

# ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Oxford, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th days of August next.

*President*—WM. STOKES, M.D., D.C.L. Oxon., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Dublin.

*President-Elect*—H. W. ACLAND, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford.

The business of the meeting will be conducted under *five* Sections; viz. :—

Section A. *MEDICINE*.—*President*, Sir Wm. Jenner, Bart., M.D., F.R.S. *Secretaries*, Dr. E. L. Fox, Clifton; Dr. William Roberts, Manchester.

Section B. *PHYSIOLOGY*.—*President*, Professor Rolleston, M.D., F.R.S. *Secretaries*, Dr. W. L. Church, London; Professor Beale, M.B., F.R.S., London.

Section C. *SURGERY*.—*President*, James Paget, Esq., F.R.S., London. *Secretaries*, T. P. Teale, M.A., M.B., Leeds; W. Stokes, jun., M.D., Dublin.

Section D. *MIDWIFERY*.—*President*, Sir C. Locock, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., London. *Secretaries*, Dr. Wilson, Glasgow; J. G. Swayne, M.D., Clifton, Bristol.

Section E. *PUBLIC MEDICINE*.—*President*, J. Simon, Esq., F.R.S., London. *Secretaries*, J. E. Morgan, M.D., Manchester; T. J. Dyke, Esq., Merthyr Tydvil.

Papers shall not exceed *twenty* minutes. All subsequent speakers not to exceed *ten* minutes.

TUESDAY, August 4th, 1868.

1 P.M. Meeting of Committee of Council in the Clarendon Buildings, Broad Street.

3 „ Meeting of General Council in the Convocation House.

7.30 „ First General Meeting in the Hall of Christ Church.—The retiring President, Professor STOKES, will resign his office.—The new President, Professor ACLAND, will deliver his Inaugural Address.—The Council's Report will be read, and discussion taken thereon.—Election of General Secretary.—Election of Auditors.—Report of Medical Benevolent Fund.—Presentation of Hastings Medal.

WEDNESDAY, August 5th.

8.30 A.M. Breakfast of the Association at the Clarendon Hotel. Tickets to be had at the Reception Room.

9.30 „ Meeting of new Council in the Convocation House.

10.30 „ Second General Meeting in the Divinity School.—The appointment of Place of Meeting in 1869, and of the President-elect, will be made.—The Rev. Professor HAUGHTON will read a paper on Sources of Vital and Mechanical Force derived from Food, and its Influence on Medical Practice.—Report of Joint Committee of British Medical Association and of Social Science Association will be read.

2 P.M. Third General Meeting in the Divinity School.—Address in Physiology, by Professor ROLLESTON, F.R.S.

3 to 6 „ Sectional Meetings.

8.30 „ The President's *Soirée* at the University Museum.

THURSDAY, August 6th.

10 A.M. Fourth General Meeting in the Divinity School.—Professor HUGHES BENNETT, M.D., will read the Report of the Committee on the Action of Mercury as a Chologogue.

11 „ Honorary Degrees will be conferred in the Sheldonian Theatre.

11.30 to 2. Sectional Meetings.

2 P.M. Fifth General Meeting in the Divinity School.—Address in Medicine, by Dr. GULL.

3 to 6 „ Sectional Meetings.

7 „ Dinner of the Association in the Hall of Christ Church. Tickets to be had at the Reception Room only.

FRIDAY, August 7th.

10 A.M. Sectional Meetings.

4 P.M. Concluding General Meeting in the Divinity School.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, cases, or any other communications, are requested to give notice of the same to the General Secretary, at their earliest convenience. All papers should be in the hands

either of the General Secretary, or of the President, on or before the 1st of August; and notice should be immediately given to one of the Secretaries of the Section to which the paper belongs.

A room will be opened in the Town Hall as a Reception Room, on Tuesday, August 4th, at 10 A.M., and on the following days at 8 A.M., for the issue of tickets to members, and for supplying lists and prices of lodgings, and other information.

The Library, Writing- and News-rooms of the Oxford University Debating Society, in Frewen Court, Corn Market, will be open to all members of the Association during their stay.

All Gentlemen intending to visit Oxford during the meeting are requested to send their names without delay to E. Chapman, Esq., M.A., Frewen Hall, Oxford.

The following notices of motion have been given.

The SECRETARY: To alter Law XIV by adding, "provided he shall have the votes of three-fourths of those present at such meeting."

Dr. DAVEY: To alter Law VIII, by substituting the word "twenty" for "ten" members, to be elected members of the Committee of Council.

Dr. ALEXANDER HENRY: "That the following be substituted for Law III; viz., The Association shall consist of Ordinary Members, being duly qualified members of the Medical Profession, and of Honorary Members having the qualifications described in Law XVIII." "That the following be substituted for Law XVIII; viz., Honorary Members may be elected by the Association at an Annual Meeting, on the recommendation of the Council. The following classes of persons shall be eligible: *a.* Members of the Medical Profession, of scientific eminence, residing in the United Kingdom, or in the Colonies or Foreign Countries; *b.* Gentlemen resident in the United Kingdom, or in the Colonies or in Foreign Countries, not belonging to the Medical Profession, but distinguished in Sanitary or in Physical Science; *c.* Gentlemen who may have rendered distinguished service to the Association. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to any further privilege than that of attendance at the Annual Meetings, and to the receipt by any such Member of copies of any memoir or communication of his printed by the Association."

The Rev. Dr. BELL: "That it is desirable to secure a Local Treasurer for the District of each Branch Association (the Secretary or Treasurer of the Branch might be the best suited if it could be so arranged), to whom the Subscriptions of Members might be paid; and that the gross amounts received should be forwarded to the General Treasurer, and not to the General Secretary, as is now done; and that the list of paid Subscriptions might be published on the JOURNAL, instead of separate receipts being given."

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S., *General Secretary*.  
13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, July 1868.

## REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

*Held in London, June 30th, 1868.*

PRESENT:—Dr. Sibson, F.R.S. (in the Chair); Dr. Acland; Mr. Bartleet; Mr. T. H. Bartleet; Mr. Cordy Burrows; Mr. Ceely; Dr. Falconer; Mr. Fowler; Dr. Holman; Dr. Jeaffreson; Mr. May; Dr. Simpson; Mr. Heckstall Smith; Mr. Southam; Dr. Stewart; Dr. Stokes; Dr. E. Waters; Dr. Wilkinson; and Mr. T. Watkin Williams, General Secretary. Mr. Chapman, Honorary Local Secretary at Oxford, also kindly attended the meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted.

1. That the Programme as altered be approved, and published in the JOURNAL.

2. That the cordial thanks of the Committee of Council be given to Mr. Nunneley for his attendance to present a Requisition from the Medical Profession of Leeds, to meet in that Town in 1869.

3. That a Subcommittee be appointed to consider a Letter from Dr. Storrar, on the subject of Secondary Education; viz., the President of Council, the Treasurer, the General Secretary, Dr. Jeaffreson, Mr. Burrows, Dr. Wilkinson, and Dr. Holman.

4. That the Nomenclature of Disease, published by the College of Physicians, be recommended to the profession for general adoption.

5. That the Draft Report now read be referred to the President of Council, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

6. That New Members be admitted for the remainder of this year on payment of Half-a-Guinea.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S., *General Secretary*.  
13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, July 6th, 1868.

## READING BRANCH.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Council Chamber, Reading, on Wednesday, July 15th, at 5 o'clock.

## SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twelfth annual meeting of this Branch was held at Bedford, in the Board room of the Trustees of the Harpur Charity, on Thursday, June 18th, at 1 P.M.; C. E. PRIOR, M.D., President in the chair. Thirty members and visitors were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Dr. BRYAN, Honorary Secretary.

The Report of the Branch stated that it was in a thriving condition, numbering ninety-three members; being nine more than in the previous year (allowance being made for deaths and secessions). The funds in hand amounted to £5:12. One member, Mr. F. Cox, of Welford, had died since the last autumnal meeting.

*Officers and Council.*—It was proposed by Dr. FRANCIS, seconded by Dr. PRIOR, and carried unanimously, that Wm. Newman, M.D., Stamford, be the President-elect for 1868-9.

Dr. WOAKES proposed, Dr. PRIOR seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the following gentlemen, with the President, President-elect, and Honorary Secretaries, form the Committee of Management: F. Buszard, M.D.; C. J. Evans, Esq.; W. G. Johnson, Esq.; E. Lawford, M.D.; W. Moxon, Esq.; W. A. Southam, Esq.; H. Terry, jun., Esq.; and H. Veasey, Esq.

As representatives in the General Council were elected, on the nomination of Dr. WOAKES, seconded by Mr. VEASEY, and carried unanimously: R. Ceely, Esq.; D. J. T. Francis, M.D.; W. Paley, M.D.; H. Terry, jun., Esq.; R. W. Watkins, Esq.; and J. M. Bryan, M.D., Secretary (*ex officio*).

Dr. Bryan and Mr. Goldsmith were unanimously re-elected Honorary Secretaries; and Dr. Bryan was re-appointed Treasurer.

Dr. Bryan was also elected the representative in the Parliamentary Committee of the Association.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen were proposed by Dr. PRIOR, seconded by Mr. GOLDSMITH, and elected unanimously: G. Robinson, Esq.; P. Morris, Esq.; R. D. Hacon, Esq.; Ethelbert Blake, M.D.; Edward Howard, Esq.—all of Bedford. James Shaw, Esq.; and James Carruthers, Esq., Northampton Infirmary, were proposed by Dr. BRYAN, seconded by Mr. TERRY, and elected.

*Autumnal Meeting.*—It was proposed by Mr. VEASEY, and seconded by Dr. WOAKES, and carried, that the autumnal meeting be held at Luton in September.

*President's Address.*—Dr. PRIOR delivered an address.

*Papers.*—The following papers were read and discussed. 1. Discussion upon "The Contagion of Phthisis". 2. Short Notes on Intestinal Obstruction. By Wm. Newman, M.D.—3. Some Cases of Interest in the Bedford Infirmary. By W. G. Johnson, Esq.—4. Suggestions for Extending the Usefulness of the South Midland Branch. By E. Woakes, M.D.—5. Sphacelus of the Hand from Septic Poisoning, with Latent Scarlatina. By H. Veasey, Esq.—6. Case of Poisoning by Chloride of Antimony. By C. J. Evans, Esq.—7. On Traumatic Stricture. By Christopher Heath, Esq.

*Votes of Thanks.* The meeting terminated at 3.50 P.M., with a vote of thanks to the President, Dr. Prior; also to the authors of papers.

*Dinner* at 4, P.M.—Gentlemen adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where twenty-two dined, under the presidency of Dr. Prior, with Dr. Bryan in the vice-chair. The usual loyal and other toasts were drank and responded to, due acknowledgment being made of the services of the officers and the presence of visitors, and the company separated about 7.30, after a most successful, agreeable, and instructive meeting.

## LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE thirty-second anniversary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch was held in the Royal Institution, Manchester, on June 19th, at half-past twelve. In the absence of JOHN HARRISON, Esq., of Chester, president for the past year, Dr. W. ROBERTS took the chair, and introduced GEORGE MALLETT, Esq., of Bolton, the president-elect.

Mr. MALLETT gave an interesting address illustrating the mode in which medical practice had been rendered milder by increasing scientific knowledge.

*Report.*—Dr. SIMPSON (honorary secretary) read the following report. The Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association congratulate the members on holding their thirty-

second anniversary in the city of Manchester. The past year, if not eventful, had been one of prosperity and progress. Notwithstanding the loss of twenty-one members, eight of whom have died, the printed list, which, at the meeting in Chester, included 223 names, has now advanced to 252, representing an accession of 50 members since last year. There are still, however, many members of the Parent Association who have not as yet joined the Branch, and it is desirable to impress on these gentlemen the advantage of having so close a bond of union for the profession in the two counties as that which this Branch affords. Individual effort on the part of each member might double their numbers in the two counties in twelve months; and it must be borne in mind that in thus recruiting for the Association they would be conferring a benefit on all who should enter its ranks. In the early part of the year, a communication was received from the Parliamentary Committee of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, calling the attention of the Council to a resolution of the General Council at the annual meeting of the Parent Association, held last August in Dublin, recommending that a grant of £10 should be made towards the expenses of the Parliamentary Committee, elected by the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and that the Committee should be increased by the addition of one member from every branch of the British Medical Association. In accordance with this resolution, the Council unanimously elected Dr. Desmond, of Liverpool, as the representative of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch. The Council also appointed a Branch Parliamentary Subcommittee. The following five gentlemen, W. T. Callon, M.D. (Liverpool), T. Davies-Colley, M.D. (Chester), Mr. J. P. Langshaw (Lancaster), D. H. M'Nicoll, M.D. (Southport), and Mr. A. B. Steele (Liverpool), retire by rotation; but, with the exception of Dr. M'Nicoll, whose recent death has caused a blank which those who have taken an interest in the Association cannot but feel, are eligible for re-election. Dr. Simpson added that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. Nevins, Liverpool, a sixth vacancy was caused on the Council, which would require to be filled up.

*Financial Statement.*—At the date of the last annual meeting, the balance in hand was £33:3; subscriptions received since £27, making a total of £60:3. The ordinary expenses of the Branch during the past year had been £22:13:7½, leaving in the hands of the Secretary a balance of £37:9:4½.

On the motion of Dr. WATKINS, Newton, seconded by Dr. SAMELSON, Manchester, the report was adopted.

*Vote of Thanks.*—It was moved by Mr. R. T. HUNT, seconded by Mr. WALSH, and carried unanimously, "That the best thanks of this meeting be given to John Harrison, Esq., the retiring President; to Thomas Brittain, Esq., and Dr. W. Roberts, the retiring Vice-presidents; to the Honorary Secretaries; and to the other members of the Council for their services during the past year."

*Next Annual Meeting.*—Mr. A. B. STEELE (Liverpool) moved that the next annual meeting of the Branch be held at Lancaster; that Mr. Langshaw (Lancaster) be appointed president-elect, and Dr. Hall (Lancaster) and Mr. M'Cheane (Liverpool) be appointed vice-presidents elect.—Dr. E. BOWEN (Birkenhead) seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.—Mr. JOHNSON (Lancaster), on behalf of the members resident in Lancaster, thanked the Branch for the honour conferred on them, and assured the members who might attend the next annual meeting of a cordial reception.

*Local Secretaries.*—Dr. SIMPSON moved, and Dr. A. T. H. WATERS seconded—"That Mr. Manifold, of Liverpool, and Mr. Johnson, of Lancaster, be appointed Honorary Local Secretaries." This was carried unanimously.

