

School Board. For seventeen years he was an active member of the Town Council, and for ten of these years he worthily filled the Provost's chair, and in it displayed unusual tact and skill.

On his retirement from public life in 1892 he was presented at an enthusiastic public meeting with an illuminated address in a silver casket and a cheque for £100. This sum he gave as a nucleus of a fund to start a District Nursing Association, which has had an exceedingly useful and successful career ever since.

Dr. Ritchie was a most careful and painstaking physician. Possessed of a strong yet gentle and sympathetic nature, he found the heart of his patients to an uncommon degree. His services were fully and ungrudgingly given to rich and poor alike. His greatest pleasure seemed to be obtained from his work; he devoted all his energy to whatever he undertook. A man of few recreations, he was a keen and skilful bowler, and none liked better a quiet game of billiards, yet nearly all his spare time was willingly devoted to the advancement of the societies, such as the ambulance and nursing, which he considered were calculated to improve the condition of the general community.

It is safe to say that no man will be so missed in the district, nor any man more sincerely mourned, than Dr. Ritchie.

J. M. C.

THOMAS JAMES WOODHOUSE, M.D.LOND.,

Medical Officer to the Royal Hospital for Incurables.

DR. THOMAS JAMES WOODHOUSE, who died on June 11th, after a short illness, in his 69th year, was educated at the City of London School, matriculated at London University, and after undergoing his medical training at St. Thomas's Hospital, obtained the diplomas of M.R.C.S. in 1857, F.R.C.S.(Eng.) in 1860, M.B. in 1864, and M.D. (Lond.) in 1865. His first experience in practice was gained in Hackney, where he was assistant to Dr. Tidey, but he soon removed to Fulham, where he had a large private practice, and became Medical Officer to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, and Medical Officer at the Fulham Female Prison until the latter institution was closed by the Government.

In 1887 he left Fulham for Putney, and, with advancing years, gradually gave up private practice, only retaining his post at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, which he held for thirty-six years. On his retirement last January the patients presented him with an illuminated address inscribed in the following words:—

Presented to Thomas James Woodhouse, from the Patients of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, on his retiring from the Institution after 36 years of faithful service.

We have heard with feelings of the deepest regret that you are about to sever your connection with this hospital and retire into private life. Some of us can recall when you came amongst us 36 years ago—young, and endowed with all the gifts that go to make up a brilliant career and distinguished name in your profession. You turned aside from all the possibilities that then lay before you, and gave your time and talent to the large mass of suffering humanity in this institution; you gave them of your best and gave it freely. You became to them not only a skilled physician, but a kind and sympathizing friend, and many of them have passed away with your name on their lips. We beg to assure you that you carry with you into retirement our warmest wishes and heartfelt prayers that you may long be spared to enjoy the rest of which no man living is more deserving.

The inmates also presented him with a handsome gold watch as a mark of their appreciation. Dr. Woodhouse was an ardent book collector, and his knowledge enabled him to acquire a very fine library. He was a member of the British Archaeological Association.

In 1868 he married Florence, youngest daughter of Captain Chawner, of Newton Valance, Hants. She died in 1892, leaving three sons, who survive him. The regard of the patients, and the extreme kindness of the Committee of the Hospital to which he was so much attached, are a proof of the respect in which he was held by all.

One to whom he was well known in his connexion with the Royal Hospital for Incurables writes:—"Beloved by his patients, esteemed by his colleagues, and enjoying the fullest confidence of the Board, he leaves the happiest associations of a lifetime with the deepest regret of all with whom he came in contact."

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. WYATT JOHNSTON, Professor of Pathology in McGill College, Montreal. The

cause of death was embolism following thrombosis of one of the femoral veins, the result of infection. He was the son of a well-known physician of the Province of Quebec, and was educated at McGill College, from which he took his M.D. degree. For a time he was associated with Dr. Osler as Demonstrator of Morbid Anatomy; subsequently he became Pathologist at the Montreal General Hospital, and Lecturer on Pathology under Dr. Adami. Of late years he had paid special attention to hygiene and public health; only a short time ago he was elected to the Chair of that department of medicine in McGill University. Professor Johnston had for years done much public work of the highest importance in medical jurisprudence, and his advice was often sought in criminal trials. He was a genial and warm-hearted man, full of enthusiasm for his work, and devoted to his profession. His death is a loss to McGill University and to the medical profession of Canada and the United States.

THE death is reported of Dr. ALEXANDER E. MARSDEN. He was born in 1832, and was the son of William Marsden, the founder of the Royal Free and Cancer Hospitals. He qualified as M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1854, entering the army in the same year as a Staff Assistant Surgeon, and served at the General Hospital at Scutari for three months, then in the trenches before Sebastopol as Surgeon to the Ambulance Corps, and was among the first to enter that city. He took the degree of M.D. St. And. in 1862, and became F.R.C.S.Edin. in 1868. For more than fifty years he took a great interest in the Royal Free and Cancer Hospitals, and long occupied the position of Consulting Surgeon to these institutions, as well as other offices.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Dr. Felix Nawrocki, Emeritus Professor of Physiology in the University of Warsaw; Dr. Alexander Ebermann, author of various contributions to surgical literature and a leader in the movement for medical reform in Russia, aged 71; Dr. Dheilily, Professor of Internal Pathology in the Amiens School of Medicine; Dr. George Worth Woods, Retired Medical Director (Rear-Admiral) of the United States Navy, aged 64; Dr. Ferdinand Sommer, sometime Professor of Anatomy in the University of Greifswald, and author of numerous contributions to anatomical and zoological literature, aged 74; Dr. Otto Zinsmeister, Surgeon-in-Chief of the Troppan Hospital, whose death was due to infection during operation on a case of osteomyelitis, aged 42; and Ihsan Bey, Director of Studies in the Imperial School of Medicine, Constantinople, killed by six revolver shots in the open street in Stamboul for motives of private vengeance.

ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—WILLIAM TAIT, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital, July 7th; J. ALFRED M. PAGE, Staff Surgeon, to the *Hood*, July 8th; JEROME BARRY, M.D., Staff Surgeon, to the *Australia*, July 8th; HILARY C. ARATHOON, Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital, June 27th; HENRY W. M. REES, Surgeon, to the *Vivid*, June 27th.

Deputy Inspector-General JOHN LYON, M.D., retired, has been appointed Surgeon and Agent at Manchester, June 25th.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1900.

