

## THE MEDICAL CLUB.

A PRELIMINARY meeting of the members of the above Club was held at the house of Mr. Propert, on Tuesday, October 2nd. Among those present were: Mr. Propert (in the Chair), Dr. Butler (Woolwich), Mr. Lawrence, Dr. Wilson Iles (Watford), Mr. Read and Dr. Chevallier (Ipswich), Mr. Whitfeld (Kensington), Dr. Webster (Northampton), Dr. McEwen (Chester), Dr. Weber, and Dr. Lory Marsh. A considerable increase in the number of members was announced, and a satisfactory report of the progress of the Club since the previous meeting was presented. A copy of the proposed Club rules was read; and considerable discussion ensued, especially with reference to the future designation of the Club. It was ultimately decided to adhere to the title of "The Medical Club" until the general meeting, at which it would be competent to substitute any other that might then be agreed upon. Amongst the names suggested were the following: "The Brodie", "The Sydenham", "The Hunterian", and "The Harveian". A letter was read from Sir William Fergusson, expressing the pleasure which he would have in presiding at a general meeting to be held in the Hanover Square Rooms on Thursday, November 8th, at 2 P.M., to take into consideration the best means to adopt to secure the successful carrying out of the Club.

## THE CHOLERA.

THE Registrar-General states that the mortality in London exceeds the average for the week by 179; and by a singular coincidence the deaths from cholera are within two of that number, being 177. The deaths registered from diarrhoea were 67, which is probably rather below than above the number usual at this season of the year. During the last 13 weeks, 4714 persons have fallen victims to cholera, and 2298 to diarrhoea. The Registrar-General says that "the cholera-matter (cholrine) is now diffused very equally all over London." In Liverpool, the fatality from cholera was steadily declining; the deaths in the last four weeks from that disease being respectively 225, 145, 182, and 159. In Dublin, on the contrary, the number of fatal cases was increasing, the cholera deaths for the last four weeks being 52, 55, 65, and 98. In Manchester and Salford the pestilence had appeared, 14 out of 248 deaths there being attributed to cholera. In Vienna the epidemic is raging with increased violence, the deaths for the four weeks ending with the 22nd September being 64, 107, 201, and 274.

The "blue mist" was observed at Greenwich during five days of the past week.

The unaccountable decrease in the number of deaths from cholera which has been observed as invariably happening on Sundays and Mondays, again appears in the return issued last night. The following are the numbers for the last seven days:—Cholera—Tuesday, 30; Wednesday, 27; Thursday, 26; Friday, 17; Saturday, 32; Sunday and Monday, 34, or 17 each. Diarrhoea—16, 8, 7, 7, 15, and 17, or 8½ each.

## Association Intelligence.

## SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE next meeting is appointed to be held at the White Hart Inn, Reigate, on Thursday, October 11th, at 4 P.M.; Dr. Holman in the chair.

Papers are promised by Mr. Sargent, "Report of Cases"; by Dr. Anstie, "On the Sphygmograph"; by Dr. Down, of Earlswood; and by Mr. Napper.

Dinner will be provided at 6 P.M.

HENRY T. LANCHESTER, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Croydon, September 26th, 1866.

## SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of the South Midland Branch will be held at the Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard on Wednesday, October 17th; E. Lawford, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases are requested to send their titles to Dr. Bryan, Northampton, before October 4th.

J. M. BRYAN, M.D., Northampton. } *Hon.*  
G. P. GOLDSMITH, Bedford. } *Secs.*

September 21st, 1866.

## SHROPSHIRE SCIENTIFIC BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in Shrewsbury, in the present month.

Gentlemen having papers to read, are requested to communicate their intentions to the Secretary, on or before October 15th.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Honorary Secretary.*

Shrewsbury, October 2nd, 1866.

## SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT MEETING.

THE first meeting for the tenth session, 1866-7, was held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on September 28th, 1866; J. D. BUENS, M.D., in the Chair. Twenty-one members and visitors were present.

