

Association Intelligence.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be holden in Canterbury, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of July.

President—C. RADCLIFFE HALL, M.D.,
F.R.C.P.L. and E., Torquay.

President-elect—ALFRED LOCHÉE, M.D.,
F.R.C.P. Lond., Canterbury.

The Meetings of the Association will take place at St. George's Hall.

TUESDAY, July 23rd.

1 P.M. Meeting of Committee of Council in the Reading Rooms, St. George's Hall.

2.30 P.M. Meeting of the General Council of the Association at the Reading Rooms, St. George's Hall.

7 P.M. First General Meeting of the Association at St. George's Hall. The retiring President will make a few remarks. The new President will deliver an Address. The Report of Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

WEDNESDAY, July 24th.

8.30 A.M. Public Breakfast at the Corn Exchange.

10 A.M. Meeting of the Members of the new Council.

11 A.M. Second General Meeting of Members. The Address in Medicine will be delivered by W. O. MARKHAM, M.D., of London. Papers and Cases will be read. The Meeting will adjourn at One, and reassemble at Two P.M., when the Report of the Benevolent Fund will be read.

8 P.M. *Soirée*. By the kind invitation of the Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury, this Meeting will take place at the Deanery.

THURSDAY, July 25th.

11 A.M. Third General Meeting of Members. The Address in Surgery will be delivered by GEORGE HOFFMANN, Esq., of Margate. Papers and Cases will be read.

6 P.M. Dinner at the Corn Exchange. Tickets One Guinea each.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner, are requested to send notice, as early as possible, to ROBERT TASSELL, Esq., St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

Members are requested to enter, on arrival, their names and addresses in the Reception Room, St. George's Hall; where cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the Proceedings, and contain such information as may be useful to those who are strangers to the city.

Members who wish for previous information may communicate with ROBERT TASSELL, Esq., St. Margaret's, Canterbury.

It is particularly requested that all Members who propose to read Papers, will communicate with the General Secretary without delay. Papers are promised by Spencer Wells, Esq. (Treatment of Ovarian Dropsy); P. C. Price, Esq. (On the Treatment of Certain Diseases of the Larger Joints by the Operation of Excision in preference to Amputation: and the Results which follow); William Martin, Esq. (Special Hospitals); George Rigden, Esq. (The Meteorology of Canterbury, in Relation to Vital Phenomena); Dr. B. W. Richardson (On the Various Forms of Cardiac Apnoea); E. Lund, Esq. (Case in which a piece of Ivory was removed from the Bladder, with Remarks); I. B. Brown, Esq. (Vesico-Vaginal

Fistula, illustrated by Cases and Diagrams); Soelberg Wells, Esq. (Illustrations of the Beneficial Effects of Iridectomy in Glaucoma); J. C. S. Jennings, Esq. (On the Resuscitation of Drowned Persons); Dr. T. Lewis (A New Form of Spirometer); A. B. Steele, Esq. (Remarks on Club-Practice); W. Webber, Esq. (Remarks on Amputation, etc.); Dr. Gibb (Bleeding from the Ears in Hooping-Cough; and Diseases and Injuries of the Hyoid Bone).

A First Class Special Train will leave Canterbury for London, on Thursday, the 25th, at 9.15 P.M., stopping at Ashford and Tunbridge. All Return Tickets will be available for this Special Train.

Among the principal Hotels, are—the Fountain; the Rose; the Fleur-de-Lys; and the Freemasons'.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

Worcester, June 15th, 1861.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

THE Committee of Council will meet in St. George's Hall, Canterbury, on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, at One P.M.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

Worcester, July 16th, 1861.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Philosophical Institution, Park Street, Bristol, on Wednesday, 10th July, 1861. The chair was first taken by JOHN SODEN, Esq., President for the past year. Thirty-four members and five visitors were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

New Members. The following gentlemen were elected members of the Branch:—Wm. F. Bennett, Esq. (Devizes); George D. Freeman, Esq. (Bath); John Fitzpatrick, M.D. (Bath); and C. H. Fox, M.D. (Brislington).

Mr. SODEN thanked the members, and resigned the chair to J. G. SWAYNE, M.D., the President for 1861-2, who delivered an address, which has been sent for publication in the JOURNAL.