NOTWITHSTANDING the heavy strain on the headquarter staff of the Army Medical Service during the war, the annual medical report, vol. xlii, has been but little delayed.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE WAR.

The volume for 1900, the first year of the war, of course presents a number of disturbing factors in its statistics; for although those from South Africa are not given, being deferred until after the end of the war, yet the medical statistics of the army at large have been influenced by the course of events.

The disturbing factors may be broadly stated as follows: The calling up of the active Reserve; the formation of Reserve and Provisional Battalions; the embodiment of Militia

These should be such as would enable him to show that he had entirely cleared himself of the slanderous accusations which had been made against him, and that his character would not suffer in consequence.

The jury gave plaintiff £100 damages, with costs.
There can be no necessity for comment on this case. We hope Dr. Edwards will succeed in obtaining the £100 and his costs from the defendant. We congratulate him on the result of the action, which in self-defence he was compelled to bring into court, as by no other means could he satisfactorily establish the fallacious character of the charges made against him.

OBJECTIONABLE CIRCULARS.

We have received a pamphlet published by the Od Chemical Company of New York, entitled *Enuresis Diurna et Nocturna*, which appears to us to be in very bad taste and extremely objectionable. It contains a series of medical testimonials, several of which vaunt the merits of an American nostrum in cases of impotence and "presexility." The enterprising vendors who seek to recommend their wares by such literature are likely, in this country at least, to defeat their own purpose.

SCHOOL BOARD CERTIFICATES.

THE Worcester Daily Times of July 1st reports a meeting of the School Board at which the Clerk was authorised, in cases where it was thought necessary, to pay the medical practitioner 1s. for a certificate granted to a parent whose child was unable through illness to attend school. As the Board are in an absolutely safe position legally by not paying for any certificates, they will have to define the cases in which payment is thought necessary, and then if they are prepared to pay a doctor's fee they ought to offer a suitable remuneration, and as 6d. should be the minimum. The legal position of the Board is not quite clear in this arrangement, and the auditor possibly might have some objection to these payments. This, however, is not a medical question.

NEWSPAPER PUFFS.

R. M. W.—We agree with our correspondent in hoping that the paragraph has been inserted without the knowledge of the practitioner whose name is mentioned therein.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Degrees.—At Congregations on June 12th and 17th the following degrees were conferred: *M.D.*—O. K. Williamson, Trinity; W. B. Winton, Clare; J. M. Gardiner, Trinity Hall. *M.B.*—A. I. Simey, King's; H. V. Pryce, St. John's; H. R. Mayo and J. E. B. Snell, Caius; F. W. Hardy and G. H. Whale, Jesus; H. C. Brown, Emmanuel; G. H. Sedgwick, Sydney. *B.C.*—A. J. Simey, King's; H. V. Price, St. John's; H. R. Mayo, Caius; F. W. Hardy and G. H. Whale, Jesus. *M.B. and B.C.*—B. L. T. Barnett, St. John's; J. Barnicot, Pembroke; H. J. Stiff, Caius. *M.B. Only.*—H. Gordon-Smith, Trinity; B. Spearman and R. Spearman, Caius; F. E. Shipway, Christ's. *B.C. Only.*—F. Sanger, St. John's; G. F. Barham and F. G. Bowen, Caius.

From the "Order of Seniority" just published it appears that during the past academical year 21 persons took the degree of *M.D.*, 62 the degree of *M.B.*, and 69 the degree of *B.C.*

Dr. Donald MacAlister, St. John's, has been nominated as Assessor to the Regius Professor of Physic for the ensuing academical year.

Dr. W. H. R. Rivers, M.A., St. John's, has been re-appointed University Lecturer in Physiological and Experimental Psychology for a further period of five years.

The Raymond Horton-Smith Prize for the best *M.D.* Thesis of the year has been awarded to Evan Laming Evans, M.A., *M.D.*, Trinity.

Third Examination for Medical and Surgical Degrees.—Candidates have passed this Examination as under:—

Part I: H. W. Atkinson, M.A., Cai; E. A. A. Beck, M.A., Cla; W. V. Braddon, B.A., Trin. H.; W. H. Brailley, B.A., Queens; W. F. Buckle, B.A., Cai; H. N. Burroughes, B.A., Trin; R. Butterworth, B.A., Christ's; J. G. Cooper, Trin; H. A. Cutler, B.A., Cla; H. H. Dale, B.A., Trin; J. F. H. Dally, B.A., Joh; R. S. Drew, B.A., Pemb; G. G. Ellett, B.A., Cath; E. A. Ellis, B.A., Down; W. H. Fisher, B.A., Emm; J. E. Frere, B.A., Pemb; J. D. H. Freshwater, M.A., Trin; H. U. Gould, B.A., Trin; C. H. Gregory, B.A., Emm; T. Guthrie, B.A., King's; C. F. Hardie, B.A., Queen's; W. L. Harnett, B.A., Joh; E. T. Harris, B.A., Christ's; D. Holroyde, B.A., Trin; W. W. Holtzmann, B.A., Christ's; C. R. Howard, B.A., Pemb; B. Hudson, B.A., Cla; K. H. A. Kelle, B.A., Cai; F. S. Kidd, B.A., Trin; P. W. Leathart, B.A., Cla; H. D. Ledward, B.A., Trin; J. W. Mercer, B.A., Cla; C. R. Rickett, B.A., King's; T. St. Clair Smith, B.A., Trin. H.; J. E. Spicer, B.A., Trin; H. Statham, B.A., Christ's; J. M. Stenhouse, B.A., Sid. Suss; W. M. Strong, M.A., Trin; W. B. Swete Evans, B.A., Cla; H. T. Thompson, B.A., Christ's; J. M. Twentyman, B.A., Christ's; H. Wales, B.A., Sid. Suss; F. Whitaker, B.A., Trin; J. H. F. Wilgress, B.A., H. Selw; C. B. Worthington, B.A., Cai; G. A. Wright, Christ's.