*New Members.* William Bell, Esq., F.R.C.S., of Rochester; Thomas Blatherwick, Esq. (Army), Rochester; and William Monckton, Esq.—were duly elected members, subject to the rules of the Association; and Mr. John Zachariah Laurence was elected a member of the District.

*Next Meeting.* William Hoar, Esq., F.R.C.S., was chosen Chairman of the meeting to be held at Maidstone in October.

*Election of Officers of the District.* Dr. Adam Martin and Dr. F. J. Brown were re-elected Treasurer and Honorary Secretary respectively.

*Communications.* The following papers, etc., were read.

1. Case of Chorea, fatal by Heart and Brain Complications. By S. Monckton, M.D.

2. The Acquired Blood-relationship of the Wife to her Husband, and conversely in a less degree. By F. J. Brown, M.D.

*Dinner.* The members and visitors adjourned to dinner at the Bull Hotel.

## Medical News.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.** At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Tuesday, October 2nd, the following members of the College were duly admitted Fellows of the same:—

Hicks, John Braxton, M.D.Lond., St. Thomas's Street  
Latham, Peter Wallwork, M.D.Cantab., Cambridge

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, were duly admitted members of the College:—

Beigel, Hermann, M.D.Berlin, Finsbury Square  
Lomas, William, M.D.St. Andrew's, Harley Street  
Waring, Edward John, M.D.St. Andrew's, Talbot Villas, Westbourne Park

The following extra-Licentiate was also admitted a member of the College:—

Forbes, John, Addison Road, Kensington

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On September 27th, 1866, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Baker, Benjamin, Framlingham, Suffolk  
Beckett, Francis Mears, Hitchin, Herts  
Davidson, Thomas, Forres, Morayshire

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

Howard, James, Manchester School of Medicine  
Rainbow, Frederic, St. Thomas's Hospital  
Woods, George Arthur, Liverpool Royal Infirmary

### APPOINTMENTS.

\*SPENCER, Alderman Lawrence, L.R.C.P.Ed., of Preston, has been put in the Commission of the Peace for the County Palatine of Lancaster.

### ROYAL NAVY.

ALLISON, Thos. D., M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Royal Adelaide*.  
BENNETT, William R., M.D., Surgeon (additional), to the *Duke of Wellington*.

FULTON, Thomas, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Britannia*.

LAWRENSON, George R., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Duke of Wellington*.

O'BRIEN, William E., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Endymion*.

RIDINGS, William G., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Formidable*, for the Royal Marines at Deal.

SHANE, James A., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Victoria*, in lieu of an Assistant-Surgeon.

SKENE, James A., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Victoria*, in lieu of an Assistant-Surgeon.

TRIMBLE, John, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Endymion*.

**VOLUNTEERS.** (A.V.=Artillery Volunteers; R.V.= Rifle Volunteers):—

WALLIS, F., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 7th Cinque Ports A.V.

### BIRTH.

BRAND. On September 30th, at Penge, the wife of Samuel E. Brand, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.

### MARRIAGE.

GOODWIN, Robert Docksey, Esq., of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Rev. Benjamin Smith, B.A., of Drax, Yorkshire.

### DEATHS.

ATKINSON, A. R., M.D., late Bengal Medical Service, at Hounslow, aged 43, on September 25.

HUSBAND. On October 1st, at 3, St. Leonard's Place, York, Anne, wife of W. D. Husband, Esq.

THOMPSON, George Septimus, Esq., Surgeon, at Burnopfield, Gateshead-on-Tyne, aged 28, on September 15.

**CHARGE OF ILL-TREATING A LUNATIC.** Henry Burton, one of the attendants at the Surrey County Asylum, has been committed for trial for ill-treating a lunatic. Three of the other attendants were called for the defence; they deposed that the lunatic was very violent, and they contradicted the evidence of the painters, on which the accusation principally rested.

**HEALTH OF LONDON.** Dr. Letheby states that the mortality in the City of London is much below the average of the corresponding periods of the last ten years.