Report of Council. The Bristol Secretary read the following report:—

"In presenting their annual report of the proceedings of the past year, the Council regret to have to record the unusual loss by death of no fewer than five members of our Branch, viz., Mr. Norman, Mr. Clark, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Kay, and Mr. Rendell; of whom two had occupied the presidential chair.

"Mr. Norman was one of the original members and founders of the Association; and as evidence of the esteem and respect in which he was universally held, we may mention that he enjoyed the honour of being President of the Association in the year 1848, and was twice President of our own Branch.

"Mr. Clark was also one of our earliest members, and President in the year 1853. Like Mr. Norman, he was ever remarkable for the great interest he took in our proceedings, and his constant attendance and assistance at our discussions; and for the general respect in which he was held by all classes in his native city.

"Mr. Wilson was formerly for many years a zealous members of our Branch, a frequent and valuable contributor at our meetings.

"During the year 4 members have resigned. This large numerical loss is, however, compensated by the accession of 12 new members, the society at present numbering 132; and your Council may offer their customary congratulations upon the prosperous state of the Branch.

"The attendance at the ordinary meetings has been unusually large; and their general interest has been shewn by the instructive and lively discussions which have followed the reading of the papers.

"The following papers and cases have been communicated:—

"Delirium Tremens. By E. L. Fox, M.D.

"Alcoholic Treatment of Wounds. By A. Prichard, Esq.

"Tubercular Meningitis. By W. R. Hill, M.D.

"Eupatorium Nervosum. By T. Godfrey, Esq.

"Disease of the Liver. By S. Martyn, M.D.

"Morbid Anatomy of Tubercle; and Value of Cod-liver Oil in Phthisis. By W. R. Hill, M.D.

"Renal Calculi. By J. Soden, Esq., and W. Budd, M.D.

"Gangrene of the Thigh. By J. Soden, Esq.

"Life Assurance Societies and Suicide. By J. G. Davey, M.D.

"Arm Presentation with Exomphalos. By J. G. Swayne, M.D.

"Popliteal Aneurism. By A. Prichard, Esq.

"Memoir of the late Mr. Norman. By W. Davies, M.D.

"Diphtheria. By W. Budd, M.D., and J. G. Davey, M.D.

"Injury of the Head. By T. Godfrey, Esq.

"Nearly all of these papers have been published in the JOURNAL.

"Your Council desire again to lay before the Branch the claims of the Medical Benevolent Fund and Medical Benevolent College, being assured that all who can do so will feel it a pleasure and privilege to contribute to the support of these excellent institutions.

"The members elected to fill the vacancies in the local council are:—For Bath: W. Davies, M.D.; T. J. Stockwell, Esq.; W. Bush, Esq.; R. W. Falconer, M.D.; J. Tunstall, M.D. For Bristol: T. Green, Esq.; A. Prichard, Esq.; W. F. Morgan, Esq.; C. Leonard, Esq.; C. Smerdon, Esq.; J. G. Davey, M.D.

"The meeting will have to choose by ballot six representatives of the Branch for the General Council. The retiring members are Dr. Budd, Mr. Prichard, Mr. Norman, Dr. Davies, Dr. Davey, and Mr. Collins, who are eligible for re-election. It is advisable, as far as possible, to elect those members who may probably attend the general annual meeting.

"The Council regret that the services of Mr. Henry Ormerod as Bristol Secretary are lost to the Branch, in consequence of his removal to Westbury. It will be incumbent on the meeting to elect a successor; and the Council beg to recommend Dr. Henry Marshall of Clifton for appointment to the vacant office."

The following is the Branch financial statement:—

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, Balance in hand - - -	4	9	4
Dec. 31, 117 subscriptions - - -	14	17	6
	19	6	10
	14	18	10

Balance in hand - - - - - 4 8 0

EXPENDITURE.

Postages, stationery, printing, and parcel -	7	8	10
Secretary's expenses to Council meetings at Birmingham - - -	2	13	0
York House and White Lion bills - - -	4	12	0
Paid porter at Bath General Hospital - - -	0	5	0

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Dr. BEDDOE proposed, Mr. CLARKE seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:—"That the report and financial statement now read be adopted."

Representatives in the General Council. The following gentlemen were elected to represent the Branch in the General Council:—J. S. Bartrum, Esq. (Bath); W.

