth of an inch from the rim of the cornea. Such an incision, I contend—and Mr. Hancock has adduced no evidence to the contrary—cuts the ciliary muscle near to its insertion into the choroid, which insertion is distant upwards of four millimètres from the external rim of the cornea. Four millimètres measure less than one-seventh, and not almost a quarter of an inch, as asserted by Mr. Hancock, who calls upon me to prove "my point by precision and facts, and not by reckless assertion".

With regard to the direction of the incision, there is no room for disputation, as in each of the woodcuts numbered 48, 49, and 50, pages 579, 580, it is delineated as commencing at one-tenth of an inch, and as radiating rather obliquely from the cornea—taking, in fact, as asserted by me, the course of the radial fibres of the ciliary muscle. Indeed, if the line in the woodcut, No. 49, which represents the

served in India, or he would know that *all* officers were entitled to thirty days leave in every half-year to count as service; and in the case of the staff (adjutants, quarter-masters, and medical officers) private arrangements must be made for their duty being done; thus Dr. A. did the duty of Dr. B. in March, and Dr. B. did the duty of Dr. A. in May or June, and neither suffered from stoppages; I have had many thirty days' leave and never lost a penny; but I confess I am ignorant of the interpretation of "unemployed pay." Under this despatch, if it said on sick leave (and we cannot be otherwise unemployed) in India, then I could understand it, and say it was a boon; nor is the effective pay so very superior: as surgeon of a cavalry regiment, I drew 850 rupees, now it is 890 rupees; as assistant in charge 664 rupees, now 660 rupees; as assistant-surgeon of a native infantry regiment, I drew 421 rupees, now 450 rupees; no great difference when I recollect that as an assistant, I have drawn as much as 720 rupees a month, having extra charges, but these days are gone; now there are no extras; the present pay is fixed for all work that a medical officer may be required to perform; nor does it appear that two months leave in every twelve will now be allowed to count for service, for paragraph 38 specially states that *six months* sick leave will be allowed to count towards actual service in the grades of inspector and deputy-inspector-generals, a mighty boon indeed—*six months leave in twenty-seven years*; not a word about other grades.

"D. I. G." takes me to task for not stating "that military funds in India are abolished also;" I did not refer to military funds, for the very simple reason that they had no bearing on the case, inasmuch as *military funds gave no annuities as medical funds did*, so that I do not see the force of your correspondent's argument, and must admit my ignorance.

Now, sir, as my sole object in writing was to give my junior brethren the benefit of my experience, without any desire for appearing in print, I must decline any further controversy on this subject; but should anyone desire information for information sake only, you may give my address to those you know, and I shall be happy to explain anything I have written. I am, etc.,

A RETIRED SURGEON MAJOR.

December, 1864.

P.S. The statement in the *Spectator*, that £300 a year is granted by the Medical Retiring Fund, in addition to pension, is incorrect, and at variance with paragraph 45 of the despatch. The comparison between the pensions of the medical and civil service is simply absurd; the highest in the former is £550, against £1000 in the latter.

**HEREFORD INFIRMARY.** Mr. Lingen has resigned the honorary appointment of surgeon to this institution. Mr. Lingen was appointed on December 6th, 1838, on the death of the late Mr. Cam; and became senior surgeon in the following May, on the retirement of Mr. John Griffiths. His services have thus been given to the institution for almost twenty-six years; and he has been induced to resign only because the increase in his private practice leaves too little time at his disposal for the discharge, satisfactorily to himself, of the duties of this appointment. At a special meeting of the governors of the Infirmary, held on Thursday, Dec. 22nd, Mr. Thomas Turner was unanimously elected surgeon in the place of Mr. Lingen. At the same time, Mr. Lingen was unanimously elected surgeon extraordinary to the Infirmary and a life governor, as a testimony of the very valuable services rendered by him as surgeon to that Institution.

