

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:
ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Leeds, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of July.

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

President-Elect—CHARLES CHADWICK, M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to the Leeds Infirmary.

An *Address in Medicine* will be delivered by Sir WILLIAM JENNER, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., Physician in Ordinary to Her Majesty, and Physician to University College Hospital.

An *Address in Surgery* will be delivered by THOMAS NUNNELEY, Esq., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Leeds Infirmary.

An *Address in Midwifery* will be delivered by T. E. BEATTY, B.A., M.D., Dublin.

The business of the meeting will be conducted under five sections:

Section A. MEDICINE.—*Presidents*, W. T. Cairdner, M.D. *Vice-Presidents*, J. T. Banks, M.D.; and J. D. Heaton, M.D. *Secretaries*, T. Clifford Allbutt, M.D., 38, Park Square, Leeds; H. Charlton Bastian, M.D., F.R.S., 81, Avenue Road, London, N.W.

Section B. SURGERY.—*President*, William Hey, Esq., F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents*, George Southam, Esq., F.R.C.S.; and W. Stokes, jun., M.D. *Secretaries*, W. Fairlie Clarke, Esq., F.R.C.S., 1, Curzon Street, Mayfair, London, W.; and T. R. Jessop, Esq., F.R.C.S., 32, Park Square, Leeds.

Section C. MIDWIFERY.—*President*, Arthur Farre, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents*, S. Berry, Esq.; and W. O. Priestley, M.D. *Secretaries*, G. H. Kidd, M.D., 17, Merriion Square East, Dublin; and J. Thorburn, M.D., 333, Brighton Place, Oxford Street, Manchester.

Section D. PHYSIOLOGY.—*President*, J. Hughes Bennett, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents*, Lionel S. Beale, M.B., F.R.S.; and A. T. H. Waters, M.D. *Secretaries*, E. Chapman, Esq., M.A., Frewen Hall, Oxford; H. Power, M.B., 45, Seymour Street, Portman Square, London, W.

Section E. PUBLIC MEDICINE.—*President*, W. Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents*, E. D. Mapother, M.D.; and A. P. Stewart, M.D. *Secretaries*, G. H. Philipson, M.D., Saville Row, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and A. Wiltshire, M.D., 8, Richmond Terrace, Whitehall, S.W.

TUESDAY, July 27th.

1 P.M.—MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL—Town Hall.

3 P.M.—MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL—Town Hall.

8 P.M.—FIRST GENERAL MEETING—Lecture Room, Philosophical Hall.—The retiring President, Professor ACLAND, M.D., F.R.S., will resign his office.—The new President, Dr. CHADWICK, will deliver his Inaugural Address.—The Council's Report will be read, and discussion taken thereon.—Election of General Secretary.—Election of Auditors.—The Report of the Medical Benevolent Fund will be read.—Any motions of which notice may have been given.

WEDNESDAY, July 28th.

8.30 A.M.—PUBLIC BREAKFAST of the Association—Town Hall.

9.30 A.M.—MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL—Town Hall.—Special business: To elect new President of the Council.

10.30 A.M.—Committee on Registration of Diseases—Town Hall.

11 A.M.—SECOND GENERAL MEETING—Lecture Room, Philosophical Hall.—Appoint Place of Meeting in 1870 and President-elect.

12 A.M.—Address in Medicine, by Sir W. JENNER, Bart., M.D.

2 P.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS—Town Hall.—Adjourn at 5.30.

9 P.M.—President's *Soirée*—Victoria Hall, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, July 29th.

10 A.M.—THIRD GENERAL MEETING.—Town Hall.—Reports of Committees—Dr. E. Waters will present a Report from the Representation Committee.—Captain Galton's paper on Hospital Construction, with discussion.

2 P.M.—Address in Midwifery, by Dr. BEATTY—Lecture Room, Philosophical Hall.

3 P.M.—MEETING OF SECTIONS—Town Hall.—Adjourn at 5.30.

6 P.M.—PUBLIC DINNER of the Association—Victoria Hall, Town Hall.

FRIDAY, July 30th.

10 A.M.—FOURTH GENERAL MEETING.—Address in Surgery, by

THOMAS NUNNELEY, Esq., F.R.C.S.—Lecture Room, Philosophical Hall.

11 A.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS—Town Hall.

3.30 P.M.—CONCLUDING GENERAL MEETING—Town Hall.

Reception Room.—A room will be opened in the Philosophical Hall, Park Row, as a reception room, on Tuesday, July 27th, 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.

Members and others who require information with respect to the meeting are requested to make application in this room.

Gentlemen are requested to proceed direct to this room immediately on their arrival—to enter their names and addresses, and to obtain the tickets necessary to secure admission to all the proceedings.

Letters, parcels, etc., may be left in this room, in the care of the clerks. Arrangements will be made for the receipt and postage of letters in this room.

The General Post-office and the several Telegraph Offices are in Park Row, close to the reception room.

Editor's and Secretary's Room.—A room for the use of the Secretary and the Editor will be provided in the Town Hall.

Gentlemen wishing to communicate with these officials, are requested to make application in this room.

Hotels.—The following are the principal Hotels in the town: those at the head of the list being the most commodious. The Queen's, attached to the Wellington Station; The Great Northern Railway Station Hotel, attached to the Central Station; White Horse, Boar Lane; Victoria, Great George's Street, close to the Town Hall; Bull and Mouth, Briggate; Gill's West Riding Hotel, Wellington Street; Andrews' Temperance Boarding House, 20, Park Place; Beecroft's Hotel, Bishopgate Street, close to the Wellington Station; Golden Lion, Briggate.*

Gentlemen wishing for accommodation in the above, should communicate *without delay* with the managers of the respective houses.

Lodgings.—Members requiring private lodgings, are requested to apply *at once* to Dr. Eddison, Park Square, Leeds, stating the required number of sitting-rooms and bed-rooms, and *about* the terms expected, when the Local Committee will do their best to secure what may be desired.

Places of Meeting.—All Council, General and Sectional Meetings, will be held in the Town Hall, by the kind permission of the Mayor and Town Council of Leeds.

The General Addresses will be delivered in the Lecture Theatre of the Philosophical Hall.

The Annual Public Breakfast, Public Dinner, and President's *Soirée*, will be held in the Victoria Hall, Town Hall.

A *Soirée* will be given by Dr. Heaton, President of the Leeds Literary and Philosophical Society, in the rooms of that Institution, on Friday evening, the 30th.

The Annual Museum and the Annual Library, together with the Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, will be held in the Leeds School of Medicine, Park Street, close to the Infirmary.

Papers.—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 must be in the hands of the General Secretary, or of one of the Secretaries of the Sections to which the paper belongs, on or before Saturday, July 24th.