Budd, M.D. (Bristol); W. J. Church, Esq. (Bath); J. G. Davey, M.D. (Northwoods); C. Leonard, Esq. (Bristol); and A. Prichard, Esq. (Bristol).

Election of Officers. The following gentlemen were elected:—*President-Elect*—W. J. Church, Esq.; *Bath Secretary*—R. S. Fowler, Esq.; *Bristol Secretary*—Henry Marshall, M.D.

Votes of Thanks were carried to the Retiring President, to the Council and Secretaries, and to the Committee of the Institution, for kindly allowing the use of the room.

The JOURNAL. Mr. BARTRUM proposed, and Dr. BUDD seconded:—"That the members of the Bath and Bristol Branch of the British Medical Association regard with great satisfaction the marked improvement which has characterised the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL since it has been edited by Dr. Markham."

Carried unanimously.

The annual dinner was given at the White Lion.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the County Hospital, Huntingdon, on Wednesday, July 10th. Fifty gentlemen were present. Dr. Paget of Cambridge vacated the chair to MICHAEL FOSTER, Esq., the President-elect, who delivered an address, which has been received for publication.

Resolutions. The accompanying resolutions were passed.

1. Proposed by Dr. HOOPER, seconded by Mr. CRIBB—"That the meeting of this Branch of the Association be held at Saffron Walden next year; and that F. Welsh, Esq., be requested to act as President."

2. Proposed by Dr. PINCHARD, seconded by Mr. NEWTON—

"That the President, the President-elect, and the retiring President, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Carter, and the Secretary, be elected the Council of the Branch for the ensuing year."

3. Proposed by Dr. WARD, seconded by Mr. HEMMING—

"That the President and the President-elect be the representatives of the Branch in the General Council of the Association during the ensuing year."

Communications. The following communications were made.

1. Mr. HEMMING of Kimbolton detailed and exhibited a case of Atrophy of the Scapulo-Thoracic Muscles.

2. Dr. PINCHARD of Cottenham related some cases of Unusual Presentation of the Fœtus in Labour.

3. Dr. T. J. WALKER of Peterborough exhibited and explained the uses of the Laryngoscope, and kindly demonstrated in his own person, by its means, the action of the chordæ vocales, and showed the other parts of the larynx, the pharynx, the Eustachian tubes, and the posterior nasal openings. All the gentlemen present had an opportunity of clearly and deliberately examining these several parts, and of appreciating the assistance to diagnosis that may be derived from the use of the instrument.

4. Dr. M. FOSTER of Huntingdon, and Dr. WALKER, sen., of Peterborough, each related a case and showed a specimen of Extra-Uterine Gestation.

5. The PRESIDENT related a case of Diabetes.

The members, having been most hospitably entertained at luncheon by Dr. Ward, then visited Hinchinbrook House, the seat of the Earl of Sandwich, and formerly the residence of the Cromwells. They afterwards dined together at the hotel, and took coffee at the house of the President, where the Rev. Mr. Fell showed various relics of Oliver Cromwell.

except one, had had communication in some way or another with the family first attacked by the disease.

I am not aware of the difference between Beaufoy's solution of chlorinated soda and that of the London *Pharmacopœia*; however, they both seem equally effective. I quite agree with Dr. W. Budd in thinking that this plan of treating diphtheria is "potent to save life," if used in an early stage of the disease; and I am bound to add, that none of my cases had assumed a malignant form before they were under treatment with the chlorinated solution, but the fatal cases presented the same appearances in their early stage as the others. I had never heard of this method of treatment, or seen it advocated, until Dr. Budd's paper appeared in the JOURNAL.

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T. J. FEATHERSTONE.

Golden Valley, Alfreton, Derbyshire, June 12, 1861.

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On July 11th, the following licentiates were admitted:—

Garnham, Devereux John, Lowestoft, Suffolk
Langworthy, William Froude, Modbury, Devonshire
Tanner, Richard Canning, Painswick, Gloucestershire
Winstanley, Clement, Exeter

APPOINTMENTS.

POWER, John H., M.D., elected Professor of Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, in the room of the late Dr. Porter.
***PRICE, Peter C., Esq.**, elected Assistant-Surgeon to King's College Hospital.

SMITH, Henry, Esq., elected Assistant-Surgeon to King's College Hospital.