*Election of Council.*—Six gentlemen, whose names are marked by asterisks, were then elected to fill up the vacancies on the Council, which is now composed of the following twenty members:—E. Bowen, M.D., Birkenhead; \*W. T. Callon, M.D., Liverpool; S. Crompton, M.D., Manchester; E. D. De Vitre, M.D., Lancaster; \*T. Davies-Colley, M.D., Chester; L. E. Desmond, M.D., Liverpool; R. Flint, Esq., Stockport; John Harrison, Esq., Chester; R. Harrison, Esq., Liverpool; \*Thomas Howitt, Esq., Lancaster; Ellis Jones, Esq., Liverpool; C. Johnson, Esq., Lancaster; \*J. P. Langshaw, Esq., Lancaster; G. Mallett, Esq., Bolton; W. M'Cheane, Esq., Liverpool; J. M'Naught, M.D., Liverpool; J. E. Morgan, M.D., Manchester; A. Ransome, M.D., Bowdon; \*A. B. Steele, Esq., Liverpool; \*J. Thorburn, M.D., Manchester.

*Representatives of the Branch in the General Council.*—The following gentlemen were appointed to represent the Branch in the General Council: T. Davies-Colley, M.D., Chester; L. E. Desmond, M.D., Liverpool; John Harrison, Esq., Chester; George Mallett, Esq., Bolton; T. Mellor, Esq., Manchester; W. Roberts, M.D., Manchester; G. Southam, Esq., Manchester; A. B. Steele, Esq., Liverpool; T. Turner, Esq., Manchester; J. Vose, M.D., Liverpool; E. Waters, M.D.,

Chester; A. T. H. Waters, M.D., Liverpool; M. A. E. Wilkinson, M.D., Manchester; with the Honorary Secretary *ex-officio*.

Dr. ROBERTS called attention to the mode of returning members to the Council of the Association. At present members could only be returned by branches, and, as in England itself many members of the Parent Association did not join the branches, they were not represented in the General Council at all. No branches existed in Scotland or in Ireland; and the medical faculties of these two countries, though many were members of the Association, were not represented on the Council. With a view to the adoption of some plan which might remedy this defect in the constitution of the General Council he proposed the following resolution. "That inasmuch as under the present method of electing a General Council, a large number of members, amounting to about one-third, are not represented on the Council, this Branch is of opinion that the attention of the Committee of Council should be directed to the subject, with the view of considering the desirableness of nominating a certain number of the Council independent of the branches."

Dr. DAVIES-COLLEY seconded the resolution.

Dr. A. T. H. WATERS, though supporting the resolution, expressed his opinion that it was highly desirable that all members of the Parent Association should constitute themselves members of some Branch, a view which was supported in a short discussion which followed, at the conclusion of which the resolution was adopted.

*Communications, etc.*—The following communications were made. 1. Dr. Braidwood read a paper on the Utility of certain Scientific Instruments, particularly the Microscope, the Laryngoscope, and the Ophthalmoscope, in general practice.—2. Mr. Southam showed a case of the Excision of the Os Calcis.—3. Mr. F. A. Heath showed a case of Amputation at the Hip-Joint, and a case of Excision of the Wrist.—4. Dr. Braidwood exhibited a Long Splint.—5. Dr. Thorburn showed some new Cephalotribes.—6. Dr. H. Simpson showed some cases of Laryngeal Disease, with the aid of the Laryngoscope.—7. Mr. Turner gave an account of six years' additional experience of the use of Carbolic Acid.—8. Dr. Braidwood also exhibited a series of beautiful Microscopic Preparations illustrating the Histology of the Nervous System, which were arranged for inspection in the library of the Royal Institution. Mr. Dancer kindly lent several microscopes for the occasion, and Mr. Wood, the surgical instrument maker, exhibited a large and beautiful collection of recent instruments.

*Dinner.*—After the conclusion of the meeting, many of the members dined together at the Clarence Hotel.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fourteenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, on June 19th, at 3 P.M. There were present, C. A. NEWNHAM, Esq., President of the Branch, in the Chair; Dr. Sibson, President of the General Council; Dr. Jeaffreson, Vice-President of the Association; and more than forty members of the Branch.

*Report of Council.*—Mr. BARTLEET, Honorary Secretary, read the following Report.

"Your Council have much pleasure in reporting the continued and increased success of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch of the British Medical Association. The number of the members of the Branch has much increased. During the past year, six members have been lost to the Branch—two by death, Dr. Fayrer of Henley-in-Arden, and Dr. Steell, late of the General Hospital, both of whom were most active supporters of the Branch, and will be much missed. Sixty-three new members have been elected into the Branch, which now contains 216 members, a number considerably larger than at any previous period of its existence. The success of the past session has not consisted only in a large accession to our numbers. During the year, six ordinary general meetings, one special general meeting, and the annual meeting, have been held. The hour of meeting—viz., 3 o'clock P.M.—has been adhered to, it is believed, considerably to the convenience of the members of the Branch.

"The papers, discussions, and cases brought before the Branch have caused much interest, as will be presumed from the large attendance of members, the average for the year being rather in excess of forty-two per meeting." [The Report here contained a list of the papers read at the meetings. The titles have already appeared in the JOURNAL.]

"Many interesting papers have of necessity been delayed until next session.

"The subject of the Remuneration of Medical Officers to Sick Assurance Societies has occupied much the attention of the Branch. Its consideration was introduced by Dr. Heslop at our last annual meet-

ing, and was ultimately referred to a Committee presided over by Mr. Newnham. The Committee presented to a special general meeting of the Branch, in December last, an elaborate Report, which, your Council believe, has produced, and will continue to produce, much benefit to the members of our profession, and also to the public at large.

"A cognate subject, that of Gratuitous Medical Services, likewise awakened active discussion.

"Your Council are glad to be able to record the continued increase in influence and in numbers of the British Medical Association. Last year, over seven hundred new members were elected; and, as yet in this year, over five hundred new members have been added to the Association. Moreover, at the present time, a new Branch is in process of formation at Carlisle.

"Your Council notice with gratification the successful management of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. It is satisfactory to learn that its increased importance in a commercial point is commensurate with its advancing literary and scientific position. Upwards of four thousand copies are now circulated weekly to members of the Association and general subscribers.

"The Association is following up its endeavours to secure a Representation of General Practitioners in the General Council of Medical Education; and, at the end of this month, a deputation from the Committee of Council of our Association will urge the importance of this step upon the General Medical Council.

"In conclusion, your Council are glad to state that there is every reason to suppose that the coming session of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch will at least equal its predecessors in interest and success."

*Treasurer's Report.*—Mr. WATKIN WILLIAMS read the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance of £22 : 8 : 6 in favour of the Branch.

*Votes of Thanks* were passed to the retiring officers.

*Officers and Council.*—The following gentlemen were elected to fill the various offices in the Branch during the ensuing year:—*President-elect*: James Vose Solomon, Esq. *Members of Council*: (Country) T. A. Carter, M.D., Leamington; J. S. Gaunt, Esq., Alvechurch; G. E. Hyde, Esq., Worcester; W. J. Kite, Esq., West Bromwich; J. Manley, Esq., West Bromwich; J. J. Nason, M.B., Stratford-on-Avon; H. E. F. Shaw, Esq., Sutton Coldfield; T. Underhill, Esq., Tipton; (Town) A. Baker, Esq.; C. J. Bracey, M.B.; M. H. Clayton, Esq.; B. W. Foster, M.D.; Sampson Gamgee, Esq.; Furneaux Jordan, Esq.; T. Swain, Esq.; W. F. Wade, M.B. *Representatives in the General Council of the Association*: A. Baker, Esq.; E. Bartleet, Esq., Campden; S. Berry, Esq.; H. D. Carden, Esq., Worcester; M. H. Clayton, Esq.; G. Jones, Esq.; J. Manley, Esq.; C. A. Newnham, Esq.; J. Russell, M.D.; J. V. Solomon, Esq.; T. H. Bartleet, M.B. (*ex officio*). *Treasurer*: T. Watkin Williams, Esq. *Honorary Secretary*: T. H. Bartleet, M.B.