Authors are requested to prepare beforehand short abstracts of their papers for publication. The papers (and abstracts) read in the different Sections are to be handed to the Secretaries of the Sections for publication in the JOURNAL of the Association. If, owing to want of space, any papers read cannot be printed in the JOURNAL, they will be returned on application to the office, 37, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

No paper shall occupy more than *twenty* minutes in delivery. All subsequent speakers not to exceed *ten* minutes.

Gentlemen intending to visit Leeds during the Meeting are requested to send their names *without delay* to Dr. Eddison, Park Square, Leeds.

Annual Museum: Notice to Exhibitors.—Rooms will be provided at the School of Medicine for the Museum, in which it is intended to exhibit all new objects of interest to the profession, such as: 1. New Instruments and Appliances in Medicine and Surgery. 2. New Drugs and new Preparations. 3. New Books—English and Foreign. 4. Pathological Preparations. 5. Photographs, Drawings, Casts, and Models of Pathological Specimens. 6. Models of New Inventions relating to Public Health, etc. 7. New Preparations of Food. The Museum

* By an error in punctuation last week, the locality of some of the hotels was incorrectly stated. The list as here given is correct.—EDITOR.

will be opened on Tuesday Morning the 27th, and will remain open until the Evening of Friday the 30th. All objects intended for exhibition must be addressed "*Cure of Dr. Eddison, the School of Medicine, Leeds.*" and be delivered on or before Monday the 19th, and must be removed from the Museum on Saturday the 31st July, or not later than Monday the 2nd of August. No object can be exhibited unless it is accompanied by a written or printed description, and a short reference for insertion in the Catalogue. Intending Exhibitors are requested to apply to Dr. Eddison for any information they require, and to inform him as soon as possible what they intend to exhibit, and how much space they are likely to need. In case any members prefer bringing preparations with them, they are particularly requested to forward short descriptions beforehand, in order that they may appear in the Catalogue. Adequate space and the necessary fittings for properly exhibiting the objects sent will be provided; but all expenses connected with packing and carriage, and all risk from injury or loss, must be borne by the Exhibitors.

Notices of Motion.—The following notices have been given.

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

Mr. GANGE: That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the income and expenditure of the British Medical Association, with a view to ascertain if its resources admit of being more efficiently employed, than they now are, for the advancement of science and for the promotion of the material and social interests of the medical profession.

The Rev. Dr. BELL has given the following notices.

1. To move that, if the first general Meeting for business be held in the evening, it be adjourned at ten o'clock, if the business be not concluded by that hour.

2. To call attention to the "Financial Statement" given in the JOURNAL of 17th April: (a) in relation to the items of expenditure and income in the publication of the JOURNAL; (b) the stipends of the officers, especially that of the General Secretary.

3. To ask, in reference to the Meeting of the Committee of Council of 9th June, 1869, second resolution (a) whether the cheque books of the Local Secretaries, as well as of the General Secretary, be included in the audit; (b) in whose name the General Secretary keeps the banking account of subscriptions received by him.

4. To move that the Ten (or Twenty, according to Dr. Davey's notice) elected members of the Committee of Council, be not eligible for re-election, after serving two (or three) years, in greater number than one-half, until they have been non-members for a like period.*

5. To draw attention to the propriety of not electing an Editor of the JOURNAL on the eve of the Annual General Meeting, and making arrangements for alterations in the JOURNAL;† also to the advisability of nominating at the previous General Annual Meeting the Gentlemen who are to read Addresses at the next Annual Meeting.

6. To suggest that the Notices of motion for the General Annual Meeting be sent direct to the Editor instead of through the General Secretary.

Papers.—The following Papers have been promised:—

S. Hey, F.R.C.S. On the Beneficial Results of Undesigned and Accidental Hæmorrhage in certain cases.

P. C. Little, F.R.C.S.I. On Railway and other Accidents; with Cases and Observations.

E. Gaylor, L.R.C.P. On the Professional and Commercial Abuses of the Club System.

Lawson Tait, L.R.C.P.Ed. On Fungous Tumour of the Dura Mater. On Idio-Muscular Contraction.

J. Braxton Hicks, M.D., F.R.S. On the Use of the Intra-Uterine Douche in Offensive Lochia, as a rule of practice. Cases showing the use of Perchloride of Iron in Flooding.

T. P. Heslop, M.D. How do the Sick Children of the Poor obtain Medical Attendance?

R. Hibbert Taylor, M.D. A case of Poisoning with Extract of Belladonna; with detailed account of *post mortem* appearance.

Wm. Squire, L.R.C.P. On the Temperature-Variations occasioned by Vaccination, and its effects upon the Health of Infants.

A. S. Myrtle, M.D. On Hydro-Therapeutics—the resources of Harrogate specially considered.

* This is an alteration of one of the Laws of the Association, and therefore cannot be brought forward without giving two months' notice, in accordance with Law 21:—"Any member wishing to propose a new law, or an alteration of an existing law, must send notice to the Secretary at least two months previous to the annual meeting, and specify the change proposed. The Secretary shall immediately cause such notice to be published in the JOURNAL, which publication shall be repeated three times at least, and it shall be announced in the Report of the Council."—T. W. W.

† This is already provided for by a resolution of the Committee of Council, passed at their meeting on June 9th. The election of Editor will take place after the Leeds meeting, at a time to be there announced.—T. W. W.

Vincent Jackson, M.R.C.S. On the Hypodermic Administration of Alcoholic Stimulants.

T. C. Allbutt, M.A., M.D. On the Propagation of Enteric Fever. John Birkett, F.R.C.S. On the Causes of Death after Amputations of the Limbs in Hospitals.

C. B. Fox, M.D. Remarks on Ear-Cough, and its mode of production.

J. M. Fothergill, M.D. On Uræmic Diarrhœa.

F. E. Anstie, M.D. On the Limits of Stimulation.

J. Russell Reynolds, M.D. On Certain Forms of Paralysis depending on Idea.

J. Russell Reynolds, M.D. On the Treatment of Rheumatic Fever by Perchloride of Iron.

J. B. Sanderson, M.D. On the Practical and Pathological Bearing of Recent Researches as to the Artificial Production of Tubercle.

J. B. Sanderson, M.D. On the Various Methods of Measuring and Recording the Movements of the Chest, for the purposes of Clinical Observation.

C. G. Wheelhouse, F.R.C.S. On the Use of the Probe Dilator in Operations Involving the Posterior Portions of the Urethra.

T. P. Teale, M.A., F.R.C.S. A Demonstration of Rectangular Stumps, by Patients, Photographs, and Casts. [Mr. Teale will be glad to receive contributions of patients, photographs, and casts of rectangular stumps from as many different sources as possible].