## Medical News.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.** At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Thursday, December 22nd, 1864, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, were duly admitted members of the College:—

Church, William Selby, M.B.Oxon., Christ Church, Oxford  
Saunders, George James Symes, M.B.Lond., Devon County Lunatic Asylum, Exminster

The following gentleman, previously an extra-Licentiate of the College, was also admitted a member:—  
Pincoffs, Peter, M.D.Leyden, Naples

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, and satisfied the College of their proficiency in the science and practice of medicine, surgery, and midwifery, were duly admitted to practise physic as Licentiates of the College:—

Bottle, Alexander, M.D.Edin., Dover  
Collyer, James, Oak House, Enfield  
Fagge, Frederick Thomas, Hythe, Kent  
Frost, Walter, Brentford  
Gowland, John Edward, M.D.Colombia, Mount Pleasant, Gray's Inn Road  
Hayes, Hawkesley Roche, Basingstoke  
Magor, Thomas, Grantham  
Moore, Milner Montgomery, St. Mary's Hospital  
Miller, Charles James, Eden Bridge, Kent  
Pattisson, Joseph Tarr, Wharf Rise, Kingsland Road  
Spooner, William, Eling, Southampton  
Stone, Robert Sidney, Bath  
Woodman, Samuel, Ramsgate

The following gentlemen were reported by the examiners to have passed the Primary Professional Examination:—

Dowse, Thomas S., Charing Cross Hospital  
Goodall, Joseph, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Haydon, Nathaniel T. J., St. Mary's Hospital  
Jones, James, King's College  
Major, Napoleon B., St. Mary's Hospital  
Marsh, William Joseph, Guy's Hospital  
Raby, John, St. Thomas's Hospital  
Simpson, John Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Stevens, George J. B., Guy's Hospital  
Taylor, Henry S., Guy's Hospital  
Thompson, Joseph, University College Hospital

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On December 22nd, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Antonini, Charles, King's College Hospital  
Ensor, Alfred, King's College Hospital  
Holman, Herman Boerhaave, London Hospital  
Shackleton, James, Manchester

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

Braye, Hardwick Hubert, Guy's Hospital  
Raine, George Rolph, Guy's Hospital  
Rowlands, James David, Guy's Hospital

### APPOINTMENTS.

\*LINGEN, Charles, Esq., elected Surgeon-Extraordinary to the Hereford Infirmary.  
TURNER, Thomas, Esq., elected Surgeon to the Hereford Infirmary, in the room of \*C. Lingen, Esq., resigned.

### DEATHS.

IRVINE, James Pearson, L.R.C.P.Edin., at Galgate, Lancaster, aged 52, on December 12.  
\*MACMUNN, John, M.D., in Dublin, lately.  
RANKING. In Guernsey, on December 18th, Louisa Leathes, wife of \*W. H. Ranking, M.D., late of Norwich.

**DONATIONS.** Mr. Crawshaw, of Caversham Park, Reading, has sent a donation of £105, and Mr. E. Crane, Kidderminster, another of £25, to the Royal Free Hospital. The Marquis of Westminster has sent £1000 to the Hospital for Incurables, and £500 to the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.** The election of a physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital is fixed for January 10th, 1865.

**TESTIMONIAL TO DR. ODLING.** On November 30th, the students of Guy's Hospital showed their kind feelings to Dr. Odling by presenting him with a handsome claret jug and fish knife and fork.

**THE SPREAD OF FEVER IN IRELAND.** The Irish Poor-law Commissioners draw the attention of boards of guardians to the fact that at the present time, and for several weeks past, cases of fever, of a very dangerous type in some localities, have been more frequent in the country than at any time during a long series of years past.

**MEMORIAL OF DR. KIRKES.** At a meeting at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, it has been resolved that a subscription should be raised by the friends and pupils of the late Dr. Kirkes, to establish a memorial of him. It was also resolved that the memorial should be represented in a gold medal, to be given every year to the student found most efficient in diagnosis and treatment of medical diseases.