STREATFIELD, John F., Esq., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Eye Infirmary, University College Hospital.

ROYAL ARMY. The following appointments have been made:—

GARDNER, Assistant-Surgeon T. T., 1st Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon 90th Foot, *vice* McCarthy.
MCCARTHY, Assistant-Surgeon F. T., 90th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon 23rd Foot, *vice* Saunders.

ROYAL NAVY. The following appointments have been made:—

SECCOMBE, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Cambridge*.
MC SWINEY, John, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Sanspareil*.
LLEWELLYN, Owen J., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Intrepid*.

VOLUNTEER CORPS. The following appointments have been made (A.V.=Artillery Volunteers; R.V.=Rifle Volunteers):—

BATCHELOR, W., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Surrey A.V.
DOWNING, F., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 27th Corps Kent R.V.
JOHNSTONE, W., Esq., to be Surgeon Administrative Battalion of Shirlingshire R.V.
SHEPHERD, J., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 6th Glamorganshire R.V. (in place of 9th, as stated last week).
STEPHENS, A., Esq., to be Surgeon 80th Lancashire R.V.

To be Honorary Assistant-Surgeons:—

HEMPHILL, J. P., Esq., 71st Lancashire R.V.
LEETE, C. L., Esq., 12th Gloucestershire R.V.

BIRTHS.

MARTYN. On July 12th, at Bristol, the wife of *Samuel Martyn, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BRODIE. On July 16th, at Broome, Betchworth, aged 64, Anne, wife of Sir Benjamin C. Brodie, Bart.

EMPSON. On July 6th, at Selby, aged 22, Alice, wife of Charles F. Empson, Esq., Surgeon.

GARBETT. On July 14th, at Hartley, near Winchester, aged 46, Mary, wife of Mark B. Garrett, Esq., Surgeon, of Colet Place.

HENRY. On July 10, at Haffeld, Ledbury, aged 23, Mary, daughter of William C. Henry, M.D.

MEYER. On July 9th, at Tooting, aged 18, Caroline Elizabeth, eldest daughter of John Meyer, M.D.

SNELL. On July 16th, at 3, Artillery Place, aged 38, Mary Ann, wife of Edward Snell, Esq., Surgeon.

SOMERS, Henry, M.D., Surgeon 55th Regiment, in London, on July 6

STONE, Charles James, Esq., Surgeon, aged 25, on July 16.

THORP. On July 11th, in London, Johnson Thorp, Esq., second son of the late R. Disney Thorp, M.D.

VERNER, Edward D., M.D., late of the Royal Artillery, in Piccadilly, aged 67, on July 9.

NAVAL MEDICAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUND SOCIETY BILL. This bill has passed through committee.

VACCINATION BILL. This bill has been read a third time in the House of Commons and passed.

POPULATION OF SPAIN. According to the last census, the population of Spain, exclusive of her colonies, amounted to 15,688,000 souls.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. On Wednesday evening the College of Physicians gave a very successful *soirée* to a numerous circle of notabilities.

THE LATE SULTAN. According to the *Levant Herald*, the cause of the death of the Sultan Abdul Medjid was dropsy, aggravated by a severe and violent diarrhoea.

BARON WESTBURY. The new Lord Chancellor is the son of a physician of Bradford, and afterwards of Bristol, at which former place Sir R. Bethell was born on June 30th, 1800.

COOKED MEAT FOR THE LABOURING CLASSES. A great cooking dépôt has recently been opened in Glasgow for the sale of food at a remarkably cheap rate, and has become an extensive affair. The shops and saloons now number six. During one week the number of rations sold and consumed amounted to upwards of 20,000.

INDIAN ARMY UNIFORM. There is to be a new uniform for the whole native Indian army; to consist of a tunic without collar, leaving the neck bare, a pair of loose trousers, gaiters, and a newly-invented turban. It is thought that this uniform would be admirably suited for the European soldiery in India.

BARRACKS. There is hardly a barrack in the United Kingdom, says a morning paper, suitable for the habitation of troops, and hardly a hospital in which a sick soldier has a chance of recovery. It is not that barracks have been generally built in unhealthy situations; the great defect is in the internal arrangement, and this is exaggerated by systematic overcrowding.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. The examination for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in this University terminated on Thursday afternoon. The examination for honours in connexion with the same degree will commence on Tuesday next, the subjects in which candidates will be tested being mathematics and mechanical philosophy, arithmetic, geometry, trigonometry, conics, Latin, French, and German.