H. Blarc, M.D. On Animal Vaccination.

W. S. Playfair, M.D. On the Treatment of Chronic Uterine Catarrh.

C. A. Hemingway, M.R.C.S. On the Reduction of Compound Fracture, with Protrusion of Bone, by the Use of the Lever.

McCall Anderson, M.D. On some of the more recent Methods of Treating certain Diseases of the Skin.

W. H. Broadbent, M.D. A brief account of a recent Investigation of the Structure of the Cerebral Hemisphere, with remarks.

Edward Ballard, M.D. On the Evils arising from the present mode of taking Medical and Scientific Evidence in our Courts of Justice.

James Cumming, M.D. On some Points in the Pathology of Delirium Tremens.

Richard Rendle, M.R.C.S. On the Use of Protoxide of Nitrogen in General Surgery, and on a New Mode of Producing Rapid Anaesthesia.

Holmes Coote, F.R.C.S. On Hospitalism.

T. Holmes, F.R.C.S. On Hospitalism.

W. F. Teevan, B.A., F.R.C.S. Stricture of the Urethra: its Prevention, Early Detection, and Best Method of Treatment.

Victor de Méric, F.R.C.S. On cases of Syphilitic Affection of the Third Nerve, producing Mydriasis with and without Ptosis.

Edward Lund, F.R.C.S. On the Use of Antiseptic Cere-cloth for Covering Wounds.

W. Stokes, Junr., M.D. On Temporary Deligation of the Abdominal Aorta.

W. Stokes, Junr., M.D. On a New Operation for Hare Lip.

D. Nicholson, M.D. On the Body Weight and Urea in a case of starvation.

G. H. Philipson, M.D. On the Registration of Diseases.

C. B. Taylor, M.D. Brief Notes (on Cataract Extraction) from Berlin, Wiesbaden, and Utrecht.

Protheroe Smith, M.D. An Aid to Parturition, and to the Treatment of Displacement of the Uterus by a new Mechanical Appliance.

T. R. Jessop, F.R.C.S. Short Notice of a fatal case of Emphysema produced by violent Screaming.

R. T. Land, M.D. A case of Femoral Aneurism successfully treated by Ligature of the External Iliac Artery.

C. H. Moore, F.R.C.S. On certain Causes of Mammary Cancer.

Henry Lee, F.R.C.S. On Albumen in the Urine after Surgical Operations.

T. J. Dyke, F.R.C.S. On [the] Practical Working of the Sanitary Act of 1866, and the Diseases Prevention Act of 1865.

C. H. F. Routh, M.D. On the Treatment of Certain Forms of Uterine Cancer.

J. Wallace, M.D. On Hydrothorax and Empyema; Thoracentesis and Forcible Extraction of the Fluid by Suction; with Cases.

Staff-Surgeon T. B. Moriarty. On the Absence of Typhus and Typhoid Fever in Tropical Africa.

G. H. B. Macleod, M.D. On Amputation at the Ankle-joint.

G. H. B. Macleod, M.D. On the Immediate Treatment of Stricture.

G. Southam, F.R.C.S. On some of the Advantages of Tapping in the Treatment of Ovarian Tumours.

C. B. Fox, M.D. Remarks on Clinical Thermometers.

John Mulvany, M.D., R.N. On Oleum Petrolii as a Medicinal Agent.

P. M. Braidwood, M.D. On Animal Vaccination.

J. Mulvany, M.D. On Permanganate of Potassa in Neuralgia and Crude Tubercle.

James Braithwaite, M.D. On a mode of applying the Midwifery Forceps productive of less pain to, and disturbance of, the Patient, than that usually adopted.

R. Elliot, M.D. Is the Adjustment of the Eye to Vision at various distances dependent on the action of the lens or other similarly acting component parts of the Eyeball by refractifying and focifying light, and by the magnification of objects?

R. Elliot, M.D. Do the Movements of the Iris by excluding the peripheral rays of the optic pencil, and admitting only such as are practically parallel, not claim our attention in explanation of the adjustment of vision to various distances?

W. P. Bain, M.D. On a Portable Spirometer, with a short demonstration of the different modes of Artificial Respiration.

J. R. Leake, M.R.C.S. On the Treatment of Palpitation with Digitalis.

G. Oliver, M.B. The Atmosphere of Towns in its Sanitary Aspect.

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All speakers at the general meetings must not exceed *ten* minutes each.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, July 15th, 1869.

REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

Held in London, July 12th, 1869.

PRESENT:—Dr. Sibson, F.R.S. (in the Chair); Mr. Bartleet; Dr. Bryan; Mr. Ceely; Dr. Chadwick; Mr. Clayton; Mr. Edye; Dr. Falconer; Mr. Hodgson; Mr. Nicholson; Dr. Simpson; Mr. Heckstal Smith; Mr. Southam; Mr. Steele; Dr. E. Waters; Dr. Wilkinson; and Mr. T. Watkin Williams (General Secretary).

The following resolutions were unanimously passed.

1. That the Programme of the Annual Meeting be adhered to.
2. That all speeches at the General Meeting at Leeds be limited to *ten* minutes.

3. That, in reference to the last clause presented at Oxford by Dr. Bell's Committee, the Treasurer be requested to ascertain, for the information of the Committee, the greatest number of JOURNALS issued during the year, as well to those who have paid their subscriptions as to those in arrear.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S., *General Secretary*.

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, July 14th, 1869.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Cumberland and Westmorland Branch was held at the New Crown Hotel, Penrith, on Wednesday, the 23rd of June, 1869, under the Presidency of MICHAEL W. TAYLOR, M.D., of Penrith. There was a large attendance of members from both counties. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Council.—The Secretary, Dr. H. Barnes, read the Report of the Council.

"The Council of the Cumberland and Westmorland Branch of the British Medical Association, in presenting their first annual report, congratulate the members on the great success which this newly formed Branch has met with. During the past year, the Council have elected twenty new members. Two have been removed by death, and one has left the district, thus leaving at the commencement of our second year seventy members—nearly two-thirds of the total number of medical men practising in the two counties. One of the gentlemen lost to us by death was Dr. Fidler of Whitehaven, an old established and much respected practitioner, most active in promoting the interests of the Branch, and a regular attendant at all the meetings. The Council beg to express their sympathy with his family and the profession in Whitehaven at the loss which they have sustained by his death.

"*Increase of Members.*—The number of new members who have joined us during the past year furnishes the best indication both of the necessity and usefulness of such a Society. This accession of strength entitles this Branch to an additional delegate on the General Council of the Association; and the Council of this Branch were much pleased with the gratifying reception which the representatives of this Branch—Dr. Tiffen (Wigton) and Dr. Campbell (Carlisle)—met with at the Oxford meeting last year. In addition, the Branch is thus made one of the most flourishing in the Association, there being only ten larger and many smaller in existence. These results should lead to increased in-

dividual efforts to augment our numbers, and thus add to the usefulness of the Society.