*President's Address.*—Mr. NEWNHAM, the President, delivered an interesting address.

*Dinner.* Nearly forty members of the Branch dined together after the meeting; Mr. Newnham occupying the Chair, and Mr. Vose Solomon the Vice-chair.

#### MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the above Branch was held in the Board Room of the General Hospital, Nottingham, on Tuesday, June 23rd. There were about thirty members of the Branch and several visitors present.

The chair was taken, at a quarter before three P.M., by the President for the year, JOSEPH THOMPSON, Esq., Surgeon to the General Hospital, who delivered an excellent address on the objects and position of the Association, and on various points of interest connected with the recent advancement of medical and surgical science.

*New Members.*—The following gentlemen, who have recently been elected members of the Association, were unanimously elected members of the Branch: C. Bateman, Esq., East Bridgeford; J. Broadbent, Esq., Collingham; J. Butler, Esq., Beeston; E. Bland, M.D., Sandiacre; C. Calvert, Esq., Southwell; G. Grewcock, Esq., Nottingham; S. Job, Esq., Newark-on-Trent; A. G. Mickley, Esq., Nottingham; F. H. Parsons, M.D., Nottingham; J. Souter, M.D., Nottingham; T. A. Stephenson, Esq., Nottingham.

*Representatives in the General Council.*—The following gentlemen were elected Representatives of the Branch in the General Council of the Association. *Nottinghamshire*—Joseph Thompson, Esq.; W. T. Robertson, M.D. *Derbyshire*—H. Goode, M.B., J. W. Baker, Esq., Leicestershire—John Barclay, M.D., C. H. Marriott, Esq., Thomas Paget, Esq. *Lincolnshire*—G. Mitchinson, L.K.Q.C.P., Thos. Symptom, Esq., E. Morris, M.D.

*Secretaries.*—The following were re-elected Secretaries of the Branch:—*Nottinghamshire*—Joseph White, Esq.; *Derbyshire*—A. H. Dolman, Esq.; *Leicestershire*—J. Sloane, M.D.; *Lincolnshire*—C. Harrison, M.D.

*Next Meeting.*—It was resolved that the next meeting be held in Leicester; and that T. W. Benfield, Esq., Senior Surgeon to the Leicester Infirmary, be the President-elect.

*Communications.*—The following communications were then read and discussed. 1. Ligature of Common Carotid for Aneurism. By A. H. Dolman, Esq., Derby.—2. Hydatid of Lung occurring in a Tuberculous Subject. By T. Sympton, Esq., Lincoln.—3. The use of the Turkish Bath in Albuminuria. By E. Morris, M.D., Spalding.—4. Notes of the use of the Sphygmograph. By W. H. Ransom, M.D., Nottingham.—5. Observations suggested by the Study of Cases of Cataract-Extraction. By C. Taylor, M.D., Nottingham.—6. The Treatment of Fractured Clavicle by means of a Splint. By G. Grewcock, Esq., Nottingham.—7. Mr. Baker of Derby also introduced a patient, in whom he had tied the External Iliac Artery for Aneurism.

*Dinner.*—The members of the Branch and several visitors afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, under the presidency of Joseph Thompson, Esq.

#### EAST ANGLIAN AND CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCHES: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above Branches was held at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Friday, June 26th; Dr. VORES, President, in the chair.

Mr. ROSE was called to the chair; and, after making a few appropriate remarks in reference to the lamented death of Dr. Hawkins, the late President, he briefly introduced Dr. VORES, who read a very interesting address.

*Report of Council.*—The Secretary, Dr. PITT of Norwich, read the Annual Report of the Branch Council. The Council congratulated the members on assembling again in Yarmouth; and considered it a duty to express their satisfaction with the manner in which the JOURNAL continued to be conducted, and likewise with the gradual increase of members.

*Resolutions.*—The following resolutions were passed.

1. Proposed by J. C. SMITH, Esq., Great Yarmouth, and seconded by D. MEADOWS, Esq.—“That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Members of the Council and the Honorary Secretaries for their services during the past year.”

2. Proposed by Dr. DURRANT (Ipswich), and seconded by C. PALMER, Esq. (Yarmouth)—“That the Members of the Council of the East Anglian Branch and Honorary Secretaries be re-elected; and also the Members of Council and Honorary Secretary of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch.”

3. Proposed by Dr. LATHAM (Cambridge), and seconded by H. STEAR, Esq. (Saffron Walden)—“That the next annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch be held, in conjunction with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch, at Cambridge; and that W. W. Fisher, M.D., Downing Professor of Medicine, be elected President.”

4. Proposed by H. STEAR, Esq. (Saffron Walden), and seconded by Dr. VORES—“That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is expedient that a Committee should be appointed in Section E, at the annual meeting at Oxford, to draw up a recommendatory tariff of medical fees and club remuneration.”

5. Proposed by Dr. LATHAM, and seconded by Dr. CHEVALLIER (Ipswich)—“That H. Stear, Esq., be requested to bring the preceding resolution before the meeting at Oxford.”

*Papers.*—The following papers were then read. 1. Dr. Smyth of Yarmouth: Foreign Bodies in the Air-passages. This paper elicited an interesting discussion by Mr. Cadge, Dr. Eade, Mr. C. Palmer, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Allen. 2. Mr. C. Palmer: Statistics of Lithotomy at the Great Yarmouth Hospital; with specimens. A discussion followed, in which Mr. Cadge and Mr. Meadows took part. 3. Mr. Cadge: Intestinal Obstruction. This paper caused a discussion by Dr. Copeman, Dr. Durrant, Dr. Vores, Dr. Latham, Dr. Chevallier, Mr. Crosse, and Mr. Clouting, in which some difference of opinion was expressed about the use of the long tube in such cases.

*Thanks.*—The thanks of the meeting were then given to the readers of papers, hoping they would allow them to be published. A vote of thanks was passed to the President, and also to the Mayor for the use of the Town Hall, and the meeting separated.

*Dinner.*—The members and visitors, including the Mayor of Yarmouth, afterwards dined together at the Royal Hotel, under the able presidency of Dr. Vores; Dr. Pitt officiating as Vice-President.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### SCHEME FOR AN ANNUAL MUSEUM.

SIR,—As our next Association annual meeting is drawing near, I wish to make a suggestion which, if carried out, will, I think, much increase its interest and usefulness. It is, that we should ask our Oxford friends to provide us with a room for the exhibition, under proper care, of objects of professional interest collected during the year. If a committee were appointed to arrange the matter, I feel sure that a very valuable annual exhibition might be got up. In it we might collect all new inventions in the way of instruments, of mechanical apparatus, casts, wax models, photographs, drawings, and even, in some instances, pathological specimens of unusual interest and rarity. It ought to be a rule to be observed with the utmost strictness, and everything exhibited should have appended to it a clearly written and concise description. Should the plan prove successful, I feel sure that a busy man might learn more in such a museum in an hour than he could by far longer and much more wearisome attendance in the section rooms. Here he would find the cream of the year's progress, and with perfect liberty to select what interested him, and to skip the rest, and to examine all at his leisure. The exhibition ought to be open through the whole time of the meeting; and a catalogue ought to be kept and produced from year to year. A synopsis of the catalogue might, perhaps, be worth publication in the JOURNAL.