THE MEDICAL ACT. A compliment paid to this Act is so rare, that we cannot but note it. "The Act of Parliament," said Chief Justice Lefroy, "under consideration, the 21st and 22nd of the Queen, was deserving of what, with all deference to the Legislature, he might say was a rare compliment; namely, that it had been drawn with peculiar accuracy and care."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON. At Sessions of Council on the 6th and 13th inst., shares in the College, with the title of Fellow, were conferred, amongst others, on the following former students, who had taken degrees with honours at the University of London:—Frederick James Brown, M.D., Henry Thompson, M.B., and Joseph Lister, M.B., Fellows in Medicine.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM. The munificent sum of £300 has been presented by Mr. Sands Cox, the Dean of the Faculty, towards liquidating the temporary difficulties of the Queen's College, Birmingham. Liberal donations, with the same object, have also been received from the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, Lord Leigh, the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl of Dartmouth, the Earl of Clarendon, etc.

THE CENSUS OF IRELAND. The returns of the Irish census for 1861 are given in the Dublin papers of yesterday. It appears that the population of Ireland on the 8th of April last, the day on which the census was taken, was 5,764,543, which shows an absolute decrease of population, compared with the census of 1851, of 787,842, or about 12 per cent.; compared with 1841, the decrease is 2,410,581, or 36 per cent.

A "CUNNING MAN" IN THE COMMONS' HOUSE. In a recent discussion on the Compulsory Vaccination Bill, Mr. Coningham was of opinion that the State had no right to interfere in the mode proposed by the Government. The names of medical men of eminence, he observed, had been quoted by a previous speaker in support of his views; but the saying, "There is nothing like leather," might be applicable to the medical as well as to other professions.

SOCIETY OF ARTS. This Society at its late annual meeting awarded its Silver Medals to the following gentlemen, viz.:—Dr. Edward Smith, for two papers on Alcohol and Tea; Mr. A. K. Isbester, for a paper on the Hudson's Bay Territories; Mr. Alex. Redgrave, for a paper on Textile Manufactures; Dr. Mulligan, for a paper on Tasmania; Mr. Charles Ledger, for the introduction of the Alpaca into Australia; Mr. F. Joubert, for a New Process in Photography.

THE SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS. Active preparations are being made for the meeting next August in Dublin. A feature will be the consideration of subjects connected with the social employment of women, and how improvements in their condition can be effected through the exertions and influence of ladies. Miss Bessie Rayner Parkes and Miss Isa Craig are in personal communication with many benevolent ladies. Lord Brougham and M. Michel Chevalier may be expected to attend.

WOMEN-NURSES. The United States Secretary of War has addressed a letter to the Surgeon-General, expressing his view of the propriety and proper plan of employing the services of women as nurses in the Military Hospitals; and as the Secretary announces his opinion upon this subject after full conference with the Sanitary Committee from New York, there can be no doubt that the spirit of the War Department is in perfect harmony with that of the Army Sanitary Commission, which has just commenced its sessions at Washington.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE INSTITUTION. With the view of carrying out the objects of the Institution, the Committee have purchased the building known as Dee's Royal Hotel, in Temple Row, Birmingham, for the sum of £5,500. The hotel contains fifty bedrooms. The commodiousness of the premises purchased will enable the committee to add considerably to the number of beds for in-patients, and to provide larger and more convenient rooms for the out-patient department. To enable them to complete the purchase, and to furnish the additional wards required, the committee rely upon a generous public for additional aid and support. During the past year 3,992 out-patients have been relieved at the Institution, exclusive of a considerable number of accidents and urgent cases, which have been relieved without tickets; and 277 patients have been admitted into the Wards of the Charity.

NEW SAFETY LAMP. The *Mining Journal* says: "We have already referred to an improved safety lamp, invented by Mr. T. Y. Hall, of Newcastle; and, from the known practical experience of the inventor, we shall take the earliest opportunity to publish the details of the invention. By providing the lamp with a wick and burner, which enables paraffine of similar hydrocarbons to be burned instead of common oil, he obtains a light so much more powerful that he can employ a considerably finer gauze, or, where extra safety and strength are required, two gauzes, one within the other, and, con-

sequently, render the lamp safer than ordinary lamps, where, on account of the dimness of the light, the gauze is required to be of a coarse mesh. The arrangement for burning the paraffine oil differs but slightly from that adopted in connection with domestic lamps, but the air to support combustion can only reach the flame after passing through well-protected orifices."