Part II.—J. F. Alexander, B.A., Trin; J. A. Andrews, B.A., Joh; G. F. Barham, B.A., Cai; B. L. T. Barnett, M.A., Joh; J. Barnicot, B.A., Pemb; J. M. Bennion, B.A., Joh; L. Bousfield, B.A., Pemb; A. S. Bradley, B.A., Cai; H. C. Brown, B.A., Emm; H. S. D. Browne, B.A., Trin; C. V. Bulstrode, B.A., Trin; H. O. Butler, B.A., Emm; F. R. Carroll, B.A., Trin; H. H. Clarke, B.A., Trin; G. L. Crimp, B.A., Cai; A. F. Elliott, B.A., Emm; R. L. V. Foster, M.A., King's; G. D. Franklin, B.A., King's; E. H. Harrison, B.A., Cla; G. P. D. Hawker, B.A., Cai; J. P. Hedley, B.A., King's; H. T. Hodgkin, B.A., King's; W. W. Jeudwine, B.A., H. Selw; E. H. Kitchin, B.A., Down; A. P. Laycock, B.A., Joh; G. E. Loveday, B.A., Cai; J. McBryde, B.A., King's; J. C. Matthews, B.A., Down; F. D. Nicholson, B.A., King's; C. de C. Peller, M.A., Cla; B. B. Sapwell, B.A., Corp. Chr.; C. H. Sedgwick, B.A., Sid. Suss; F. E. Shipway, M.A.,

Christ's; H. J. Shone, B.A., Emm; J. E. B. Snell, B.A., Cai; B. Spearman, B.A., Cai; R. Spearman, B.A., Cai; H. H. Stiff, B.A., Cai; G. E. St. C. Stockwell, B.A., King's; B. L. Thurlow, B.A., Cai; G. H. L. Whale, B.A., Jes; G. R. Wilson, B.A., Trin; W. W. Wingate-Saul, M.A., Trin.

In *Pharmacology and General Pathology only.*—C. Akerman, B.A., Cai; W. Hastings, B.A., Christ's; G. G. Hirst, B.A., Cai; C. W. P. Moffatt, B.A., Cla; R. N. Poignand, B.A., Cai; R. E. Whitting, B.A., King's; R. G. Wills, B.A., Joh.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

Final Examination.—The following candidates have passed the Final Professional Examination for degrees in Medicine and Surgery:

I. *O.I. Regulations: M.B., C.M.*—Martha Georgina Cadell, L. A. Drake, E. J. Irving.

II. *New Regulations: M.B., Ch.B.*—Mary Agnew, R. G. Archibald, J. Arthur, A. K. Baxter, M. H. Beith, C. A. Bennett, B. Blacklock, W. Blackwood, G. S. Blandy, H. C. Bosenberg (with distinction), J. R. Bosman, E. A. Braine, G. B. Brand, J. G. Briggs, R. D. Brain, R. D. Brown, A. Browlie, G. G. Buchanan, H. H. Bullmore, D. M. Calender, E. Cameron, C. M. Campbell, J. S. Carey, D. G. Carmichael, J. C. G. Carmichael, G. F. Cavanagh, A. M. Caverhill, A. F. R. Conder, J. H. Connolly, P. T. Copeland (with distinction), A. P. Caskey, H. L. Cumming, M. Davies, F. I. Davison, Margaret Scott Dickson, J. Dommis, C. B. Drew, H. J. Dunbar, J. F. Duncan, J. Duncan, J. Dunlop, S. A. Ellerliem (with distinction), J. S. Elliot, S. C. Ellison, J. Fairbairn, A. N. Fell, D. C. L. Fitzwilliams, A. B. Flett, Agnes J. Gardner, S. Gilford, A. Gillespie, E. C. Gimsaw, D. T. Goll, T. Gowans, M. D. Gulland, J. F. Haegert, T. B. Hamilton (with distinction), D. J. Hamman, A. W. M. Harvey, A. W. Hallman, M. Holmes, C. H. Haughton, W. Hume, J. Hunter, E. C. Irvine, M. Johnston, J. M. Johnstone, H. Kerr, R. D. Kidd, J. Kirkwood (with distinction), H. A. Knight, W. E. Knight, H. Krasner, W. Landsborough, E. I. Leceane, Norah Lenwood, W. Lillico, A. W. B. Loudon, R. C. Low, J. G. McCaughy, W. F. Macdonald, W. M. Farlane, D. R. MacGregor, N. F. MacHardy, Isabel M. McHard, J. M. Maclean, E. Macmillan, R. P. McNeill, G. McNeill, W. E. Marshall, J. K. Matheson (with distinction), P. Matthews, J. Mayberry, E. L. Megnell, W. S. Milne, R. C. Monnington, J. H. Montgomery, S. A. Moore, J. Morrison, P. H. Mules, R. S. Munro, D. N. W. Murray, Charles Nelson, W. Newlands (with distinction), F. O'Neill, T. H. Osler, H. Overy, Sophie Palmer, A. E. Parker, J. H. H. Pirie, J. Politachi, E. J. Porteous, W. G. Porter, E. C. Prichard, Agnes M. Pringle, A. F. H. Ralaghati, J. A. Raehenheimer, J. J. Redhead, A. B. dos Remedias, H. H. Roberts (with distinction), J. S. E. Robertson, A. B. Ross (with distinction), T. W. E. Ross, A. J. Rouan, D. Sandler, J. S. Senell, A. A. G. Sharp, C. J. Shaw (with distinction), G. D. Sloan, M. M. Smart, W. F. Smeall, J. M. Smith, H. M. Stumble, D. Sutherland, H. P. Thompson, A. B. M. A. Thomson, G. C. Trotter, P. Vickers, J. F. Van de Senell de Villiers, B. P. Watson (with distinction), A. G. Waugh, J. Weir, Ada Wilkinson (with distinction), Mary Ruth Wilson, S. A. K. Wilson, E. E. Wood, R. T. Young.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

AN adjourned meeting of the Faculty of Medicine was held on Friday, June 20th, to continue the consideration of the report of the Board of Advanced Medical Studies containing recommendations as to the regulations for degrees in medicine. Mr. Butlin, the Dean of the Faculty, presided.

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.).

