

mitted so soon as the arrangements for their reception are completed. The following gentlemen constitute the medical and surgical staff: Consulting Physician, W. Addison, F.R.S., F.R.C.P.; Consulting Surgeon, J. C. Burrows, F.R.C.S.; Acting Medical Officers, Dr. Barker, Mr. Moore, and Dr. Taaffe; Dental Surgeon, Mr. Dennant. The well-known position of the members of the medical and surgical staff is alone a sufficient guarantee that the hospital will prove of great benefit to the rapidly increasing number of cases of children's diseases, many of which can alone be treated properly in a hospital such as has just been opened in Brighton.

SEWAGE OF ABERDEEN.

THE Police Commissioners of Aberdeen talk of leasing or purchasing 250 acres of land, and of spending £15,000 or £20,000 in engineering arrangements to utilise the sewage of the city for the purposes of cultivation. A Committee has been appointed to prosecute investigations which have been going on for years, but which will probably not end in action until many years have elapsed, and the usual squabbles have led to a large expenditure of money or the rejection of the whole project. The sewage of Aberdeen is at present discharged into the harbour, under the very noses of the inhabitants; and the whole system of drainage is such as would not exist anywhere but in a place where the penny wisdom of a few town-councillors impedes the way.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

LAST week Dr. D. Roberts, of Great Dover Street, was summoned before the Southwark police-magistrate, for refusing to fill up and sign a certificate of successful vaccination, he having performed the operation. Mr. Irving, the clerk of the Board of Guardians, said that the public vaccinator was appointed by the Board of Guardians and paid by them. If a private medical practitioner performed the operation he should seek his fee from the party employing him, but he was bound to sign the certificate or abide by the penalties specified by the Act of Parliament. Dr. Roberts considered that there was nothing in the Act of Parliament compelling him to sign the certificate. If so, it was very hard upon the medical profession altogether. It never could have been the intention of the legislature to impose upon medical gentlemen the duties of signing such certificates without any remuneration. The magistrate, Mr. Partridge, said it was a question of law, and the defendant did not dispute the facts. He had refused to fill up the certificate because he was not paid any remuneration. There was nothing to show that he had not the remedy of getting his fee as a private practitioner from the party who employed him, but it was clear that he was bound to give his certificate to the registrar without fee. The fine under the 30th section of the Act was twenty shillings; but, as the defendant had only come forward to meet the case on those peculiar grounds, he should mitigate it to ten shillings and costs.

CLOT-BEY has died at Marseilles, at the age of 75. He had acquired a well-merited reputation by his success in establishing medical instruction and practice in Egypt. During the last ten years he lived in France in retirement, but had long been associate of the most important academies of Europe, and Commander of the Legion of Honour.

THE NEW EXAMINATION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANTS.—The following regulations are proposed for the modified examination for assistants under the Pharmacy Act, 1868, and have been submitted to the Privy Council. "Candidates will be required to read autograph prescriptions, translate them into English, render a correct translation of the directions for use, and detect unusual doses; to weigh, measure, and compound medicines, write the directions in suitable language, finish and properly direct each package; to recognise the *Pharmacopæia* chemicals in frequent demand, and specimens of roots, barks, leaves, fruits, resins, and gums in ordinary use; the following plants, either in a fresh or dried state, or from plates—belladonna, stramonium, hyoscyamus, conium, aconitum, digitalis, and sabina; also to estimate the quality of each specimen submitted and its freedom from adulteration; to recognise the preparations of the *Pharmacopæia* which are not of a definite chemical nature, such as extracts, tinctures, and powders, and give the proportions of the more active ingredients."

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE first meeting of the twelfth session, 1868-69, will be held at Rochester (at St. Bartholomew's Hospital), at 3.30 P.M., on Friday, 25th September. Dr. BURNS will occupy the Chair.

Dinner will be ordered at the Bull Hotel for 6 P.M.

The Honorary Secretary requests that he may be relieved of his duties in consequence of over-wrought eyes.

FREDERICK JAMES BROWN, M.D., *Hon. Secretary*.