**THE STUDENTS AT EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.** A circular has been issued by the Senatus Academicus of the University in regard to the disgraceful uproar which took place on the occasion of the delivery of the venerable Principal's inaugural address to the students. The Senatus threaten in future to inflict severe punishment on any student who may be found guilty of such shameful breach of decency and discipline.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. F. BUCKLAND.** The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons has just presented to Mr. Frank Buckland a complete set (in thirteen volumes quarto) of the *Illustrated Catalogue of the Museum*, elegantly bound, with an inscription signed by Mr. Hodgson, the President, signifying that the presentation is in acknowledgment of the efficient services rendered by Mr. Buckland in searching for and identifying, in the vaults of the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the coffin containing the remains of John Hunter.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

<b>MONDAY.....</b>	Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
<b>TUESDAY. ....</b>	Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
<b>WEDNESDAY...</b>	St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.
<b>THURSDAY....</b>	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopædic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
<b>FRIDAY.....</b>	Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
<b>SATURDAY....</b>	St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

<b>TUESDAY.</b>	Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. General Meeting for Election of Officers.
<b>WEDNESDAY.</b>	Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Annual Meeting. President's Address. Election of Officers. Dr. Playfair, Case of Extruterine Fœtation; and other papers.
<b>THURSDAY.</b>	Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Anniversary. President's Address and Election of Officers.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\* \* All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

**CORRESPONDENTS**, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course, not necessarily for publication.

**T. M.**—The use and mode of administration of podophyllum will be found in all the new works on materia medica.

**THE NEW BRANCH.**—A correspondent writes:—"I rejoice to find my old friends in Newcastle are buckling on their armour to join the ranks of the Association. They are good men and true."

**F. T.**—The County Court Judge at Leicester, who said "A physician can claim nothing in a Court of Law", and the lawyer who assented thereto, are both in error. Some, and the very great majority of physicians in the country, can make legal claim. The Medical Act gave the Colleges the power (if they chose to avail themselves of it within a given time) of excluding themselves from the benefits of being able to enforce their claims for fees in a Court of Law. The London College did avail itself of this privilege on behalf of its Fellows; but we believe no other of the Colleges has availed itself of the dispensing clause. Consequently, most of the physicians in the country can avail themselves of the full benefits of the Medical Act.

**THE FRENCH MEDICAL PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.**—The statement made in the periodical, referred to by our correspondent, to the effect that the French Medical Association has expended a handsome sum towards erecting a statue to one of the masters of our art, is—like many other statements made in that quarter—not true. The French Association has not expended a farthing for the purpose indicated. What it did at its annual meeting was to appoint a Committee "to raise a subscription to perform a pious duty towards the immortal discoverer of auscultation." Since then, a decree of the Emperor, of the 27th November, has authorised the erection of a statue to Laennec. And the Committee, consisting of many of the leading men of France, has now opened a subscription list for the purpose; but not one farthing of its funds has been voted by the French Medical Association, or rather Provident Fund; and doubtless could not be voted by it for such a purpose. The statement, again, that the French Association prosecutes quacks, is equally untrue. It has never done so. These erroneous statements, as we have already said, can only be the productions either of malevolence or of ignorance.

**MR. HARTSHORNE AND MR. THURSFIELD.**—SIR: In Mr. Thursfield's letter in the JOURNAL of the 17th instant, he states:—"I gave no evidence whatever as to the treatment of the child by Mr. Hartshorne, or the fee he ought to charge for his services. I purposely abstained from stating my opinion on these points." If neither the fee nor the treatment were in question, upon what points did he give evidence? Mr. Thursfield does not deny that he was a witness for the defence, and admits that "the case" was "for the recovery of his bill"; and says, "I answered most of the questions put to me." What, then, did the questions he was asked refer to? I solemnly declare that I sent you a truthful report of Mr. Thursfield's evidence; and, for the most part, in the identical words used by himself. I am, etc., **FREDERICK H. HARTSHORNE.**  
Broseley, December 22nd, 1864.

[Mr. Hartshorne wishes the insertion of the above note in justification of the statements previously made by him. EDITOR.]

**COMMUNICATIONS** have been received from:—**DR. ALEXANDER FLEMING**; **MR. W. DATE**; **THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**; **MR. STONE**; **MR. WILLIAM COPNEY**; **MR. C. GAINÉ**; **DR. J. A. McMUNN**; **MR. REGINALD HARRISON**; **MR. J. W. IRVINE**; **MR. HAYNES WALTON**; **MR. J. VOSE SOLOMON**; **DR. RANKING**; **DR. HEATON**; and **DR. C. J. PAYNE.**

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