"*Meetings held.*—At two intermediate meetings held in October and April, as agreed upon at the inaugural meeting last year, a number of interesting papers and cases were communicated; and at the last meeting a petition to Parliament was adopted in favour of a Direct Representation of the Profession in the General Council of Medical Education. Through the efforts of individual members of the Branch, the attention of all county and borough members of Parliament residing in the two counties have been favourably directed to this subject; and when the Medical Act Amendment Bill comes forward in the House of Commons, these representations cannot fail to be of some effect.

"*Parliamentary Bills Committee.*—Your Council being invited to co-operate with the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association, have nominated W. B. Page, Esq., of Carlisle, as the representative of the Branch on that Committee, and have to request that any member interested in any amendment of any Bill relating to medical or sanitary subjects, will communicate with that gentleman, so that his representations may be duly laid before the Committee.

"*Statement of Accounts.*—The Council have examined the treasurer's books, and find that the amount received from subscriptions during the past year has been £8, and the expenditure £7:7:5, leaving a balance in hand on the 19th of June of 12s. 7d. This expenditure includes all the expenses of organising the Branch, and all expenses connected with the preliminary meeting prior to its formation last year.

"Signed on behalf of the Council,

"M. W. TAYLOR, M.D., *President-Elect*.

"HENRY BARNES, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*."

On the motion of Dr. DODGSON (Cockermouth), the Report of the Council was adopted.

Votes of Thanks were accorded to the retiring President, the Secretary, and the other members of Council, for their services during the past year.

Office-bearers.—The following gentlemen were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz.: *President-elect*, T. F. I'Anson, M.D. (Whitehaven); *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, H. Barnes, M.D. (Carlisle); *Members of Council*, T. S. Clouston, M.D.; W. Reeves, Esq.; R. Elliott, M.D. (Carlisle); W. T. Greaves, Esq. (Penrith); T. Green, M.D. (Kendal); and H. Dodgson, M.D. (Cockermouth).

The following gentlemen were elected as the *Representatives of the Branch on the General Council*:—R. Elliot, M.D.; T. S. Clouston, M.D.; T. M. Fothergill, M.D.; and H. Barnes, M.D., *ex officio*.

Some formal alterations in the rules were agreed to on the motion of Dr. Clouston.

President's Address.—Dr. TAYLOR, on taking the chair as President, delivered an inaugural address. He began by returning thanks for the honour of having been chosen as their President, and paid a tribute to his predecessor in the chair, the venerable Dr. Barnes of Carlisle, who was elected as the first President of the Branch, and who may be regarded as the patriarch of the profession in the north of England. Dr. Taylor then proceeded to draw a parallel of the past and present systems of opinion in medicine. In the first part of his discourse, he referred to the systems and codes which swayed medical progress more or less in posterior times, and the errors of the deductive methods of logic, and the worship of authorities. In the second part of his address, he showed the foundation of the rational and eclectic principles and practice now prevailing; the adoption of the inductive method, and the progress of exact observation, in recent times, and the renunciation of hypotheses and systems. He illustrated how the practice in different diseases had been tacitly changed by the body of the profession in deference to a juster pathology, and improved knowledge of final causes in disease, gained in modern times; how, by the many physical aids to our senses, enlisted in medical research, the etiology, diagnosis, and history of disease, were assuming more and more the certainty and exactitude of a science; but he warned his hearers against regarding too exclusively lesions and the results of diseased action, and overlooking the succession of symptoms which precede them, and by reposing too confidently on the powers of Nature, or an expectant treatment only, allowing medicine to be shorn of that attribute which lends a charm to its practice, and by which alone it is technically estimated by the world; viz., its power of healing, or the art of therapeutics. He expressed a fear lest the advanced pathology of the modern school, regarding exudation as the essence and necessity of inflammation, and decrying the use of antiphlogistics, was running too much into a fashion of undervaluing the resources of our art, and time-honoured remedies. He referred to the controversy of blood-letting in pneumonia; and pronounced strongly his conviction that in country districts, away from the pernicious influences of towns, amid a vigorous and primitive population, pneumonia

still exhibits to the full the sthenic characters described by Cullen and Gregory; and that, under such circumstances, and early in the disease, blood-letting is beneficial. Another noble feature in medical progress was indicated; viz., its application towards the prevention of disease—in which direction, in the future, we may look for its greatest influence: in sanitary measures for the abatement of epidemics; in the destruction within and without the body, of miasmatic and zymotic poisons; in hygiene; in diet and food medicines, in combating the tendency to those degenerations of tissues and organs which enter so largely into the causation of mortality at the present day. Dr. Taylor concluded by congratulating the members on the successful establishment of an Association, which for the first time in this large district has afforded opportunities for practitioners assembling together for intercommunion, and the discussion of the results of their medical observation and experience.

Medical Officer of Clubs.—Dr. HENDERSON (Kirkby Stephen) introduced the subject of the remuneration of medical officers of sick clubs and benefit societies, which led to an interesting and prolonged discussion, in which the President, Dr. Dodgson, Mr. Taplin, Dr. Henry, Mr. Reeves, Dr. Maclaren, Mr. Greaves, and Dr. Dickson took part.

On the motion of Mr. REEVES, a committee was appointed to inquire into the subject, and to report to a future meeting; the committee to consist of Dr. Henderson of Kirkby Stephen, Mr. Taplin of Kirkoswald, Mr. Hall and Mr. Reeves of Carlisle, and Dr. Dickson of Whitehaven.

Medical Advertising.—Dr. FOTHERGILL proposed a resolution on indirect medical advertising, which was seconded by Mr. REEVES; but, owing to want of time, its consideration was postponed.

Dinner.—After the conclusion of the meeting, many of the members dined together, Dr. Taylor occupying the chair, and Dr. l'Anson, President-elect, the vice-chair.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ELECTIONS AT THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

SIR,—Now that “the battle is over, the victory won,” it is surely time that no more “after-carnage should be done”; and I must beg your indulgence for one of the victims of the fray, who has not only been somewhat sharply, if not rudely, handled at the time, but who now, like a gladiator of old when wounded and down, appears in danger of being remorselessly immolated.

For several years past, I have been requested to come forward for the Council of the College of Surgeons; but I felt that there were so many men, my seniors, who had at least an equal right with my myself to any honour that the surgical profession has in its gift, that I determined not to present myself to the Fellows until those claims had, in my opinion, been satisfied; and, as far back as 1862, I wrote to the journals to that effect. This year I was again most strongly urged, and the necessary papers were brought to me by a zealous friend. I signed them in a moment of weakness; and I then found that I had immersed myself in a “sea of trouble.” I had, in the first instance, to procure the signatures of nine Fellows; six to the effect that I was a fit and proper person for the honours I sought, and three to certify that I did not practise as an apothecary.