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A LUNATIC IN HANWELL ASYLUM. The Commissioners in Lunacy have instituted a preliminary investigation at Whitehall, in reference to the death of an insane inmate in Hanwell Lunatic Asylum. The death occurred on the 29th ultimo, as was at first stated by the resident medical officer from bronchitis, but which afterwards proved to be from fractured ribs and other injuries, received under mysterious circumstances. At an adjourned coroner's inquiry, concluded on Saturday last, it was shown that the deceased, whose name is Henry Hillman, of 35, Upper Ebury Street, Pimlico, was admitted as a patient from the parish of St. George's, Hanover Square, nine days previous to death; and it was further endeavoured to be shown by the assistant medical officer—but indignantly repudiated by Dr. Bloxam, medical officer of the workhouse, and Mr. F. A. Rogers, removal officer of St. George's—that deceased sustained these frightful injuries before entering the asylum; at the same time he admitted that no medical assistance was rendered until the 24th, four days after admission. The jury, however, deemed it expedient to return a verdict in effect that deceased died from fractures of divers of his ribs and other injuries to the body, but by what means, how, where, or when the said fractures and injuries were sustained, there was not sufficient evidence to show. On account of this verdict, the preliminary investigation above alluded to has been taken, with a view to prosecute a public investigation by the commissioners.

Varieties.

DRUNKENNESS IN SCOTLAND. Her Majesty's commissioners for inquiring into the licensing system and sale and consumption of exciseable liquors in Scotland have just issued their report. Referring to the subject of intoxication, they say: "We feel bound to advert to the important fact, which was fully established by the evidence given before us, that there has been of late years a marked improvement in the habits of the people of Scotland, in regard to sobriety. The number of cases of intoxication and offences arising therefrom, appear to have greatly diminished; and, although intemperance still prevails to a lamentable extent, it would seem that this vice has been for some time gradually descending in the scale of society, and that it is now chiefly confined to the lowest class of the population."

M. DU CHAILLU AND MR. MALONE. The incident, at the late meeting of the Ethnological Society, when, after some remarks by Mr. Malone calling in question the truth of statements contained in M. du Chaillu's book, the latter spat in Mr. Malone's face, has necessarily excited a good deal of attention. M. du Chaillu has written to a morning paper, "deeply regretting that, in a moment of great irritation, he was guilty of conduct most unbecoming, and peculiarly contrary to the usages of society." Mr. Malone has published a long account of the affair, and demands that M. du Chaillu be excluded from the future meetings of the Ethnological Society. The statements of Mr. Malone, however, have been called in question. Captain Burton, the well-known African traveller, in a letter to the *Times*, says:—"Mr. Malone began by interrupting the proceedings with ironical cheering, a practice not rare, I believe, in the House of Commons, but hardly admissible into an eth-

nological society. He then rose, and, after a preamble touching the fierceness of his disposition, adopted a tone and style of address which would have caused the coolest temper to boil over. My wonder is that M. du Chaillu restrained himself so long. M. du Chaillu is a foreigner—one reason for courtesy; he was our guest—another reason; he has been subjected for the last two months to unusual annoyances—a third reason. I venture to hope that the person excluded from the future meetings of the Ethnological Society will be, not M. du Chaillu, but the gentleman who, after taking undue advantage of our protection, insulted a foreigner and a guest, and received (and quietly pocketed) his punishment."