There can be little doubt, as regards new instruments, that everything valuable would find its way to such an exhibition. In reference to some of the other departments, the scheme might perhaps require a little cultivation, and would, no doubt, improve from year to year. At our smaller provincial hospitals, and in private practice, there is a large amount of work done, the results of which are but too frequently lost. Many a specimen is exhibited before a small local society, and then put by in a cupboard, which was worthy of a better fate. Many a new observation might become widely known and accurately appreciated at an early period, could a good public opportunity be afforded for the investigation of the facts, etc., on which it rests. If Dr. Addison could have placed under the investigation of the whole profession the drawings, specimens, etc., by which his great discovery was illustrated, how much more rapidly would it have gained general attention, and how many misconceptions would have been avoided. I suppose that during the last year, at almost every hospital, a few drawings and a few specimens have been collected, illustrating the important subject of syphilitic disease of internal organs. If all of these, or a third of them, could be brought into juxtaposition for a few days, they would constitute a collection without rival in any single museum, and one of the utmost value to the pathologist and clinical worker. If the casts, drawings, etc., of rare skin-diseases, done during the past year, could be got together, they would, I have no doubt, have the effect of settling some moot questions, and preventing considerable waste of ink. It is by seeing the things themselves, or, if that be not practicable, the best possible representations of them, that we may hope to understand each other in our discussions, and to profit to the full extent by each other's work. An annual museum or exhibition of the kind indicated would, I think, do a great deal in this direction, and would be well worth a little expenditure both of energy and money. Our Association offers the machinery ready to hand; and I therefore beg to recommend the scheme to the attention of our Council and of the members generally.

I am, etc., JONATHAN HUTCHINSON.

Finsbury Circus, E.C., June 1868.

\*\*\* This suggestion we think of great value, and hope it may be acted upon.

### OUT-PATIENT HOSPITAL PRACTICE.

SIR,—The scheme so ably conceived and described by Dr. Sieveking in the JOURNAL of June 13th, is no novelty, except in some of its details. It is, in fact, a proposal to unite the dispensary and the hospital systems, with certain modifications in each. It will, perhaps, be interesting to your readers to know that this very scheme was put into practice some years ago by myself, and I believe also by my predecessors and colleagues at King's College Hospital, with a very fair amount of success.

From the commencement of my appointment as Assistant-Surgeon at that hospital, in 1862, I began to place the more serious and more remarkable cases under the surveillance of one or other of the dressers; and, in those cases that required visiting at the patients' homes, I either went myself, or sent a dresser who volunteered his services. In this

W. Martin, and Mr. Hart. After the conference, it was resolved to seek an interview with Mr. Hardy, to press for further amendments considered necessary in the interests of the profession and the public.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Friday, July 3rd, 1868.

PARISH MORTUARIES.—Mr. Goddard asked the Vice-President of the Committee of Council, whether his attention had been directed to a paragraph emanating from the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, headed "The Dead among the Living," and whether it was in their power to enforce upon the London vestries the fulfilment of that clause in the Sanitary Act with reference to providing parish mortuaries for the use of the poor inhabitants of the metropolis, which both the interests of the public health, as well as the cause of suffering humanity, so urgently demands.—Lord R. Montagu was understood to say his attention had been called to the article in question, and that it was entirely optional with the London vestries whether they would enforce that clause in the Sanitary Act or not. Neither his own department, nor the Home Secretary, had any power to require them to do so.

## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

A PRIZE OF £50 is offered for an Essay on "The Comparative Longevity of Different Species of Lower Animals and the Longevity of Man in Different States of Civilisation." The prize is open to members of the University who, within the five years preceding the 15th of June, 1869, shall have attended two courses, at least, in the Physiological department. The essays are to be sent in before the day of the Commemoration in next year to the Professor of Physiology, who will adjudicate the prize with the aid of any person or persons who will be kind enough to assist him at his request. If any question should arise as to the interpretation of any part of this notice the Professor of Physiology is to be referred to. The essays are to be distinguished by mottoes (the candidate's name being sent at the same time under a sealed cover) in the manner prescribed for the Chancellor's prizes.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

### ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

A MEETING of the Central Committee of this Society was held in the Royal College of Surgeons, on the 1st inst.; Dr. Fitzpatrick in the Chair. Dr. Wharton announced that he was authorised to tender Dr. Duke's resignation of the office of Honorary Treasurer, in consequence of his continued ill-health. The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"That Dr. Duke's resignation be accepted; and that the cordial thanks of this Committee be presented to Dr. Duke for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Honorary Treasurer to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Society for the past six years. The Committee cannot be satisfied with a mere formal acknowledgment of Dr. Duke's services, but beg leave to take advantage of the present opportunity to express their deep regret at the cause which has led to his resignation, and to express an earnest hope that his retirement for a time from professional pursuits may have the effect of producing a restoration of his health."

It was then proposed, seconded, and unanimously resolved, that Dr. James Little be requested to accept the office of Honorary Treasurer of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Society of Ireland.

The following awards were made during the past month, subsequently to the annual distribution.

1. A widow, aged 50. Husband dead some years. This was a case which has been annually relieved, but was too late this year for the general distribution. Recommended by Sir Dominic Corrigan, Bart., and Dr. Benson. Granted £5.

2. Three female orphans. Father died three years since. Application late for annual distribution. Recommended by Limerick Branch for a final grant of £15, to assist them in emigrating. Granted £15.

3. A spinster, for several years a recipient from this fund. Application late for annual distribution. Recommended by Limerick Branch. Granted £4.

4. A medical man, totally unable, from heart-disease, to follow his profession; has six children, and no means of support. Strongly recommended by Cork Branch. Awarded £15. (This was an urgent

case, and had come under the notice of the Cork Branch subsequently to the annual distribution.)

5. A widow, aged 70. Relieved last year. Friends supported her, but are now all dead. Recommended by Clare Branch. Awarded £5.

Dr. Little, the Honorary Treasurer, having reported that, from the unexpected calls upon the funds of the Society, owing to the arrival of several applications after the annual awards had been made, there remained only a small balance in hand to meet the awards in the last two cases. It was ordered that £4 be immediately sent to Case No. 4, as most urgent; and that, as funds were available, the balance should be remitted, as also the award in Case No. 5.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such, on July 9th.

Williams, Thomas Watkin, Newhall Street, Birmingham; diploma of membership dated April 3rd, 1840

Jackson, John, Church Street, Spitalfields; May 11th, 1840

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, July 2nd, 1868.

Barnish, William Croudson, Wigan, Lancashire

Bately, John, Southtown, Great Yarmouth

Brickwell, Eustace Arthur, Sawbridgworth

Dod, Harry Davenport, Macclesfield

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination.  
Davies, William Henry, University College Hospital

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH UNION, Leicestersh.—Medical Officer for District No. 5.

ATHLONE UNION—Medical Officer for the Athlone Dispensary District.

BANDON UNION, co. Cork—Medical Officer for the Innishannon Dispensary District.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—Resident Medical Officer.

CLAREMORRIS UNION, co. Mayo—Medical Officer for the Ballindine Dispensary District.

CORK UNION—Medical Officer for the Cork Dispensary District.

DUBLIN, TRINITY COLLEGE—King's Professor of the Practice of Medicine.

GALWAY UNION—Medical Officer for the Roundstone Dispensary District.

ISLINGTON DISPENSARY—Physician.

LEITH HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon.

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM, Hanwell—Assistant Medical Officer.

NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Liverpool—House-Surgeon.

PARSONSTOWN UNION—Medical Officer for the Kennitty Dispensary District.

ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY, Bartholomew Close—Physician; Assistant-Physician.

ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY—Two Medical Officers for Greenwich.

SHEFFIELD PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY—Physician.

ST. GILES and ST. GEORGE, Bloomsbury, Parishes of—Resident Assistant Medical Officer.

ST. MARLYBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY—Physician; Surgeon.

THINGOE UNION, Bury St. Edmunds—Medical Officer for District No. 7.

TRINITY COLLEGE, Glenalmond—Resident Medical Officer.

WAKEFIELD UNION—Medical Officer for the Shitlington District.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

HAYWARD, Sidney, M.D., appointed Physician for Out-patients to the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children.

\*MARTLAND, William, Esq., Surgeon to the Blackburn Infirmary, appointed Surgeon to the Blackburn Borough Police; and appointed Inspecting-Surgeon of Recruits, Blackburn District, *vice* J. Witherington, M.D., deceased.

### ARMY.

CULLEN, Staff-Surgeon D., M.D., to be Surgeon 71st Foot, *vice* Surgeon-Major G. T. Galbraith, M.D.

DOMENICHETTI, Surgeon-Major R., M.D., 75th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, *vice* J. C. H. Wright.

GALBRAITH, Surgeon-Major G. T., M.D., 71st Foot, retiring on half-pay, to have the honorary rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals.

MAUNSELL, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon T., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, *vice* E. F. O'Leary.

O'LEARY, Assistant-Surgeon E. F., Royal Artillery, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* T. Maunsell.

SKIPTON, Staff-Surgeon S. S., M.D., to be Surgeon 25th Foot, *vice* E. Touch, M.D.

TOUCH, Surgeon E., M.D., 25th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* S. S. Skipton, M.D.

WRIGHT, Staff-Surgeon J. C. H., to be Surgeon 75th Foot, *vice* Surgeon-Major R. Domenichetti, M.D.

### ROYAL NAVY.

BOTHWELL, B., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Penelope*.

FORBES, Charles, M.D., Staff-Surgeon, to the *Asia*.

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

### INDIAN ARMY.—To be Surgeons-Major.

BROWN, Surgeon G. F. H., Bombay COLLINS, Surgeon J. C., M.D., Bengal Army.

BUCKELL, Surgeon R. K., Bengal Army. GILBERT, Surgeon J., Bombay Army.

### To be Surgeons, Bengal Army.

BELLEW, Assistant-Surgeon H. W. SOUTH, Assistant-Surgeon D. B., M.D.

GAYER, Assistant-Surgeon E. J. THORNTON, Assistant-Surg. J. H., M.B.



**To be Surgeons, Madras Army.**

BIDIE, Assistant-Surgeon G., M.B.  
EVES, Assistant-Surgeon C. T.  
HEFFERNAN, Assistant-Surgeon J. J.  
HENDERSON, Assistant-Surgeon J. M.D.  
REED, Assistant-Surgeon J. G., M.D.

**To be Surgeons, Bombay Army.**

BLOOMFIELD, Assistant-Surgeon A. M.  
BURROWS, Assistant-Surgeon E. P.  
CATES, Assistant-Surgeon W. E.  
COLSTON, Assistant-Surgeon C. K.  
COLVILL, Assistant-Surgeon W. H.  
CRUIKSHANK, Assistant-Surgeon J., M.D.

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

MORRIS, C. W., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 16th Gloucestershire R.V.  
PHILLIP, T. R., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 19th Glamorganshire R.V.

RIDINGS, Assistant-Surgeon J. S., M.D.  
ROSS, Assistant-Surgeon H. M'Eilheron, M.D.  
TRIMNELL, Assistant-Surgeon D. W.  
WILLIAMSON, Assistant-Surgeon B., M.B.

JOYNT, Assistant-Surgeon C., M.D.  
KINGSTON, Assistant-Surgeon H. C., M.D.  
M'CONNELL, Assistant-Surgeon R. C.  
MENNIE, Assistant-Surgeon J.  
OGILVIE, Assistant-Surgeon C. F.

**BIRTHS.**

BRANTHWAITE.—On June 18th, at Heighington, near Lincoln, the wife of H. Branthwaite, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.  
BUCHANAN.—On July 3rd, at Glasgow, the wife of \*G. Buchanan, M.D., of a son.  
WATSON.—On June 24th, at West Green, Tottenham, the wife of \*William Tyndale Watson, M.D., of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

COTTER, Samuel K., M.B., B.A., to Alice, second daughter of Captain Thomas JAMIESON, of Portswood, Southampton, on June 8th.  
DALTON, W. R., Esq., Staff-Surgeon R.N., to Maria J., second daughter of Conrad H. GREENHOW, Esq., at the Riding Mill, Northumberland, on June 2nd.  
FISHER, James, Esq., to Caroline, youngest daughter of the late Nicholas FITZPATRICK, M.D., R.A., of Bedford, at Kempston, Bedfordshire, on June 9th.  
FORSYTH, Alexander, M.D., of Greenwich, to Katherine, second daughter of the late Henry SPRING, Esq., of Hoxton Square, at Woodford, Essex, on June 11th.  
GREEN, George R., Esq., to Isabella, second daughter of Joseph CLARKE, M.D., of Guilford Street, at St. Pancras Church, on June 3rd.  
GWYTHYR, James, M.B., to Lucy Victoria, only surviving daughter of W. R. CALLENDER, Esq., of Didsbury, at Manchester, on May 28th.  
\*HEY, Samuel, Esq., Senior Surgeon of the Leeds General Infirmary, to Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of the Rev. Josiah PRATT, vicar of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, on June 10th.  
\*KERSWILL, George, Esq., Surgeon, of East Looe, second son of \*Robert Kerswill, Esq., of St. Germans, to Frances Dorothea, second daughter of William MARSHALL, Esq., of Liskeard, at St. Clear, Cornwall, on July 2nd.  
\*MARTIN, John H., M.D., of Portsmouth, to Mary Jane, only daughter of the late Alexander McKECHNIE, M.D., Inspector-General of Fleets and Hospitals, at Norbiton, Kingston-on-Thames, on June 6th.  
MORRIS, Joseph, M.D., of Studley, Warwickshire, to Margaret Young, fourth daughter of George SMITH, M.D., of Barnsley, on June 25th.

**DEATH.**

SPRATLY.—On July 7th, at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, aged 35, Annie Maria Elizabeth, wife of \*S. Spratly, M.D.

SIR WILLIAM HOOD.—We announced last week the election of Dr. William C. Hood as Treasurer of Bethlehem Hospital. He has this week received the honour of knighthood, in recognition of his eminent services to psychological medicine and practice and of his public services in his professional capacity.

THE REVEREND DAVID BELL, M.D.—Amongst the fellows admitted into the Medical Society of London at the end of the last session was the Rev. D. Bell, M.D. Dr. Bell was also elected an honorary member of the St. Andrew's Medical Graduates' Association a short time ago.