I was thus obliged to apply personally or by letter to nine friends. Here was the commencement of a canvass, if not by the candidate, at least by his friends. Every one of those to whom I spoke had questions to ask, principles to test, advice to give, assistance to offer. Had this been all, I could have answered the one, satisfied the other, accepted the advice, and gratefully declined the proffered aid. But, to my surprise, when I spoke to two or three most excellent friends and worthy Fellows, on whose votes, if not support, I had fully relied, I was met with a serious countenance, an ominous shake of the head, or a blank look of commiseration at my ignorance of how affairs are managed at college elections, and with the invariable remark, “My dear fellow, you are *too late*, you haven’t a chance,” or perhaps with the more homely but not less cordial phraseology, “My dear fellow, if you had only come forward last year, you might have walked over the course with a pipe in your mouth, but this year, I am so sorry; however, next time, etc.”

I found that numbers of my friends were pledged. They expressed their regret; but one was pledged to A, another to B and C; had been so for months—for years even. It was in vain I gently hinted that each Fellow had three votes, and that I might perhaps have one of the spare ones. It was useless. I found that many most excellent men, who most sincerely had the interest of the College and of the profession at heart, had been pledged for months to support one or two men, *irrespective of any other candidate who might come forward.*

I thought, indeed, that I was, as I had repeatedly been told “too

late”; and that, although the election did not take place for the next six weeks. I had determined to withdraw my papers, when some of my more intimate and valued friends dissuaded me; and, finding that the Fellows had already, and for months past, been most actively canvassed for other candidates, and that many had been pledged since previous elections, they determined to do their best to secure my seat at the Council Board. Amongst these, none was more anxious for my success than my former pupil and my old and valued friend, Mr. Berkeley Hill, who, with that zeal and energy, that generosity of feeling and kindliness of heart that characterise all his actions, wrote not only to many mutual friends but, unfortunately, as it turned out, to some with whom, although classed among mine, he was not personally acquainted. This letter was a simple statement of facts; and amongst others, that, as exertions were being made for other candidates, I should be passed by unless my friends supported me. It contained no request for a vote—and was merely meant as a summons to my friends to support me. I may observe that I had not seen this letter before it was sent out; but I confess that, when it was sent to me by a friend, and I did read it, I saw nothing to object to in its tone, and, indeed, in other respects it appeared to me to contrast most favourably with the numerous and strongly worded epistles that I have on most former occasions had addressed to me, urging me to vote for and to support particular candidates. But, surely, since the celebrated letter which Mr. Pickwick on a well-known occasion wrote so “injudiciously” to Mrs. Bardell, no letter has attained greater notoriety, or has been more incessantly used, than that “injudicious” one so kindly written, and in so friendly a spirit, on my behalf.

Had Mr. Berkeley Hill only remembered that which every school-boy knows, but which so many wise and good men have forgotten, to their cost, that “*littera scripta manet*”; had he contented himself with whispering his seductive strains into the coy but, as it proved, the not wholly unwilling ears of the Fellows; had he adopted the more usual and safer course of an active personal house-to-house canvass before, and of button-holding his friends at the College on the day of election, he would have escaped that outburst of virtuous indignation with which he has been assailed, and he would, possibly, have better served his friend at less risk to himself.

No one can deplore more sincerely than I do the existence of canvassing at elections of the College of Surgeons, or, indeed, in any other institution, professional, political, and social. No doubt, every elector ought to be influenced by the highest and purest motives. He should give his vote to the best man, without favour or affection; he should not allow professional rivalry, personal animosity, the jealousy of schools, or the influence of party feeling to warp his judgment or disturb his choice. But as we do not exactly live in an Utopia, as all the influences that I have just named are tolerably rife amongst us, the only course open to those who desire the success of a candidate, whether it be on public or on private grounds, is to counteract these opposing influences, by securing him all the support in their power. This, doubtless, is very lamentable; but it is a system that has not only existed in college elections, as every Fellow in a prominent position must know, for many years past, in fact, ever since the Fellows woke up to a sense of their power in the College; but it is forced upon the candidate and his friends by the very mode of election at the College of Surgeons—by which a candidate for the Council has to seek his own election—to send to the College for the necessary papers and to obtain nine signatures to these. The application necessary for this preliminary step constitutes in itself an act of canvass, and inaugurates the whole system. There are, in my opinion, only two methods by which canvassing can be abolished at the College of Surgeons. The first is by allowing all country Fellows to vote by properly attested voting papers. But for this a new charter would be required. If adopted, I believe, however, that, owing to the large size of the constituency, it would be effectual—for, out of the 1,400 Fellows not 400 reside in the Metropolitan District. The other plan would be to grant the power of meeting to the Fellows. As this is a question of bye-law only, it may possibly be obtained from or granted by the Council.

The College of Physicians has been adduced as an example of an institution with a popular element, in which the elections take place without canvassing, which is there a disqualification to a candidate. But the cases of the two Colleges are altogether dissimilar. In the College of Physicians, the candidate is nominated by the Council, and his name is then submitted to the Fellows, a small, compact, and chiefly Metropolitan body, for election; whilst, in the College of Surgeons the candidate has to seek his own election, to send to the College for papers, to obtain nine signatures to them, and then, to leave the rest in the hands of his friends amongst the Fellows. I am, etc.,

July 10th, 1869.

JOHN ERIC ERICHSEN.

* * Mr. Erichsen’s defence of a friend who has exposed himself to

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Monday, July 5th.

NURSES IN IRISH DISPENSARIES, ETC.—The Earl of Kimberley presented petitions in favour of providing a supply of skilled nurses attached to the dispensaries, poor houses, and hospitals in Ireland, from medical practitioners of the dispensaries, poor houses, and hospitals in Ireland, and from medical practitioners of Cork and of Kilkenny.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Friday July 2nd.

THE CATTLE PLAGUE IN ROUMANIA.—Mr. Turnor asked the Vice President of the Committee of Council on Education whether any steps had been taken to procure a report by a competent veterinary surgeon on the cattle plague in Roumania, in accordance with a suggestion made by Her Majesty's consul at Jassy, in a dispatch dated January 1st, 1869. —Mr. W. E. Forster said the dispatch referred to was duly considered by his noble friend the President of the Council, and, after having fully weighed the matter and the other information the Government possessed on the subject, he did not think it was a case in respect to which the Treasury should be asked to go to the expense of procuring a report.

Monday, July 5th.