The report of the Board of Studies recommended that candidates for the degree of *M.D.* should have the option of submitting themselves for examination in any one of the following five branches of study: (1) Medicine, (2) State Medicine, (3) Pathology, (4) Mental Diseases, (5) Midwifery and Diseases of Women. This recommendation and the schemes of the examinations in each subject proposed by the Board of Studies were approved by the Faculty with one or two slight alterations. The Board recommended that candidates who had obtained distinction in the *M.B.*, *B.S.* examination, or who had held certain resident or other hospital appointments, or who had carried out a piece of approved original work, should be admitted to examination one year after they had obtained the Bachelor's degrees. Other candidates were required to produce certificates of further clinical study or professional practice covering periods varying from two to five years. The Faculty resolved to recommend that, with the exception of those who desired the privilege of obtaining the *M.D.* within one year of passing the *M.B.*, *B.S.* examination, candidates should not be required to produce certificates of further attendance upon clinical study, and that all candidates should be permitted to present themselves for the Doctor's degree within two years of obtaining the Bachelor's degrees. The Faculty agreed to recommend to the Senate that, as an alternative to examination, Bachelors of two years' standing desiring to obtain a Doctor's Degree in Medicine should be allowed to submit original contributions to the advancement of knowledge for the approval of the examiners, provided that the contribution related to one of the subjects of medical education subsequent to the preliminary sciences, and represented a real addition to the subject treated.

Master of Surgery (M.S.).

The Board's report recommended that from the examination for the *M.S.* degree the subject of psychology at present required should be omitted. It will be noticed that in the *M.D.* examination it is proposed that mental diseases and psychology should be one of the optional subjects of examination, and should not be obligatory upon all candidates as at present. The Faculty approved of these proposals. The Faculty also adopted a resolution regarding certificates of attendance upon clinical study and the interval between the final examinations similar to that agreed upon in the case of the *M.D.* regulations.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.

AN extraordinary Comitia was held at the College on Thursday, July 3rd, Sir William S. Church, Bart., K.C.B., in the chair.

The King's Illness.

The President referred to the special and sympathetic interest with which the Fellows had shared the general sorrow for the King's illness, and expressed the joy with which they hailed the growing assurance of His Majesty's complete recovery of health. The President also referred to the work of the Coronation Procession Committee, and stated that after payment of the contractors there would remain for distribution the sum of £122. The Committee suggested that, with the consent of the Fellows, this sum might be reserved as the nucleus of a fund for obtaining a portrait of H. M. the King, an Honorary Fellow of the College.

Upon the proposal of Sir Joseph Fayrer, seconded by Dr. Pavy, it was unanimously resolved that this proposal should be adopted.

The Death of Dr. Washbourn.

The President announced that, owing to the lamented death of Dr. Washbourn, the Croonian Lectures for the year would not be delivered, and spoke in feeling terms of Dr. Washbourn's personal charm and many gifts, and of the great loss that the College had sustained by his death. Dr. Pye-Smith also spoke in similar terms.

Lectures for 1903-4.

The following appointments were announced: Goulstonian Lecturer, 1903, Dr. Grünbaum; Lumsian Lecturer, 1903, Dr. T. R. Glynn (Liverpool); Croonian Lecturer, 1904, Dr. Rose Bradford.

Communications.

The following communications were received:

1. From the Dowager Lady Jenner, offering for the acceptance of the College a large silver vase presented to Sir William Jenner by the late Duke of Albany. Upon the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Senior Censor, it was resolved to accept the gift, and that there should be conveyed to Lady Jenner an expression of the gratitude of the Fellows and of the value they set upon this memorial of their late President.

2. From the Secretary of the College of Surgeons (May 22nd) reporting certain proceedings of their Council on May 8th.

3. From the same (June 16th) reporting further proceedings of the Council on June 12th; and conveying an invitation to the College to join them in appointing a Committee to decide whether any practicable scheme of common examinations can be arranged with the University of London for the degree of M.B. of the University and the diplomas of L.R.C.P. Lond. and M.R.C.S. Eng.

The following were nominated by the President to serve on such Committee: The President, the Registrar, Dr. Poore, Dr. Pye-Smith, Dr. Payne, Dr. Norman Moore, Dr. F. J. Taylor, Dr. Allchin, Dr. Kingston Fowler, Dr. F. J. Smith. It was decided to add to the Committee the name of Professor Clifford Allbutt.

Reports of Committees.

Reports dated June 2nd and 9th from the Committee of Management were received and adopted.

The Committee recommend that the Central Foundation Boys' School, Cowper Street, London, E.C., be added to the list of institutions recognised by the Examining Board in England for instruction in chemistry, physics, and practical chemistry.

The Committee have had under consideration a proposal for conducting Parts I and III of the first examination of the Examining Board (which must be passed during the first year of the curriculum) at some provincial centre as well as in London, and recommended that they be authorized to apply for permission to hold the examination at Owens College, Manchester, as being easily accessible to candidates from the Northern Provincial schools.

The Committee had also under consideration the revised regulations for the Matriculation Examination of the University of London and their bearing on the regulations of the Board relating to the Preliminary Examination to be passed by students before commencing their curriculum for the diplomas of L.R.C.P., and M.R.C.S., and recommended that the Certificate of Matriculation in the Medical Faculty of the University of London be accepted as fulfilling the requirements of the Board in regard to Preliminary Examination for the diplomas of L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S.

The Laboratories Committee reported that (a) the Superintendent of the Bacteriological Department reported that during April and May 7,750 doses of diphtheria antitoxin, each containing 3,000 units, had been supplied to the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, making a total of 23,250,000 units; (b) 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 its strength, sterility, and freedom from excess of antiseptic.

Fellowship.

The Registrar proposed the enactment for the second time of the following by-law: That Dr. Henry Carr Maudsley and Dr. William Camac Wilkinson, elected Fellows on April 24th, being resident in Australia, be admitted *in absentia*, any by-law to the contrary notwithstanding.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

AN Extraordinary Council was held on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1902, Sir Henry G. Howse, President, in the Chair.

The Conjoint Laboratories.

A report from a Special Committee appointed to consider the financial position of the Royal Colleges was adopted. This report, which was adopted also by the Royal College of Physicians on July 4th, deals with the lease of rooms in the Examination Hall and Laboratories for the classes of the Army Medical Department. The rooms to be leased consist of the Examination Chemical Laboratory, the four principal rooms on the lower floor of the Research Laboratories, the Library, and one room in the basement to be used as a cloakroom. The Army Medical Department will use the premises only for the purposes of a medical school, and for no other purpose without the consent of the Royal Colleges. The period of the lease is to be for three years at least, and may be continued subject to six months notice on either side.

The First Professional Examination.

The scheme prepared by the Committee of Management for holding the first professional examination in chemistry and biology in the North of England was approved, and the Committee was authorized to make arrangements with the consent of Owens College, Manchester, to hold the examination there in January next, and thenceforward at the usual quarterly periods.

PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

In seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 9,260 births and 4,384 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, July 5th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 15.0, 14.9, and 15.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further rose to 15.4 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 7.6 in Hornsey, 7.8 in Reading, 8.0 in Derby, 8.6 in Willesden, 9.2 in Smethwick and in Leicester, and 9.3 in Swansea to 10.7 in Sunderland, 20.0 in Tynemouth, 20.3 in Liverpool, 20.8 in Gateshead, 22.5 in Hanley, 22.9 in Wigan, 25.5 in St. Helens, and 25.7 in Middlesbrough. In London the rate of mortality was 15.1 per 1,000, while it averaged 15.5 in the seventy-five other large towns. The mean death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in the seventy-six large towns was 1.8 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was also equal to 1.8 per 1,000; in the seventy-five other large towns the highest death-rates from these diseases were 3.6 in Barrow-in-Furness, 4.0 in Leyton and in West Bromwich, 4.2 in Hanley, St. Helens, and Gateshead, 4.5 in South Shields, and 5.8 in Rhondda. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.4 in Plymouth, 1.6 in West Bromwich, 1.8 in Bury, 2.0 in Burton-on-Trent, 2.2 in Devonport, 2.7 in Barrow-in-Furness and in Rhondda, and 2.8 in Gateshead; scarlet fever of 1.1 in Birmingham, 1.6 in West Bromwich, and 2.4 in St. Helens; diphtheria of 1.1 in Oldham, 1.2 in Cardiff, 1.7 in Hanley, and 2.7 in Rhondda; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Aston Manor, 1.4 in Salford, 1.4 in Tynemouth, and 2.5 in Wigan and in South Shields; "fever" of 1.4 in Birkenhead and 2.0 in Leyton; and diarrhoea of 1.6 in Warrington and in West Hartlepool, and 2.0 in Stockton-on-Tees. Of the 16 fatal cases of small-pox registered last week, 13 belonged to London, and 1 each to Tottenham, Walthamstow, and Swansea. The number of small-pox patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had decreased from 1,515 to 837 on the ten preceding Saturdays, had further declined to 677 on Saturday, July 5th; 58 new cases were admitted during the week, against 157, 107, and 120 in the three preceding weeks. The number of scarlet fever cases in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospital at the end of the week was 2,432, against numbers increasing from 2,227 to 2,496 at the end of the seven preceding weeks; 256 new cases were admitted during the week, against 282, 378, and 276 in the three preceding weeks.

During the week ending Saturday, June 28th, 6,823 births and 4,293 deaths were registered in seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had declined from 16.5 to 14.9 per 1,000 in the four preceding weeks, increased again in that week to 15.1 per 1,000. Among these large towns the death-rates ranged from 6.5 in Wallasey, 7.6 in Bournemouth, 7.7 in Ipswich, 8.9 in Grimsby, 9.0 in Hornsey, 9.2 in Smethwick and in York, and 9.5 in Croydon to 18.8 in Manchester and in Barrow-in-Furness, 19.9 in Warrington, 20.0 in St. Helens, 21.4 in Merthyr Tydfil, 21.9 in Liverpool, 24.2 in Oldham, and 20.5 in Wigan. In London the rate of mortality was 14.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 15.4 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate in the seventy-six large towns from the principal infectious diseases was 1.7 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.6 per 1,000, while it averaged 1.7 in the seventy-five other large towns, among which the highest rates were 3.4 in Wigan, 3.5 in East Ham, 3.6 in Coventry and in Derby, 3.9 in Middlesbrough, 4.5 in Rhondda, 5.0 in Hanley, 5.3 in St. Helens, and 7.1 in Barrow-in-Furness. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.5 in Bradford, 1.7 in Bournemouth, 1.9 in Plymouth, 2.7 in Barrow-in-Furness, and 3.1 in Derby and in Rhondda; scarlet fever of 1.6 in Burnley; diphtheria of 1.2 in St. Helens and 2.9 in Coventry; whooping-cough of 1.2 in St. Helens, 1.4 in Norwich, 1.6 in Salford and in West Hartlepool, 1.7 in Middlesbrough, 2.0 in Leyton, and 3.6 in Barrow-in-Furness; "fever" of 1.2 in St. Helens; and diarrhoea of 1.3 in Willesden and 3.3 in Hanley. Of the 26 fatal cases of small-pox registered in the week ending June 28th, 17 belonged to London, 4 to West Ham, 2 to Tottenham, 2 to Swansea, and 1 to Bootle. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 837 small-pox patients on Saturday, June 28th, against numbers decreasing from 1,515 to 861 on the nine preceding Saturdays; 120 new cases were admitted during the week, against 188, 157, and 107 in the three preceding weeks. The number of scarlet fever patients in these hospitals and in the London Fever Hospitals, which had been 2,314, 2,347, and 2,450 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further risen to 2,496 at the end of the week; 276 new cases were admitted during the week, against 310, 282, and 378 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

The annual rate of mortality in eight of the principal Scotch towns which had been 19.3, 19.0, and 16.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, increased again to 19.2 during the week ending June 28th, and was 4.1 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. During the week under notice 904 births and 620 deaths were registered in these Scotch towns. The death-rates ranged from 15.9 in Leith and 17.8 in Aberdeen, to 25.0 in Greenock and 29.7 in Perth. The mean death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in these towns was 1.8 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Paisley and Perth. The 276 deaths registered in Glasgow included 3 from measles, 4 from scarlet fever, 3 from whooping-cough, and 7 from diarrhoea. Six fatal cases of measles, 2 of diphtheria, 4 of whooping-cough, 2 of "fever," and 4 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh. Two deaths from measles occurred in Dundee; 2 from diphtheria, 2 from whooping-cough, and 4 from diarrhoea in Aberdeen; 3 from measles and 2 from whooping-cough in Paisley; and 2 from whooping-cough in Perth.

MEDICAL NEWS.

AN Association for the succour of poor persons suffering from tuberculosis in Austria has been founded in Vienna.

THE first "family meeting" of Italian pathologists will be held at Turin on October 2nd. This new informal society already numbers 60 members.

THE total number of matriculated students in the University of Berlin in the current semester is 5,676, as against 5,101 in the corresponding period last year and 6,471 in the past winter. Of the whole number 1018 belong to the medical faculty.