Rochester, September 7th, 1868.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

AN ordinary meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 1868. Dinner at 5 o'clock; after which, papers or cases will be communicated.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the dinner, or to read papers after, are requested to give notice to the Honorary Secretary,

Taunton, Sept. 8th, 1868. W. M. KELLY, M.D.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of the above Branch will take place at the Town Hall, Luton, Bedfordshire (Dr. PRIOR, President), on Wednesday, September 30th, at 2 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read cases or papers, are requested to send the names or titles of the same, without delay, to Dr. Bryan, Northampton.

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

Northampton, September 8th, 1868.

MEDICAL NEWS.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

for the week from Sept. 2nd to 8th (both inclusive).

Taken at Kew, by Dr. TREUTLER, Fellow of the Meteorological Societies of England and Scotland.

Mean height of barometer corrected and reduced to 32° F. and mean sea-level	30.200
Highest reading of do. (corrected & reduced), on 2nd, 10 A.M.	30.334
Lowest ditto	30.045
Range of pressure during the week	00.289
Mean temperature of air in shade	69.5
Mean temperature of evaporation	64.8
Mean temperature of dew-point	61.2
Mean degree of humidity (saturation=100)	75.
Mean maximum temperature of the week	80.0
Mean minimum temperature of the week	52.9
Calculated mean temperature of the week	66.4
Maximum temperature in shade, on 7th	89.2
Minimum temperature (protected), on 2nd	49.9
Minimum temperature (exposed on grass), on 2nd	44.2
Range of temperature during week	45.0
Highest reading of black bulb, solar radiation, thermometer in vacuo, on 7th	138.8
Lowest ditto	76.9
Mean amount of clouds (0-10)	1.2
Total rainfall	nil.
Mean amount of ozone (0-10)	0.6

WIND.

Mean Force

	N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm.	(0-12)
10 A.M.	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	1.1
2 P.M.	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1.5
10 P.M.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Mean force of wind (0-12)										1.0

The weather of the week has been warm and dry. Barometric pressure has been rather higher than last week; but the range has been the same. Temperature increased considerably until the 8th, when it again fell, owing to the N.E. wind which had set in. Before the 8th, the days were oppressively hot, and the nights cool (on the 7th there was a difference of 41.3° between the highest day and lowest night temperatures), accompanied by heavy dews. On the mornings of the 2nd,

3rd, 4th, and 5th, there were thick fogs, which vanished between 9 and 10 A.M. Winds have, on the whole, been very light; but on the morning of the 8th, a fresh breeze=5 set in from N.E., with an overcast sky, and continued to blow all day. The general health is good.

Kew, September 9th, 1868.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, Sept. 3rd, 1868.

Glencross, Frederic John, Devonport
Lake, George Robert, Leamington
Roberts, William Lake, Spilsby

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

ABBEY POOR-HOUSE AND LUNATIC ASYLUM, Paisley—Surgeon.
ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS, Earlwood—Assistant Medical Officer.
BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer and Tutor.
CLOGHER UNION, co. Tyrone—Medical Officer for the Aughnacloy Dispensary District.
DAILLY, Ayrshire—Parochial Medical Officer.
DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON—Assistant Dental Surgeon.
BUDLEY UNION, Worcestershire—Medical Officer for the Parish of Tipton.
DROITICH UNION, Worcestershire—Medical Officer for the Ombersley District.
HAMBLETON UNION, Surrey—Medical Officer for the Chiddingfold District.
IRONBRIDGE DISPENSARY, Salop—Surgeon.
KINGTON UNION, Herefordshire—Medical Officer for the Eardisley District.
LAMBETH, Parish of—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse in Princes Road.
LURGAN UNION, co. Armagh—Medical Officer for the Moira Dispensary District.
MACCLESFIELD DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon.
MADELEY DISTRICT, Salop—Certifying Factory Surgeon.
PARSONSTOWN UNION, King's County—Medical Officer for the Kennitty Dispensary District.
QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Physician.
ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, Greenwich—Resident Medical Officer.
ROYAL SOUTH LONDON DISPENSARY, St. George's Cross—District Surgeon to visit Out-Patients in the Blackfriars District.
SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY—Physician.
ST. GEORGE DISPENSARY, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square—Physician; Physician-Accoucheur; Surgeon.
ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Welbeck Street—Surgeon.
ST. PANCRAS WORKHOUSE—Medical Officer for Males.
SALFORD AND PENDELTON ROYAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY, Manchester—District Surgeon.
STOCKPORT INFIRMARY—Assistant to the House-Surgeon.
TRINITY COLLEGE, Dublin—Professor of Botany.
WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone—Physician-in-Ordinary.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BURB, John, Esq., elected Surgeon to the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Ophthalmic Infirmary.
SMITH, Frederick A. A., Esq., elected Assistant-Surgeon to the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Ophthalmic Infirmary.