**BEQUESTS.** The late Mr. Worthington of Stilton has bequeathed £200 to the Huntingdon Infirmary. The late Mr. Richard Saunders has bequeathed £500 to the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, and £100 to the Surrey Dispensary.

**THE CASE OF DR. JULER.** At Marylebone, an application was made to the magistrate which had reference to a recent prosecution. At the last sessions of the Central Criminal Court two young men were tried and sentenced for seven years' penal servitude for attempting to extort money from Dr. Juler, of Paddington. On Thursday Mr. Lewis produced sworn affidavits, setting forth that Dr. Juler had in the course of his examination committed perjury. Mr. Lewis asked for a warrant to be granted for his immediate apprehension. Mr. Mansfield granted the warrant, which was placed at once in the hands of two active detectives, who up to the present time have failed to apprehend the doctor. On Saturday Mr. Lewis attended again, and said he had come in consequence of information he had received that Dr. Juler would surrender, but the doctor not having done so they were going to offer a reward for his apprehension.

**PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.** The attention of members of the society is called to the following regulations adopted by the Council. 1. Members intending to exhibit specimens, should give notice to the Secretaries as early as may be convenient, and the specimen should be sent to the rooms before the meeting. 2. If a member fail to produce the specimen, it shall not be received without a fresh notice. 3. Members desiring to exhibit living specimens, must direct the patients to attend a quarter of an hour before the meeting, in order to give members an opportunity to examine them before going into the meeting-room. 4. Specimens exhibited at other societies, or the details of which have been already published, shall not be received. 5. The reports must be furnished to the Secretaries, for publication in the *Transactions* of the Society, immediately after the meeting at which the specimens have been exhibited. 6. The reports should be written in a form fit for printing.

**A CHARGE OF MISCONDUCT** on the part of authorities of St. Pancras Workhouse has been brought before the board of guardians. An idiotic boy who had strayed from home was found by the police and taken to St. Pancras Workhouse. The lad told his name, but could give no account of his residence. In the course of the same day a pauper named Fauld, employed as a sort of clerk by the master, sent another pauper named Poole out with the boy to several streets, which he did not recognise. At last the poor idiot pointed towards Tottenham Court Road, was taken to the end of a street, told to go home, and there left. The saddest part of the story is that the lad has not been heard of since. Poole said that the same course was usually adopted under similar circumstances; and he had within the last three months taken other lost children "home" in the same way. The guardians expressed the utmost indignation; a reward of £5 was ordered to be offered for the recovery of the boy; and the whole matter was referred to the house committee for further investigation.

**THE SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS** commenced on the 3rd inst. its tenth anniversary at Manchester. The accession of Lord Stanley to office, and Lord

Brougham's plea of increased age and infirmities, prevented first one and then the other from assuming the office of president, and the honour, therefore fell upon the shoulders of the Earl of Shaftesbury. The noble earl's opening address touched upon a great variety of subjects affecting the moral, social, and physical well-being of the poorer classes. His lordship passed a high eulogium upon the half-time educational system, which is now extended to the Potteries, producing results so excellent, that on a recent visit to Staffordshire, which he said filled his heart with so much thankfulness that he "blessed God, the Legislature, the employers, the schoolmasters, and in his satisfaction everybody, for the glorious sight." A sad contrast was, however, presented to him by the brickfields, where "hundreds of little girls from eight to eleven years of age, half-naked, and besmeared with dirt, totter under prodigious burdens of clay, during many hours of toil, in these abodes of oppression." And their mental abasement was so profound that when, as the noble earl says, he spoke to them "they either remained aghast with astonishment, or ran away screaming as though some evil spirit had appeared to them."