NEW PASTEUR INSTITUTES IN FRENCH COLONIES.—Three new Pasteur institutes have recently been established in French colonies. One of these is at Saigon, another at Saint Louis in Senegal, and the third at Tananarivo. The Saigon Institute was founded in the first instance by Professor Calmette, of Lille. The director is Dr. Métin, well known for his researches on the serum treatment of dysentery.

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 Honorary Secretary, 21, Marlborough Road, Banbury.
- BELFAST:** MATER INFIRMORUM HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Physician, (2) Resident Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, 17, Crumlin Road, Belfast, by July 23rd.
- BIRKENHEAD UNION:** Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary, Workhouse, and Sanatorium. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, washing, and apartments. Applications, endorsed "Assistant Medical Officer," to be sent to the Clerk to the Guardians, 45, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead, by July 21st.
- BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL:**—(1) House Surgeon; (2) House-Physician. Appointments for six months, but (2) is eligible for re-election. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum each, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the House Governor by July 20th.
- BIRMINGHAM:** QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 23rd.
- BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND PRESTON DISPENSARY:**—Two House-Surgeons for the Northern and Western Branches, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications to the Assistant Secretary, 113, Queen's Road, Brighton, by July 21st.
- BRIGHTON:** SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Second House-Surgeon and Anaesthetist; unmarried and under 30 years of age. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Secretary.
- Bristol ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN:**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £130 per annum, with rooms and attendance. Applications, endorsed "House Surgeon," to be sent to the Secretary by July 18th.
- BURNLEY UNION:**—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, rations, and attendance. Applications on forms provided, to be sent to the Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Burnley, by July 17th.
- CAMBRIDGE:** ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary, 23, St. Andrew's Street, Cambridge, by September 20th.
- CHICHESTER INFIRMARY:**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 14th.
- CHORLEY:** RAWLIFFE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Honorary Secretary.
- CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL:** Gray's Inn Road.—House-Surgeon, non-resident. Honorarium at the rate of 40 guineas per annum. Applications to the Secretary.
- DEVONPORT:** ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried, and not under 32 years of age. Salary, £110 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications, on forms provided, to be sent to the Chairman of the Selection Committee by July 18th.
- DUBLIN:** MERCERS HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer.—Applications to the Registrar.
- EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN:** Shadwell, E.—Medical Officers for the Casualty Department. Appointment for six months, but renewable. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum, and luncheon. Applications to the Secretary by July 20th.
- FULHAM PARISH:**—Second Assistant Medical Officer at the Infirmary, St. Dunstan's Road. Appointment for six months. Salary, £28 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- GRAVESEND HOSPITAL:**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, 146, Milton Road, Gravesend.
- GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL:** Holloway, N.—Senior House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, on forms provided, to be sent to the Secretary by July 14th.
- HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN:** Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon, unmarried. Appointment for six months. Salary £20, washing allowance £2 10s., with board and residence. Applications, on forms provided, to be sent to the Secretary by July 15th.
- MULL ROYAL INFIRMARY:**—Casualty House Surgeon. Salary £30 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Chairman, House Committee.
- ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY ASYLUM:** Newport.—Locum Tenens. Salary, 3½ guineas per week. Applications to the Medical Superintendent.
- LANARK COUNTY COUNCIL:**—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary commencing at £140 per annum, with travelling expenses. Applications to the County Medical Officer, Hamilton, N.B., by July 18th.
- LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY:**—Resident Ophthalmic Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Secretary of the Faculty by July 16th.
- LIVERPOOL:** DAVID LEWIS NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—(1) Assistant House-Surgeon. Assistant House Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum, with residence and maintenance. (2) Honorary Anaesthetist. Applications to the Chairman by July 24th.
- LIVERPOOL INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITALS:**—Two Assistant Resident Medical Officers, unmarried, and not exceeding 35 years of age. Salary, £120 per annum each, with board, washing, and lodging. Applications, endorsed "Assistant Resident Medical Officer," to be sent to the Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Liverpool, by July 23th.
- LONDON OFFICE COUNCIL:**—Medical Officer for certain employees in City of London, Shoreditch, and Stepney. Applications to the Clerk of the Council, County Hall, Spring Gardens, S.W., by July 14th.

- LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL:** Liverpool Road, N.—(1) Physician, (2) Assistant-Physician. Applications to the Secretary by July 15th.
- LONDON HOSPITAL:** Whitechapel, E.—(1) Physician, (2) Assistant Physician. Applications to the House Governor for (1) by July 5th, and for (2) by July 22nd.
- LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE:** Mile End, E.—Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy. Salary, £90 per annum. Applications to the Warden by July 14th.
- LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL:** Hampstead Road, N.W.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Appointment for six months. Board, residence, and washing provided, and honorarium at the rate of 50 guineas per annum. Applications to the Secretary by July 17th.
- MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:** Pendlebury.—Medical Officer for the Dispensary. Salary, £130 per annum. Applications to the Secretary, Children's Dispensary, Gartside Street, Manchester, by July 16th.
- NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE:** CITY HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, rising to £150, with board, lodging, etc. Applications to the Medical Officer of Health, Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE:** ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Accident Room House-Surgeon. Appointment for three months, but eligible for re-election. Salary, £75 for three months, with board, residence, and washing. Applications to the Senior House-Physicians by July 19th.
- NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL:** Hart Hill, Stoke-upon-Trent.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Board, apartments, and washing provided, and honorarium of at least £25. Applications to the Secretary by July 25th.
- NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL:** Kentish Town Road.—Assistant Surgeon, must be F.R.C.S. Eng. Applications to the Secretary by July 25th.
- NOTTINGHAM CITY ASYLUM:**—Senior Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried, and not above 30 years of age. Salary, £200 per annum, with board, apartments, and washing. Applications to the Medical Superintendent by July 21st.
- NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY:**—Assistant Resident Surgeon; unmarried. Salary, £160 per annum, increasing £10 yearly, with furnished apartments, etc. Applications to the Secretary, Mr. M. I. Preston, Journal Chambers, Nottingham.
- QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL:** Marylebone Road, N.W.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Appointment for four months. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board, residence, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 14th.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND:**—(1) Member of the Court of Examiners; (2) Examiner in Dental Surgery. Applications to the Secretary by July 23d.
- ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON:** Leicester Square, W.C.—Curator to the Mechanical Department. Salary, £200 per annum. Applications to the Dean by July 23rd.
- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL:** Southwark.—House-Surgeon. Remuneration, 50 guineas per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Secretary by July 14th.
- ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:** Paddington, W.—Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary by July 18th.
- SHOREDITCH:** PARISH OF ST. LEONARD.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary. Salary, £150 per annum, with rations, furnished apartments, and washing. Applications, on forms provided, to be sent to the Clerk to the Guardians, 213, Kingsland Road, N.E., by July 14th.
- SHERWSDURY:** SALOP INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months, but eligible for re-election. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum, with board and apartments. Applications to the Secretary.
- SOUTHAMPTON:** ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—Junior House Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with rooms, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 24th.
- SOUTH SHIELDS:** INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WYTOE DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum, with residence, board, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 16th.
- STOCKPORT INFIRMARY:**—Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. Appointment for six months. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum, with board, washing, and residence. Applications to the Secretary by July 21st.
- STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL:**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Secretary by July 22nd.
- SWANSEA GENERAL AND EYE HOSPITAL:**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £75 per annum, with board, apartments, washing, and attendance. Applications to the Secretary by July 22nd.
- WEST LONDON HOSPITAL:** Hammersmith Road, W.—House-Surgeon. Board and lodging provided. Applications to the Secretary, Superintendent, by July 23rd.
- WESTON-SUPER-MARE HOSPITAL:**—House-Surgeon, unmarried. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to the Honorary Secretary by July 22nd.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