MEMORIAL OF FARADAY.—In reply to Dr. Lyon Playfair, Mr. Lowe justified his refusal to propose a grant of public money towards the erection of a statue of the late Professor Faraday by a reference to practice; the result of which was that, "putting aside kings," the National Exchequer had contributed to the erection of only two statues within the limits of the metropolis—those of Lord Nelson and Sir B. Franklin. The Chancellor of the Exchequer concluded his remarks with a declaration that "that nation is not in the ascending scale that is prodigal of rewards."

REPORT ON THE VENTILATION OF PRISONS.—Mr. Lusk asked the Secretary of State for War if he could lay upon the table of the House the report to the Army Sanitary Commission of the experiments in ventilation of prisons made by Dr. de Chaumont (Assistant Professor of Hygiene at Netley) in Horsemonger-lane, Chatham, etc.—Mr. Cardwell said this report had been considered by the Army Sanitary Committee, and was about to be sent to the Home Office. Until the Home Office had considered it, it would be premature to lay the report upon the table of the House.

THE MEDICAL OFFICERS' SUPERANNUATION (IRELAND) BILL.—The House went into Committee on this Bill.—Mr. Ayrton moved the addition of words at the end of Clause 2, providing that no payments towards the objects of the Bill should be made out of moneys voted by Parliament.—Mr. Synan protested against the Amendment.—The Committee divided with the following result. For the amendment, 44; against it, 10; majority, 34. The provision was therefore added to the Bill, which passed through Committee.

Wednesday, July 14th.

STILLBORN CHILDREN.—Dr. Brewer asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he had any information on which he could rely of the large and still increasing number of infants who were alleged to be buried as "stillborn;" and whether it was the intention of Her Majesty's Government to render the registration of the burial of such children in all cases compulsory.—Mr. Bruce said he was afraid the information possessed by the Home Department on this subject was defective. The only answer he could give to the question was that this subject formed an important part of the inquiry being carried on by the Sanitary Commission, the members of which were prosecuting their labours with a view to remedy the defects in the Act.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, July 1st, 1869.

Ashby, Alfred, Staines	Lyne, Henry, Plymouth
Hitchcock, Henry Knight, Devizes	
At the same Court, the following passed the first examination.	
Madeley, E., King's College	Mitchell, W., Westminster Hospital
Smith, W. R., St. Bartholomew's Hos.	Williams, J., University College
As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.	
Cape, J. S., Wellington	Sequeira, E. C., Brazil, South America
Mitchell, F. J., Falmouth	Wilkinson, T., Bishop Auckland
Robson, J. C., Darlington	

On Thursday, July 8th.

Ballantine, G., Westbourne Square, W.	Hudson, H. E., Cranbrook
Drew, A. S., Stow-in-the-Wold	Jones, Richard Mansell, Denbigh
Hallam, Arthur, Sheffield	Manby, Alan Reeve, East Rudham

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination.

Deshon, F. P., Middlesex Hospital	May, Thomas, Westminster Hospital
Leigh, J. T., Charing Cross Hospital	Mugliston, H. B., London Hospital
Lucas, T. P., Westminster Hospital	Parsons, S., University College

As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Airey, George, Wigan	Stooke, Arthur, Old Ford
Chilwell, Joseph, Tamworth	Twemlow, Richard, Manchester
Masson, George, 43, London Bridge	

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are declared:—

ABERDEEN ROYAL LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer.
ADDENBROOKE HOSPITAL, Cambridge—Physician.
BALLYSHANNON UNION, co. Donegal—Medical Officer for the Ballintra Dispensary District (£60 per annum, and Vaccination Fees): election, 3rd August.
BATTLE UNION, Sussex—Medical Officer for District No. 6 (£50 per annum, and extra fees): applications, 21st; election, 22nd.
BEDFORD UNION—Medical Officer for the Turvey District.
BRAMLEY UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Wortley District (£30 per annum, and extra fees). Medical Officer for the Armley District (£25 per annum, and extra fees): both elections, 26th.
CASTLECOMER UNION, co. Kilkenny—Medical Officer for the Workhouse (£70 per annum): election, 19th. Medical Officer for the Castlecomer Dispensary District (£100 per annum, and Vaccination and Registration Fees): election, 19th.
DORSET COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUMS, Dorchester—Assistant Medical Officer (£100 per annum, with furnished house, board, etc.): applications, 31st.
GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY—Physician.
HAY UNION, Brecknockshire—Medical Officer for the Radnorshire District (£45 per annum, and extra fees, which amounted last year to £37:15): application, 4th August; election, 5th August.
KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND—King's Professor of the Institutes of Medicine: applications, 1st October; appointment, 18th October.
METROPOLITAN EAR INFIRMARY, Sackville Street—Surgeon.
MORPETH UNION, Northumberland—Medical Officer for District No. 7: election, 21st.
MULLINGAR UNION, co. Westmeath—Medical Officer for the Castletown Geoghegan Dispensary District (£90 per annum, and Vaccination and Registration Fees): election, 20th.
NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY—Medical Officer.
RATHDRUM UNION, co. Wicklow—Medical Officer for the Workhouse (£100 per annum): election, 20th. Medical Officer for the Rathdrum Dispensary District (£100 per annum, and Vaccination and Registration Fees): election, 20th.
ROYAL INFIRMARY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Liverpool—Lecturer on Botany and Demonstrator of Anatomy.
ROYAL SEA-BATHING INFIRMARY, Margate—Resident Surgeon (£100 per annum, and board and residence): applications, 23rd.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—Surgeon.
ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, Guildford—Dispenser and Assistant-Secretary (£70 per annum): applications, 19th.
SHILLELAGH UNION, co. Wicklow—Medical Officer, etc., for the Tinahely Dispensary District (£100 per annum, and Registration and Vaccination Fees): applications, 21st.
SUNDERLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL—Assistant House-Surgeon (£30 per annum, with board, residence, and washing): applications, 24th.
ULVERSTON UNION, Lancashire—Medical Officer for the Ulverstone District (£35 per annum, and extra fees).
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer: applications, 17th.
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH—Professor of Clinical Surgery; Professor of General Pathology.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Resident House-Surgeon: applications, 17th; appointment, 27th.
WHITEHAVEN AND WEST CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon (£100 per annum, with furnished apartments, fire, gas, and attendance): applications, 30th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Names marked with an asterisk are those of Members of the Association.

BOND, Henry J. H., M.D., appointed Consulting-Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
COOPER, Frank W., Esq., appointed Public Vaccinator for the Wanstead and Leytonstone District of the West Ham Union.
***COUCH**, Thomas Q., Esq., appointed Surgeon of the Cornwall Rangers Militia, vice J. Ward, Esq., resigned.
***EDIS**, Arthur W., M.B., appointed Physician to the British Lying-in Hospital.
O'DONNELL, Henry J., Esq., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital.
OPPENHEIM, Lewis, Esq., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital.
***SMITH**, Heywood, M.B., appointed Physician to the British Lying-in Hospital.