THE ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY may now be fairly said to be at work. It has completed the first year of its existence. Its promoters have gone the right way to work by not attempting too much until the ground for action had been prepared by a strong and perfect organisation. It has an active working committee in London, and already are secured correspondents and agents in every quarter of the globe. Under the active superintendence of Mr. Wilson, a branch of the society has been started at Melbourne, Australia, from which the most valuable cooperation may be expected; and a branch society has also been established at Glasgow by some of the most influential men in the West of Scotland. Quails have been obtained from Canada, and are now thriving under the care of members; specimens of the *Dioscorea Batatas*, or Chinese Yam, are already in cultivation; some most valuable varieties of beans and peas (obtained, through the kindness of Mr. Consul Petherick, from the North-East of Africa) are being cultivated; and a pair of diminutive Brittany sheep have been presented for experiment by the Society to Miss Burdett Coutts, as an acknowledgment of her liberal aid to the Society in its infancy. This next year will, no doubt, see much more accomplished. The secretary has been ordered to purchase a flock of the very useful and curious Chinese sheep for propagation and distribution; also to plant at the expense of the Society an acre of land with the Chinese Yam; also to send an agent to Prussia, at the expense of the Society, to bring over a stock of the Sander, a very valuable pond fish, recommended by Mr. Wilson; and, finally, the Society has offered a premium to whoever will deliver in England living specimens of the Murray cod—a fresh-water Australian pond fish of which Mr. Wilson gives a very high character. (*The Field*.)

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.
TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1:30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1:30 P.M.
SATURDAY....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.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—JULY 13, 1861.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys.. 945 Girls.. 957 }	1902 1106
Average of corresponding weeks 1851-60		1532 1130

Barometer:

Highest (Wed.) 29.802; lowest (Sat.) 29.331; mean 29.509.

Thermometer:

Highest in sun—extremes (Wed.) 127 degs.; (Sun.) 94.8 degs.
In shade—highest (Mon.) 76.3 degrees; lowest (Th.) 48.4 degs.
Mean—61.5 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—0.2 degs.
Range—during week, 27.9 degrees; mean daily, 21 degrees.
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 78.
Mean direction of wind, W.—Rain in inches, 1.05.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

HOMEOPATHIC CONSULTATIONS.—A gentleman who has long struggled to do the right thing, writes thus to us:—"I confess I feel heavy discouragement, when I find that, notwithstanding your able and independent exertions to the contrary, the election has been carried, and has been supported by the voice of all the medical journals, except your's; and that homœopaths are being admitted into the volunteers and into the militia. What is becoming of Saxon honesty?" D. G.

A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—There is, doubtless, an error in the report of the part of Mr. Lowe's observations alluded to by our correspondent.

FERRI CARBONAS EFFERVESCENS.—SIR: As I have frequently been asked about the aperient properties of the above preparation, and as I notice the above title heading an advertisement in the last number of the *Lancet* (a copy of which was sent me, I suppose, by the party inserting it), recommending it for its aperient properties; allow me to state, that the Ferri Carbonas Effervescens, introduced by me through the medium of your type, is intended to be used only as a pure chalybeate tonic. To develop its aperient action is to abuse the preparation.

I am, etc., THOMAS SKINNER, M.D.

H. G.—Obstetricus, the correspondent of the *Medical Times and Gazette*, gives very good advice. It is certainly right that "gentlemen should study German before they quote it"; and also, that they should read all that an author has to say on a subject before they attempt to interpret his meaning. The quotation from Nägele, given in the JOURNAL of June 29th, was, except two verbal errors, not supposed, but real. For the information of Obstetricus, it is given in a corrected form, together with the illustrative example appended by Nägele. He says:—"Von der letzten monatlichen Reinigung an lässt sich beiläufig die Zeit der Niederkunft auf folgende Weise ohne Kalender leicht berechnen. Man rechnet von dem Tage an, wo die Reinigung zum letzten Male sich eingestellt hat, 3 ganze Monate zurück, und zählt dann 7 Tage hinzu; der so gefundene Tag ist alsdann derjenige, an welchem die Niederkunft zu erwarten ist. Hat bei einer Frau z. B. am 10 Juni ihre Reinigung zum letzten Male sich eingestellt, so zählt sie 3 ganze Monate zurück—also bis zum 10 März—rechnet dann 7 Tage hinzu, so findet sie den 17ten März, welches der Tag ist, an dem sie ihre Niederkunft zu erwarten hat." (Nägele, *Lehrbuch der Geburtshülfe für Hebammen*, p. 90.) Nägele evidently assumes that the German midwives have too much common sense to suppose him to mean that delivery can take place before conception; and therefore he does not direct a year to be added, although he obviously intends it. His example, as given in the quotation, shews distinctly that the time to be deducted is three months minus seven days. Did Obstetricus ever study algebraic subtraction, where addition frequently forms a part of the process?