- ARNOLD:** Gilbert J., F.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.
- BELL:** Thomas, M.D. Glasg., M.S., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Shephed District of Leicestershire, and Medical Officer for the Shephed District of the Loughborough Union, vice G. G. Still, M.D. and. resigned.
- BRADFORD:** W. G. H., B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., appointed Medical Officer for the Brencley District, and Public Vaccinator of the Sixth and Seventh Districts of the Tonbridge Union.
- BUTLER:** Gilbert Edward, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for Zeehan, and Health Officer for Montagu, Tasmania, vice John Kennedy, M.D. Ire., resigned.
- COAKER:** F. W. J., F.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed District Medical Officer of the Bromsgrove Union.
- COLLIER:** James, B.Sc. Lond., M.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant Physician at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.
- DALTON:** Henry M. C., M.B., C.M. Glasg., appointed Government Medical Officer and Vaccinator at Murrumburrah, New South Wales, vice L. D. Parry, L.R.C.S., L.M. Edin., resigned.
- DAVES:** W. E. Llewellyn, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Mile End Old Town Infirmary.
- DOWNES:** G., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed District Medical Officer of the Royston Union.
- DUDLEY:** B. J., B.A. Cantab., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P., appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Greenwich Union Infirmary.
- DUNN:** J. E., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed District Medical Officer of the Preston Union.
- EVERS:** Chas., Henry, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the No. 6 District of the Morpeth Union.
- FALVEY:** C. H., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ire., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Ardara District of Donegal.
- FAULDS:** Basil, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Visiting Medical Officer to the Carrington Convalescent Hospital, Camden, New South Wales, vice G. L. Bell, M.B., Ch B. Melb., resigned.
- FROGGATT:** George M., M.B., B.S. Durh., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Bolton General Infirmary.
- HAWTHORNE:** C. O., M.D. Glasg., M.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Lecturer on Forensic Medicine in the London School of Medicine for Women.
- HEWLETT:** H. M., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Honorary Assistant Pathologist to the Benevolent Asylum, Melbourne.
- HILL:** Alfred William, M.D. Brux., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Ear and Throat Department of the Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.

HOLCROFT, W. F. L. Austen, M.R.C.Ch.Fdlin., appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Second and Fifth Districts of the South Molton Union, Devon.
 HORTON, Thomas, M.D., B.S.Durh., M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Surgeon to the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.
 JEFFERISS, Iain, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed First Assistant Medical Officer to the Hendon Sick Asylum.
 LAWSON, T. C., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed District Medical Officer of the Clun Union.
 LEE, R., M.B., R.Ch.B.U.I., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Cardiff Union.
 LISTER, Thos. D., M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Assistant Physician to the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Hampstead and Northwood.
 MERCER, A., M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed District Medical Officer of the Bolton Union.
 MORGAN, W. E., M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Medical Officer of the Camberwell Union.
 O'BRIEN, M. J., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Irel., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Mountmellick District of Queen's County.
 PEATING, A. V., B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Caraballion Cottage Hospital.
 PUGHAS, Frederick Maurice, M.B., M.S.Édin., appointed Health Officer for the Port of Kaipara, vice J. Christy Smith, resigned.
 RANDRELL, Alan E., M.B., B.S.Melb., appointed Officer of Health, Melville, Western Australia.
 STEWART, John, L.K.Q.C.P., L.R.C.S.Irel., appointed Medical Officer of Health at Hamilton, Tasmania.
 THOMAS, W. M., M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed District Medical Officer of the Liskeard Union.
 THOMSON, W. Ernest, M.A., M.D., F.F.P.S.Glasg., appointed Ophthalmic Physician to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital.
 WATERS, J., L.S.A., appointed District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Cusford Union.
 WILKIN, G. C., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed District Medical Officer of the Towcester Union.
 WINTERBOTHAM, R., M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed District Medical Officer of the Brixworth Union.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.

University of London Physiological Laboratories, South Kensington, 5 p.m.—Dr. Waller: The Signs of Life.

WEDNESDAY.

University of London Physiological Laboratories, South Kensington, 5 p.m.—Dr. Leonard Hill: The Physiology of Respiration.

Society for the Study of Disease in Children, Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., 6.30 p.m.—Annual General Meeting, followed at 7.30 p.m. by the Annual Dinner, Dr. Henry Ashby (Manchester) presiding.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

Charing Cross Hospital, Thursday, 4 p.m.—Pathological Demonstration.
 Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Lecture on Emphysema.
 Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., Thursday, 4 p.m.—Demonstration of Diseases of the Kidneys in Children.
 Medical Graduates' College and Polytechnic, 23, Chenies Street, W.C., Demonstrations will be given at 4 p.m. as follows:—Monday, skin; Tuesday, medical; Wednesday, surgical; Thursday, surgical; Friday, throat.
 National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C., Tuesday, 8.30 p.m.—Lecture.
 West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W., Lectures will be delivered at 5 p.m. as follows:—Monday: Medical Anatomy and Physical Diagnosis. Tuesday: Methods and Significance of Examination of the Blood. Wednesday: The Varieties and Treatment of Ocular Injuries. Thursday: Treatment of Injuries. Friday: Acute Intestinal Obstruction.
 Westminster Hospital, S.W., Tuesday, 4.30 p.m.—Demonstration of Cases from the Out-patient Department.