BIRTHS.

BRYANT.—On July 3rd, at 2, Finsbury Square, the wife of *Thomas Bryant, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
DOWSON.—On July 1st, at Park Street, W., the wife of E. Dowson, M.D., of a son.
DRYLAND.—On July 9th, at Kettering, the wife of J. W. Dryland, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter, who survived only a few hours.
CUOLAHAN.—On July 10th, at Grange Road, Bermondsey, the wife of *Hugh Cuolahan, M.D., of a daughter.

GOODE.—On July 7th, at Derby, the wife of *Henry Goode, M.B., of a son.
 GOODWIN.—On June 28th, at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, the wife of Robert D. Goodwin, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
 GRABHAM.—On July 8th, at Pontefract, the wife of Chas. Grabham, M.B., of a son.
 LINDSAY.—On July 14th, at Hanwell, the wife of *J. Murray Lindsay, M.D., of a daughter.
 MITCHELL.—On July 8th, at Lowther Cottages, Holloway, the widow of the late T. H. Mitchell, Esq., Surgeon, of a son, stillborn.
 MOORE.—On June 30th, at the Royal Dockyard, Portsmouth, the wife of George Moore, Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, of a son.
 OWENS.—On June 28th, at East Farleigh, Kent, the wife of Edward M. Owens, L.R.C.P.Ed., of a daughter.
 PEMBERTON.—On June 24th, at Brighton, the wife of George R. Pemberton, M.D., Surgeon-Major Bengal Army, of a daughter.
 REED.—On June 27th, at Hertford Street, Mayfair, the wife of F. C. Reed, M.D., of a son.
 ROLSTON.—On June 25th, at Clarendon Villas, Plumstead Common, the wife of P. W. Rolston, Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, of a son.
 SOPER.—On July 9th, at Clapham Rise, the wife of *William Soper, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
 WARD.—On July 7th, at Woolwich, the wife of William P. Ward, Esq., Surgeon-Major Royal Artillery, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRYSON, W. G., M.D., to Margaret Frances Fothergill, youngest daughter of the late Spencer Wood SHOTTER, Esq., of London, at Warsar, Ontario, on June 1st.
 CLARK, J. E., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon 38th Regiment, to Esther, youngest daughter of E. W. BEVAN, Esq., of Brecon, at St. George's, Hanover Square, on June 23rd.
 FINLAY, William, F.R.C.P.Ed., to Catherine, daughter of the late Andrew PATERSON, Esq., of Edinburgh, on July 1st.
 *GOOD, Joseph, M.D., of Wilton, to Harriette Elizabeth Anne, eldest daughter of W. DAY, Esq., of Alvediston House, Salisbury, at Alvediston, on July 1st.
 LEES, James, Esq., to Emily, second daughter of John BRADY, Esq., M.P., at St. Peter's, Cornhill, on June 29th.
 *MORGAN, Herbert M., L.R.C.P., Lichfield, to Catherine Jane, only child of the late James WEBB, Esq., of Stafford and Lichfield, on June 26th.
 MUTCH, William, L.R.C.P.Ed., to Annie, daughter of the late Samuel BRUNDETT, Esq., of Moston, Manchester, at Orton, Westmorland, on July 8th.
 RAYNER, John, M.D., of Highbury New Park, to Frances S., only child of the late W. B. COLES, Esq., of Curry Rivel, at Hackney, on July 1st.

DEATHS.

BOLTON, John, Esq., Surgeon, at Souillac, Mauritius, aged 45, on May 11th.
 BURNSIDE, M., Esq., Surgeon R.N., at Delaune Road, Kennington Park, aged 74, on July 7th.
 COOPER.—On July 7th, at Clapham Rise, Jane, wife of J. Cooper, Esq., L.R.C.P.
 ELLIOT, Wm., M.D., late of Stratford, Essex, at Red Hill, aged 72, on June 23rd.
 FULLERTON.—On July 10th, Mary, wife of J. C. Fullerton, Esq., Surgeon, of Barnsbury.
 *GODFREY, Nathaniel, Esq., Surgeon, Turvey, Bedfordshire, aged 63, on July 4th.
 LOMAX.—On June 30th, at Stafford, Sarah, wife of *H. T. Lomax, Esq., Surgeon.
 MACLACHLAN.—On June 22nd, at Ventnor, aged 57, Ann, wife of D. MacLachlan, M.D., late Physician to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.
 PHILLIPS, Philip L., M.D., of Torquay, at Exeter, aged 57, on July 2nd.
 REID.—On July 5th, at Hazelwood, Banffshire, aged 8, Alexander Daniel, younger son of Daniel Reid, M.D.
 *SNAITH, Frederick, M.D., at Boston, aged 62, on July 7th.
 WATSON, George Henry, Esq., Surgeon, at Hounslow, aged 38, on June 3rd.
 *WHITEFIELD, Henry, Esq., Surgeon, at Ashford, Kent, aged 63, on July 7th.
 *YEARSLEY, James, M.D., at 15, Savile Row, aged 64, on July 9th.

DR. PROTHEROE SMITH has been elected a Corresponding Member of the Gynecological Society of Boston, United States.

QUEKETT MICROSCOPICAL CLUB.—The annual excursion and dinner of this society took place at Leatherhead on Wednesday, June 23rd. In the evening, a large company dined together. After the usual loyal toasts, the President, Mr. Arthur Durham, proposed the toast of the evening. He said that he did not wish to ask the members to drink success or prosperity to the Quekett Club, since it already enjoyed both in the highest degree. His toast was simply "The continuance of the same prosperity in the future." The past success he attributed to the hearty good fellowship and absence of all unnecessary formality which distinguished the meetings. Various other toasts were drunk, including the health of the President, the President-elect, Mr. Le Neve Foster; and the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Bywater, to whose disinterested exertions the Club owed much. At the last monthly meeting of the Club at University College, the names of several gentlemen were proposed for election as members of the committee at the annual meeting to be held this month. Mr. Highley read a paper describing a new method of oblique illumination, devised by the Rev. J. B. Reade, President of the Royal Microscopical Society. After some observations by Dr. Braithwaite on the movements of the peristome of the Funaria Hygrometrica, the meeting resolved itself into a *conversazione*.

IN consequence of the pressure on our space by the report of the proceedings of the Medical Council, we are compelled to defer several reports of Branch meetings and other matter until next week.

ERRATUM.—In our Report on Delirium Tremens (JOURNAL, July 3rd, p. 7), in Dr. Murchison's treatment, col. i, line 12 from bottom, for "renal," read "renal."

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan 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.
 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.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 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.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.

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.

TO PURCHASERS.—To insure attention, it is requested that all orders sent to the Office for extra copies of the JOURNAL, be accompanied with stamps for the amount.