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.—Sir Alexander Grant has been elected Principal of the University of Edinburgh by a vote of four against three. The ground of the decision was, that a large number of the Senatus had expressed an objection to the presidency of Sir J. Y. Simpson; and it was feared that this would affect the concord and efficiency of that body, and probably prevent the attendance of some of its valued members. We can but regret that our profession has thus lost the honour of having one of its members elected to the office.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—The distribution of prizes took place at King's College on the 3rd inst.; the Archbishop of Canterbury in the chair. The following is a list of the scholars and prizemen. Senior Scholar, C. E. Hoar; Second Year Scholar, R. W. Lyell; Junior Scholars, 1, G. C. Briggs, 2, A. W. Blyth; Warneford Scholars, Class 1: 1, W. F. Hazel, 2, J. N. Rat; Warneford Scholar, Class II, A. A. Kidger. Prizes—Warneford, 1, C. E. Hoar, 2, F. Beach; Anatomy, F. Warner; Physiology, G. le Hunt Rowland; Chemistry, G. le Hunt Rowland; Botany, T. Allen; Materia Medica, F. Beach; Divinity, G. le Hunt Rowland; R. Eardley Wilmot; Medicine, E. B. Baxter; Surgery, U. Pritchard; Clinical Medicine, F. Beach; Clinical Surgery, C. H. Mayhew; Todd Clinical, A. P. Fiddian; Midwifery, A. P. Fiddian; Forensic Medicine, H. Parmiter; Comparative Anatomy, R. W. Lyell.

SUICIDE AND LUNACY.—Dr. Stiff, in his Annual Report, quoted in the *Journal of Mental Science*, observes that about twenty-seven suicides annually occur in the county of Nottingham—none have occurred in the asylum; and he observes that it is exceedingly probable that, if this unfortunate class of persons had been brought under remedial treatment when they first showed signs of insanity, more than a third might be found to be curable.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. JELF.—After the distribution of prizes at King's College, on the 3rd instant, a testimonial was presented to Dr. Jelf, consisting of a handsome chased silver epergne. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in presenting it, reviewed the career of Dr. Jelf, and spoke in eulogistic terms of his conduct as Principal during his long tenure of office. He referred briefly to the various changes which had taken place in the College during his presidency, and spoke of the different departments which had become developed of late years so as to adapt the course of education to the requirements of the age, and he hoped that he would long live to enjoy the learned ease and dignified repose which he had so well-earned. Dr. Jelf, who was much affected, returned thanks for the testimonial, and assured them that he should prize it most highly as a remembrance of the years he had spent in the College, and of the warm sympathy he had always met with amongst his fellow workers and colleagues. He should, as long as he lived, ever feel the deepest interest in the College, and, with much emotion, bade those present a hearty farewell. In addition to the personal testimonial, half of the money subscribed has been employed in founding a medal, to be called the "Jelf Medal," one to be given annually in each department. A large number of subscribers were present, and cheered the Principal most heartily at the conclusion of his farewell speech.

**OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.**

MONDAY .....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
TUESDAY.....Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—National Orthopaedic Hospital, 2 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1.15 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.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.  
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.  
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.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 Demonstrations and Operations), 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

**MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.**

THURSDAY.—Zoological Society.

**NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

*All Letters and Communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.*

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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

AUTHORS OF PAPERS, desirous of having extra copies printed for their own use, are requested to communicate with the printer, Mr. Richards, 37, Great Queen Street.

"EXTENSIVE ADHESIONS" (Bodmin).—The paragraph was, no doubt, inserted by an injudicious, and evidently a professional, friend. The gentleman is a Fellow of the College by examination, and may well exclaim, "Defend me from my friends."

**ACTION OF DIGITALIS ON THE UTERUS.**

SIR,—In a late number of the JOURNAL, Dr. Addington Symonds, referring to the paper in the *Medico-Chirurgical Transactions* in which the action of digitalis upon the uterus was first described, attributes the authorship to Dr. Lee. Will you allow me to state that the observations in question rest on no higher authority than that of Dr. Lee's old pupil and hospital assistant, W. H. DICKINSON.

PHOTOS.—Messrs. Moira and Haigh have just published excellent likenesses of the Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. That of Dr. Alderson is particularly good.

A HOSPITAL SURGEON.—The preparations to which you allude have been removed into the Museum; the Theatre being required for the primary examinations commencing this day.

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.**—Advertisements should be forwarded direct to the Printing-Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. Richards, not later than *Thursday*, twelve o'clock.

#### APOTHECARIES AND GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.

SIR,—I had hoped an abler pen than mine would have answered Dr. Taaffe's letter, which appeared in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of June 13th. Under the circumstances, perhaps I may be allowed to make some comments on his letter, as well as on a communication from Dr. Barclay, in the *JOURNAL* of June 20th.

Dr. Taaffe, according to his letter, originated the proposal, that Licentiates of the Society of Apothecaries should be admitted Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicians without undergoing examination. I do not see why they should be so made physicians; but I can see reasons why they should not. I think it would be quite as reasonable to propose that an apothecary should be made a surgeon merely by payment of a fee.

Dr. Taaffe thinks this measure would give an "improved status to the general practitioner", such "status being a *real* and not a *sham* one." Now, I must beg to differ very decidedly from him in his view of the matter; since I imagine, as the case now stands, no one can dispute the fact of the physicians enjoying an improved status to that of their friends who are apothecaries only (*i.e.*, not doubly qualified). Further, I should suppose few people would consider a title acquired merely by *purchase* conferred anything more than a *sham* status; quite different from the present position of those gentlemen who have obtained their title by examination.

As to the claims of physicians to be styled Drs., I would beg to refer Dr. Taaffe to the *Lancet* of June 13th, where are several letters on the subject, in reply to his letter in the *Lancet* of June 6th.

I quite agree with one part of Dr. Taaffe's letter; viz., that in which he points out as a remedy for the present complex system of examinations, the formation of a central board of examiners for each of the three divisions of the United Kingdom, and I believe we shall soon have something of the sort in operation.

Dr. Barclay, in his communication, is disposed to favour the admission of apothecaries to the licence of the Royal College of Physicians without examination; thinking it might prove a means of uniting a "body already too much divided." Unquestionably, Dr. Barclay is right in supposing there are great difficulties in the way. For instance, putting a few of them in order, with some objections, I would ask—

1. Would such a measure promote unity?—I think not. The Licentiates, already an important body and rapidly increasing, would regard with suspicion the unexamined Licentiates; and, instead of promoting unity, it would prove a source of discord. Some distinction must arise between the two classes of Licentiates.

2. What would be the value of the College Licence?—At present, it is justly regarded as a good qualification, not only in medicine but in surgery. If the memorial were acceded to, the Licence would be held in very little esteem, since it would afford no guarantee of fitness for the practice of surgery; nor would it (in the case of apothecaries of ten years' standing) discriminate between those who have received an education fitting them for the study and practice of medicine and those whose educational acquirements are deficient.

3. Is the proposed measure perfectly fair to those gentlemen who have by examination obtained the Licence?—As a Licentiate, I should answer *No*. I may here remark that amongst the Licentiates of each year are some who have been in practice several years.

4. Has not the College already liberally afforded means to all general practitioners of obtaining the Licence by examination?—Yes, according to its regulations, practitioners of some date are admitted to examination without passing the preliminary portion; and if a man is fit to become a physician, he ought to pass the examination.

5. Is there any difference between the examination for the Licence of the College of Physicians and that for the Licence of the Apothecaries' Society?—Amongst others, there is this difference: the final examination for the Licence of the College of Physicians includes, besides medicine, midwifery, etc., surgery by written papers, bed-side and *visu voce* examination; also, at the first part of the professional examination, anatomy forms a very important subject, the printed questions being, at least, up to the average of those of the College of Surgeons.

Under the circumstances, it appears the College of Physicians is asked to give a Licence to practise medicine, surgery, and midwifery, without determining the fitness of the candidate for the practice of at least one of these subjects. Of course, I cannot say what the College will do; but I think it would rather consider the status of its Licentiates than adopt the plan submitted to it of selling Licences.

Trusting you can find room for these remarks. I am, etc.,  
Amphill, Beds, June 1868.

ARTHUR EVERSHERD, L.R.C.P. Lond.