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. THOMAS SKINNER; Dr. S. MARTYN; Dr. EDWARD SMITH; THE MEDICAL REGISTRAR; Mr. H. ORMEROD; Dr. J. G. SWAYNE; Mr. JAMES ROUSE; Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Dr. H. JONES; Mr. MACAULAY; Mr. E. VENNING; Sir H. COOPER; Mr. E. SERCOMBE; Mr. WALTER; Mr. SOLOMON; Dr. G. M. HUMPHRY; Dr. WOLLASTON; Mr. W. E. GILLET; Mr. M. FOSTER; Dr. J. B. PITT; Dr. PINCHARD; Dr. T. H. BARKER; and Dr. McWILLIAM.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. On the Therapeutic Influence of Southern Climatic Sanatoria. By Dr. Rullman. London: 1861.
2. Cyclical Changes in Health and Disease. By E. Smith, M.D., F.R.S. London: 1861.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING of the **BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** will be holden in CANTERBURY, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of July.

President—C. RADCLYFFE HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P.L. and E., Torquay.

President-Elect—ALFRED LOCHÉE, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond., Canterbury.

The Meetings of the Association will take place at St. George's Hall.

TUESDAY, JULY 23rd.

- 1 P.M. Meeting of Committee of Council in the Reading Rooms, St. George's Hall.
- 2.30 „ Meeting of the General Council of the Association at the Reading Rooms, St. George's Hall.
- 7 „ First General Meeting of the Association at St. George's Hall. The retiring President will make a few remarks. The new President will deliver an Address. The Report of Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th.

- 8.30 A.M. Public Breakfast at the Corn Exchange.
- 10 „ Meeting of the Members of the new Council.
- 11 „ Second General Meeting of Members. The Address in Medicine will be delivered by W. O. MARKHAM, M.D., of London. Papers and Cases will be read. The Meeting will adjourn at One and reassemble Two P.M., when the Reports of the Benevolent Fund will be read.
- 8 P.M. *Soirée*. By the kind invitation of the Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury, this Meeting will take place at the Deanery.

THURSDAY, JULY 25th.

- 11 A.M. Third General Meeting of Members. The Address in Surgery will be delivered by GEORGE HOFFMAN, Esq., of Margate. Papers and Cases will be read.
- 6 P.M. Dinner at the Corn Exchange. Tickets One Guinea each.
- Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner, are requested to send notice, as early as possible, to ROBERT TASSELL, Esq., St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

Members are requested to enter, on arrival, their names and addresses in the Reception Room, St. George's Hall; where cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the Proceedings, and contain such information as may be useful to those who are strangers to the city.

Members who wish for previous information may communicate with ROBERT TASSELL, Esq., St. Margaret's, Canterbury.

PAPERS are promised by Spencer Wells, Esq. (Treatment of Ovarian Dropsy); P. C. Price, Esq. (On the Treatment of Certain Diseases of the Larger Joints by the Operation of Excision in preference to Amputation: and the Results which follow); William Martin, Esq. (Special Hospitals); George Rigden, Esq. (The Meteorology of Canterbury, in Relation to Vital Phenomena); Dr. B. W. Richardson (On the Various Forms of Cardiac Apnoea); Edward Lund, Esq. (Case in which a Piece of Ivory was removed from the Bladder, with Remarks); I. B. Brown, Esq. (Vesico-Vaginal Fistula, illustrated by Cases and Diagrams); Soelberg Wells, Esq. (Illustrations of the Beneficial Effects of Iridectomy in Glaucoma); J. C. S. Jennings, Esq. (On the Resuscitation of Drowned Persons); Dr. T. Lewis (A New Form of Spirometer); A. B. Steele, Esq. (Remarks on Club Practice); W. Webber, Esq. (Remarks on Amputation, etc.); Dr. Gibb (Bleeding from the Ears in Hooping-Cough; and Diseases and Injuries of the Hyoid Bone).

A FIRST CLASS SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Canterbury for London on Thursday the 25th, at 9.15 P.M., stopping at Ashford and Tunbridge. All Return Tickets will be available for return by this Special Train.

Among the principal Hotels, are—the Fountain; the Rose; the Fleur-de-Lys; and the Freemasons'.
Worcester, June 15th, 1861.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., General Secretary.