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 orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

AUSTIN-ROBINSON.—On June 8th, at the Sanatorium, Durban, Natal, Dr. Lilian, wife of F. Austin-Robinson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., of a daughter.
 ALLISON.—On the 5th inst., at 23, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of T. M. Allison, M.D., of a son.
 BOWKER.—July 6th, at 11, North Parade, Bath, the wife of George E. Bowker, M.B., C.M.Édin., of a daughter.
 DUFFY.—On July 2nd, at 54, Khedive Road, Forest Gate, Essex, the wife of P. J. Duffy, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., of a daughter.
 HALL.—On July 6th, at 942, Glossop Road, Sheffield, the wife of Arthur Hall, M.A., M.B.Cantab., M.B.C.P., of a son.
 MAIN.—On June 25th, at Brook House, Bollington, Cheshire, the wife of D. W. Main, M.B., Ch.B., of a son.
 STABB.—On July 2nd, at 57, Queen Anne Street, W., the wife of Ewen C. Stabb, F.R.C.S., of a son.
 STEVENSON.—At Southall, Middlesex, on the 27th June, the wife of Walter Brodie Stevenson, M.B.C.S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CHIRKE-TURCAN.—At Roseburn United Free Church, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, July 8th, by the Rev. David Somerville, D.D., uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. James Harvey, M.A., and the Rev. Thomas Crerar, M.A., George Loyal Chirke, M.B., F.R.C.S.Édin., to Elaine Somerville, youngest daughter of Charles Jameson Turcan, 33, Royal Terrace, Edinburgh. At home, 23, Alva Street, 8th, 9th, and 10th October.
 RUSBY-WRIGHT.—On the 3rd inst., at St. John the Divine, Kennington, by the Rev. Canon Brooke, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. E. A. Downe, M.A., and the Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A., Edward Lionel Mapherson, Rusby, M.B.Lond., M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., late C.I.V., and Civil Surgeon, South African Field Force, of Briton, youngest son of the late James Rusby, F.R.Hist.Soc., of Somerset House, London, W.C., and Primrose Hill, N.W., to Katharine Helen, second daughter of George Wright, Inspector of Taxes, Somerset House, and 61, Knatchbull Road, Myatt's Park, S.E.

DEATHS.

RITCHIE.—At Braeside, Shawlands, Glasgow, on June 17th, Andrew Ritchie, M.D., J.P., sometime Provost of Pollokshaws.
 WOODHOUSE.—On June 11th, at Ambrose, Rusholme Road, Putney, Thomas James Woodhouse, M.D., F.R.C.S.Lond., for thirty-six years Visiting Medical Officer to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney, in his 69th year. Deeply regretted.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO
CORRESPONDENTS.

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QUERIES.

FORCEPS asks for advice as to the best local application for psoriasis of 5 years' duration affecting knees and extensor surfaces of legs.

DR. T. GARRETT HORDER (Cardiff) asks for any information respecting the sale of proprietary or patent medicines in Germany, France, and Italy. References to any papers that have been published on the subject will also be welcome.

INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR CRIPPLED BOY.

WALES wishes to hear of a home where a boy, aged 12, with congenital spastic paraplegia could be taught a trade. The upper extremities are not affected and the boy is all right mentally, but uneducated.

** Our correspondent might apply to the Secretary of the National Industrial Home for Crippled Boys, Wright's Lane, Kensington, W.

PROSTATIC ENLARGEMENT: PRURITUS.

COUNTRY DOCTOR asks for suggestions in the treatment of a man, aged 75, who has complete retention of urine from prostatic enlargement, needing self-catheterization every four or five hours. He complains of severe itching and burning, especially just before and after each catheterization over the sacrum and the inner side of the thighs and pubes, and the parts are in a dry erythematous state. The urine is sweet, the tongue clean, and temperature normal. Our correspondent has tried washing out bladder with boric acid, and has tried boric acid, bromides, quinine, opium suppositories, and lotions of carbolic, carbonic detergents, and ung. zinc. & acid. carbol.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY IN VACCINATION.

J. F. asks: What conditions are to be fulfilled in order to obtain a certificate of proficiency in vaccination as required for the office of public vaccinator and by whom can such a certificate be granted?

** The applicant must attend a course of instruction given by one of the vaccinators authorized to give certificates of proficiency in vaccination. Certain of these gentlemen, however, are authorized to give certificates, after satisfactory examination, to persons whom they have not themselves instructed. A list will be found in Churchill's *Medical Directory*, p. 43.

STRAINS OF VACCINE LYMPH.

KET asks whether there is at the present time any vaccine lymph in use and obtainable the original source of which from the cow, and pedigree of which lymph down to the present time are known?

** It is, we believe, the custom of vaccine lymph manufacturers to keep careful record of the pedigree of lymph used. Probably in the majority of cases the lymph used to vaccinate a new series of calves has at some time been passed through the human. But we understand that certain lymph manufacturers have strains of lymph derived originally from natural cow-pox, and since carried uninterruptedly from calf to calf. We know of an instance in which an outbreak of natural cow-pox this year has been utilized to start a strain of lymph of this kind.

CHOICE OF A MICROSCOPE.

MICROSCOPE asks for advice in purchasing a microscope for pathological and bacteriological work, the cost not to exceed about £22.

** A number of makers and agents in this country supply microscopes which would meet our correspondent's requirements, and we feel some difficulty in recommending any particular makers. We have asked the opinion of an experienced microscopist, and we publish the following note from him as an indication to our correspondent of the kind of apparatus which he will require: "I should recommend a Leitz stand, fitted with Zeiss's objectives and eye-pieces. The best form of Leitz stand is that known as r b, and preferably that with the Abbé condenser, worked by a lateral vertical worm screw. Such a stand costs about £7, and is adapted to bacteriological as well as other work. To the triple nose-piece Zeiss's achromatic objectives A, D, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oil-immersion should be fitted. These objectives will cost about £11. This