#### THE TREATMENT OF CHOLERA.

SIR,—It was with much pleasure that I read Surgeon-Major Cannon's letter in your impression of May 16th, on the subject of the treatment of cholera; for I think Indian medical officers have been somewhat backward in making known their experience in the treatment of this terrible disease.

I blame myself in this matter; and although I have not much to say, and nothing new, still if every one amongst us would give, however briefly, the result of their experience, it could not be otherwise than beneficial, either in the advancement of truth or correction of error.

Dr. George Johnson's theory of the nature of cholera, and his treatment founded thereon, have made a considerable sensation in the profession, both at home and abroad, and have met with some determined opposition in high medical quarters. I quite agree with Dr. Cannon in thinking that those who hold the same views should support them publicly, not only in the cause of humanity, but also under the influence of brotherly feeling towards one who labours hard in a good cause.

I have seen a good deal of cholera in India during a period of twenty years' service. I have seen it treated by others, and treated it myself in numerous ways, by opium, stimulants of various kinds, turpentine, Condy's fluid, carbonate of soda, etc. All have been tried, and all found wanting. The only treatment which inspired me with any confidence, and which I have for many years followed, is that by calomel, which acts, no doubt, by counteracting the poison in the blood and eliminating it from the system.

I am sorry I have no statistics or particular reports at hand; but Cholera Hospitals and Cholera Camps, with the intense anxiety connected with them, are not easily effaced from the memory; and one can well recall the different methods of treatment adopted, and that which experience proved to be the best is retained with especial clearness. I am, etc.,

WALTER A. LESLIE, Surgeon-Major, Madras Army (Retired List).  
Bletchingley, Surrey, June 1868.

**NOTICES OF Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Appointments, intended for insertion in the JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.**

**A NAVAL SURGEON.**—No award of the Blane Medal has been made recently.

#### IMPROMPTU CATHETERS.

SIR,—*Apologies* of Mr. Stephenson's method of making a female catheter of a tobacco-pipe, I thought the following might not be devoid of interest to your readers.

Many years ago, I went to visit a patient in the country. I found her suffering from retention of urine. Not having my catheter with me, to save a six miles' ride, I improvised a female catheter out of a goose-quill, and relieved the patient from great pain.

A goose-quill may be converted into a very efficient female catheter with a pen-knife. By drilling one or two holes in the sides of the quill near its point (the point should not be cut off, as it is smooth and rounded off like an ordinary catheter, and does not hitch in the mucous membrane), the medullary end of the quill should then be cut off, leaving about two inches of the opaque white part. This end of the quill should be sliced in half longitudinally, and the pith cleared out of it; it then makes a convenient channel to guide the urine into the vessel set for it to run into.

I consider a quill quite as efficient and safer than a tobacco-pipe; for it is not brittle, more flexible, and as easily obtained. I enclose you one made like the one I used. I am, etc., T. H. J.

SIR,—In your issue of June 6th, I find an article from Mr. Stephenson of Nottingham, "On a Ready Method of making a Female Catheter." About seven years ago, I was at a labour many miles from home, and in the night. It became necessary to give assistance; and, before applying the forceps, I prepared to empty the bladder, but, unfortunately, found I had no catheter in my case. In this dilemma, I was called upon to act at once; when I thought it possible the bladder might be relieved by a goose-quill, which I procured out of a wing, and notched at each end; I then oiled it, and passed it easily and most effectually.

I have enclosed one for your inspection, and another (if you think proper) for Mr. Stephenson to see. The great advantage of my "impromptu catheter" is its freedom from danger, its efficacy, and the ease with which it can be made and procured in every house. I am, etc.,

Brecon, June 1868.

JAMES WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S.

SIR,—I have to thank Mr. Stephenson for his publication of "a ready method of making a female catheter", for it saved me no slight annoyance this morning. Summoned hastily to a distant patient whom I had yesterday delivered of her first child, I found her suffering great pain from retention of urine; but on searching my case for my female catheter, it was missing. Happy thought. Try the tobacco-pipe. Hardly sooner thought of than acted on, to the immediate relief of my patient and the intense satisfaction of her doctor. I found no difficulty in introducing the "ready female catheter", which answered its purpose admirably. For the knowledge so opportunely acquired, my warm thanks are gratefully tendered to Mr. Stephenson. I am, etc.,

Bagshot, Surrey, June 1868.

EDWD. KOUCH, M.A., M.B.

**A FELLOW (Southampton).**—The result of the recent Arts examination at the College of Surgeons will not be known until about the 20th inst.; immediately after, you will receive the usual notice.

**A STUDENT (Guy's).**—The information may be obtained on application to Mr. Copney, at the College of Physicians.

**WE** are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Harrogate Advertiser, July 4th; The Hampshire Chronicle, July 4th; The Malvern News, May 23rd; The Aberdeen Herald, July 4th; Weekly Supplement to the Sheffield Daily Telegraph, June 27th; The Newcastle Daily Journal, July 4th; The Marylebone Mercury, July 4th; The St. Louis Medical Reporter, June 15th; The Wiltshire County Mirror, July 8th.

#### COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—

Dr. G. Buchanan, Glasgow; Dr. J. W. Eastwood, Gateshead-on-Tyne; Mr. P. Cooper, Bury St. Edmunds; Mr. Charles Holmes, Slough; Mr. E. W. Brabrook, London; Messrs. Waugh and Co., London; Dr. T. K. Hornidge, London; Mr. F. J. Gant, London; Dr. Coleman, Ixworth; Mr. D. Cooper, London; Mr. John Manley, West Bromwich; Dr. J. M. Bryan, Northampton; Mr. W. Allison, East Retford; Mr. G. Naylor, London; Dr. Spratly, Rock Ferry, Cheshire; Mr. Josiah Blackburn, Liverpool; Dr. Richard Long, Arthurstown; An Associate; Dr. John Cockle, London; Mr. J. D. Hill, London; Mr. N. Heckford, London; Dr. Ch. Baümler, London; Dr. W. H. Dickinson, London; Mr. N. H. Bridgwater, Cheltenham; Dr. Simpson, Manchester; Dr. Sieveking, London; Mr. Husband, York; Dr. Waters, Chester; Dr. Acland, Oxford; Mr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. Chas. West, London; Mr. Nunneley, Leeds.

#### LETTERS, ETC. (with enclosures) from:—

Mr. Le Gros Clark, London; Dr. J. B. Pitt, Norwich; Dr. Grimshaw, Dublin; Dr. Edwin Andrew, Shrewsbury; Dr. G. H. Philipson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. J. M. Bryan, Northampton; Mr. G. Kerswill, Looe, Cornwall; Dr. William Newman, Stamford; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; Dr. John Murray, London; Mr. Holloway, London; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Mr. St. George Mivart, London; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Dr. Reith, Aberdeen; Dr. D. Bell, Goole; Mr. Reginald Harrison, Liverpool; Dr. Henry Barnes, Carlisle; Dr. Kennion, Harrogate; Mr. T. Watkin Williams, Birmingham; Dr. W. Rutherford, Edinburgh; Mr. A. Fleischmann, Cheltenham; Dr. T. M. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. B. G. Guinness, Dublin; Dr. C. Drysdale, London; Dr. B. Baker, Brentwood; Mr. W. Martland, Blackburn; Mr. C. H. Collins, Bristol; Dr. Septimus Gibbon, London.

#### BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Schlangenbad as a Watering-place, and its Medical Importance. By Rudolph Wolff, M.D. London: Asher and Co. 1868.  
The New York Medical Record for June.