DONATION.—An additional donation of £500 has been presented to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, by Mr. Samuel Scott, in answer to the special appeal which has been recently issued by the governors of that institution.

BEQUESTS.—The Right Hon. Caroline Baroness Wenlock, of Escrick Park, Yorkshire, has left £100 to the York County Hospital. The late Miss Jane Alexander, of Cambridge Terrace, Kensington, has bequeathed to University College Hospital, £300; Westminster Hospital, £100; King's College Hospital, £100.

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.—At the meeting of this Society, held on Friday, September 4th, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the year. *President*, J. G. Fleming, M.D. *Vice-Presidents*: W. T. Gairdner, M.D.; E. Watson, M.D. *Council*: D. Dewar, M.D.; D. Tindall, Esq.; G. H. B. Macleod, M.D.; A. R. Simpson, M.D.; D. Richmond, M.D.; Paisley; F. Thomson, M.D.; T. Torrance, Esq.; Airdrie; H. Thomson, M.D. *Secretaries*: James Adams, M.D.; Dr. R. Perry, M.D. *Treasurer*: H. R. Howatt, M.D.

THE HERBERT MEMORIAL HOME.—The Memorial Committee—to whom the superintendence of the Herbert Seaside Convalescent Home, erected at Bournemouth by the liberality of friends and admirers of the late Lord Herbert, was entrusted—have just issued their first annual report. The Home has been handed over free of debt to the governors of the Salisbury Infirmary; the chairman of the Committee, the Right Hon. T. Sotherton Estcourt, having generously paid the sum of £2,000, the balance against the Committee; and the expense of furnishing the Home has been met by the receipt from Lady Herbert of nearly £400, the balance in hand after closing the establishment at Charmouth. The Home, which was opened for the reception of patients on October 1st last, has already been attended with great success, 128 patients having been admitted in ten months.

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.

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BETA.—We cannot see that there was any neglect of duty, the circumstances having been as described.

SODA WATER RACKS.—We have lately seen some very convenient and useful articles of this description, made by Messrs. W. & J. Burrow of Malvern. They are made of metal, of various sizes—sufficient for 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 dozen bottles. The bottles lie in them safely, and in such a way as to allow free access of air; and the racks, from their occupying little space, can readily be stowed in a cool place.

THE DISCUSSION ON APHASIA AT NORWICH.

SIR,—Permit me to correct an error in the report, which appeared in your last week's impression, of the discussion on Aphasia at the Norwich Meeting of the British Association. In this report, I am made to say that "I had myself examined twenty-seven cases of aphemia," whereas what I did say was that "I had collected for the purposes of statistical research the details of twenty-seven *post mortem* examinations of aphasic patients, whose cases had been observed by myself or others; and that of these twenty-seven autopsies, five only were corroborative of Professor Broca's theory, and twenty-two were against it."

I trouble you with this correction, as I am anxious that the settlement of this much disputed question should not be retarded by an unintentional misstatement. Norwich, Sept. 7th, 1868. I am, etc., F. BATEMAN, M.D.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Chester Chronicle, August 28th; The Brighton Examiner; The Lincolnshire Chronicle, September 5th; The European Mail for South Africa, August 25th; The Lincoln Gazette, Sept. 5th; The Japan Times, July 11th; The Belfast News-Letter, Sept. 8th; The Wiltshire County Mirror, Sept. 9th.

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