**PREVENTION OF VENEREAL DISEASES.** The Government has decided upon putting into immediate execution the new Act of last session, for the better prevention of contagious diseases at certain naval and military stations, which takes effect from and after the 30th inst., at the port and garrison at Chatham, the arrangements for carrying out the Act being intrusted to the metropolitan police. The former Act (the 27th and 28th of Victoria, cap. 85) relating to the same subject will cease to operate from the date mentioned. In order to carry out the operations of the amended Act to their fullest extent, the Government has entered into an arrangement with the governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, for fitting up a portion of that establishment for the reception of female patients belonging to the class who come under the operation of the Act. The governors of the hospital have agreed to appropriate forty beds in the hospital for the purposes required, the Government contributing to the funds of the hospital £40 per annum for each bed. Hitherto patients from Sheerness have been sent to the Rochester Hospital; but arrangements are being made for the conversion of one of the military buildings at Sheerness into a hospital for the reception of female patients. The seaport and garrison towns to which the Act applies are—Portsmouth, Chatham, Plymouth and Devonport, Woolwich, Sheerness, Aldershot, Windsor, Colchester, Shorncliffe, the Curragh, Cork, and Queenstown.

**GAS EXPLOSION.** The Rochester (New York) *Democrat* states that an accident occurred in that city recently, at the house of Dr. Fleming, which, though not attended by fatal consequences, was only prevented being so by the merest chance. Pure oxygen gas, which is inhaled for the relief of lung-diseases, has usually been generated in a large iron retort over a spirit-lamp. The students undertook to use a small gas-stove; and the heat soon became so great, that the gas was evolved faster than it could pass into the gasometer, which caused an explosion, blowing out the bottom of the retort, and throwing the retort itself through the ceiling and into the parlour above, tearing up planks and plastering, and breaking into fragments a chair standing there, and doing other injury to the room. The furniture of the back office, where the explosion occurred, was broken to pieces, and the glass blown out of the window. A large quantity of bottles in a medicine-closet close

by were completely demolished. Fortunately, no one was in the office at the time, or in the parlour above, although some members of the family had been in both places hardly an instant before the explosion took place. (*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*)

### OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
TUESDAY.... Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY... St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.  
THURSDAY.....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
FRIDAY..... Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
SATURDAY..... St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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MR. EDDOWES.—The *Gazette Médicale* or *L'Union Médicale*.

THE MEDICAL CLUB.—SIR: I am glad to see that a Medical Club is about to be established in London. It is not a little remarkable that such an institution has not been established before; but I think none can for a moment doubt its desirableness: and one of the advantages which may be expected from it will be the more complete fusion of London and provincial practitioners, which the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL has already done so much to accomplish. There is a good deal after all in a name; and I propose that the club be called the "Hunterian Club." Perhaps some of your readers may suggest a better.

I am, etc.,  
Nottingham, September 1866. PROVINCIALIS.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—MR. T. SPENCER WELLS; DR. J. R. WARDELL; MR. WM. P. SWAIN; MR. JAMES PAGET; MR. W. D. HUSBAND; DR. T. H. BARTLETT; MR. THOMAS NUNNELEY; DR. SAMELSON; MR. C. JOHNSON; DR. E. ANDREW; DR. KELLY; DR. G. H. PHILIPSON; MR. S. WOOD; DR. FREDERICK J. BROWN; DR. MURRAY; DR. SPENCER; MR. STANGER; MR. F. MACKAY; DR. J. STEPHENS; MR. H. GREENWAY; MR. WILLIAM MARTIN; MR. EDDOWES; DR. WOAKES; MR. STONE; MR. ERASMUS WILSON; DR. L. MARSH; MR. B. H. B. NICHOLSON; MR. WILLIAM COPNEY; DR. H. JONES; and MR. H. WALTON.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

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2. *Sulle Malattie da Fermento Morbifico e sul loro Trattamento.* Memoria Seconda (Parte Clinica). Del Dottor Giovanni Polli. Milano: 1864.
3. *The Arrest and Prevention of Cholera.* By A. E. Sansom, M.B. London: 1866.
4. *Acholic Diseases.* By A. C. Macleod, L.K. & Q.C.P.I. London: 1866.
5. *A Practical Treatise on Apoplexy.* By W. B. Musket, M.B. London: 1866.
6. *The Harveian Oration, 1866.* By G. E. Paget, M.D. Cambridge and London: 1866.
7. *Suggestions in reference to the present Cholera Epidemic.* By W. Sanderson, C.E. London: 1866.