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

THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL MEETING.

SIR,—In the last number of the JOURNAL, there is a letter signed "T. Watkin Williams, General Secretary," in relation to one from me in the previous number of the JOURNAL. Mr. Williams states that "the first paragraph, if it means anything, means that I had withheld for at least one week a communication that he had sent to me." I am quite willing to accept the first view of the matter, and to say that it did not really mean anything; that it was not meant to cast any reflection upon any one; but only to convey the idea that it had been meant for the JOURNAL of the 3rd instant. Mr. Williams ought to have stated that he had received a note from me, wherein I explained why my notices had not reached him at the time I expected. Indeed, I think he ought not to have had any wrong suspicions after the receipt of this note; but he seems to think all that I do is directed against him. The additional notice (6) that I sent might have produced a wrong impression upon his mind; but it was penned on account of my feeling that if I could have sent it direct to the Editor, a post would have been saved, and not to cause suspicion in Mr. Williams's mind.

Had I not been "called out" on this occasion by Mr. Williams, I should not have said anything about the notes that were appended to my notices in the JOURNAL, and signed "T. W. W."; but I cannot now help asking whether it be the province of the "General Secretary" to act thus? I may state that I could not lay hold of the Rules at the moment I needed them, and did not remember the two months' notice in regard to the alteration in the constitution of the Committee of Council; and as to the note of "T. W. W." about the Editor of the JOURNAL, how could I be supposed to know that which was not stated in the Report of the Committee of Council's Meeting of the 9th, as given in the JOURNAL of the 19th June?

I am, etc.,

DAVID BELL, M.D.

The Parsonage, Goolle, July 13th, 1869.

FETID ODOR FROM THE FEET.

SIR,—I should esteem it a favour if some member would be good enough to name a remedy for sweating feet. I have a case where the skin under the heels and toes is white, and damp, like washed leather, and most offensive. The girl is 18, of a ruddy complexion, stout, and in good general health. I know there was a correspondence on this subject in the JOURNAL lately, but I cannot lay my hands on the numbers.

I am, etc.,

MEDICUS.

* * Our correspondent will find some remedies mentioned in the JOURNAL for May 1st, page 409.

REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

WE have received the following correspondence for publication.

July 6th, 1869.

SIR,—I am desired by Mr. Göschen to inform you that the Board, having considered the Memorials of the Medical Officers which were presented to him by you, have decided to rescind Article 5 of the Order of the 4th April 1868, which requires the Workhouse Medical Officers to report to this Board, and to require them in future to make the half-yearly reports only to the Guardians of their respective unions.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. Rogers, Esq., M.D., etc.

FRANCIS D. LONGE.

33, Dean Street, Soho, July 8th, 1869.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 6th instant, in which you inform me, at the desire of Mr. Göschen, that the Poor-Law Board have decided to rescind Article 5 of the Order of the 4th of April 1868, and that in future Workhouse Medical Officers will be required to make the half-yearly reports to the Guardians of their respective unions only.

I have not yet had an opportunity of communicating with the gentlemen who entrusted the memorial to me the decision of the Poor-Law Board; but I feel satisfied that they will fully appreciate the consideration of the Poor-Law Board in rescinding the article in the general Order above referred to.

Will you please convey to Mr. Göschen my estimation of the interest he exhibited in the Poor-Law Medical Service on the occasion of the presentation of the Memorial, a feeling which was shared by all the gentlemen who accompanied me.

Francis D. Longe, Esq.

I am, sir, yours obediently,

JOS. ROGERS.

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.

BERRY DEFENCE FUND.

SIR,—The above fund has been established for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Mr. O. W. Berry, M.R.C.S. Eng., of New Wimbledon, Surrey, incurred in the defence of the false charge brought against him by the servant girl, Cecilia Jones, and his subsequent prosecution of her for perjury. The following is the first subscription list. By inscribing which, you will greatly oblige,
July 7th, 1869.

E. SANDWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

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A PUZZLING CASE.

SIR,—I should feel grateful if any surgeon would give me advice upon a case I have had under my hands for the last two years. Mrs. J. has not eaten anything for more than the period above stated. She has spasmodic twitching of all the voluntary muscles. There is great excoriation of the lower lip; she speaks but seldom; occasionally she whispers to me, when on a professional visit, "I am very ill." I have consulted several medical men, and feel quite at a loss how to treat the case. I have ordered milk injections, with 150 minims of tincture of opium, every morning. Swallowing appears to cause convulsive spasm of the œsophagus, great pain, and entire loss of speech. A hint would be gratefully received.

I am, etc., A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—In answer to a Fellow of the Obstetrical Society, I think it sufficient to say that the reason for not stating my opinion on the proceedings at the special meeting, was simply my belief in the utter hopelessness of opposing any measures, after the views expressed and carried in the third resolution. It appears to me that the proper and dignified course for the Obstetrical Society to have adopted, should have been either to accept or reject the proposals submitted for their consideration, instead of passing resolutions in every way at variance with the liberal spirit of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society.

London, July 7th, 1869.

N. HECKFORD.

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Wiltshire County Mirror, July 14th; The New York Medical Gazette, June 26th; The Parochial Critic, July 7th; The Durham County Advertiser, July 9th; The Newcastle Daily Journal, July 9th; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, June 24th; The Melbourne Leader, May 8th; The Indian Medical Gazette, June 8th; The Shadow, July 10th; The Birmingham Daily Gazette, July 13th; The Sussex Agricultural Express, July 13th; The Tavistock Gazette, July 9th; The Manchester Daily Examiner and Times, July 9th; The Scotsman, July 13th; The North Wales Chronicle, July 10th.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, &c., have been received from:—

Dr. Paul, London; Dr. Miller, Edinburgh; Dr. Sibson, London; Dr. Rutherford,

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LETTERS, &c. (with enclosures) from:—

Mr. F. Le Gros Clark, London; Dr. J. Lockhart Clarke, London; Mr. Hulke, London; Dr. King, London; Dr. Heywood Smith, London; Dr. D. B. Hewitt, Dublin; Dr. Alexander Macalister, Dublin; Mr. P. C. De la Garde, Exeter; Mr. A. B. Steele, Liverpool; Dr. B. Kelly, Dublin; Dr. Snaith, Boston, Lincolnshire; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Mr. Lomax, Stafford; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Dr. Lomas, London; Dr. J. U. Huxley, Torquay; The Chairman of the Native Guano Company (Limited); Dr. A. T. H. Waters, Liverpool; Dr. T. J. Walker, Peterborough; Dr. J. Hughes Bennett, Edinburgh; Mr. Walter Tyrrell, Great Malvern; Mr. H. J. O'Donnell, London; Dr. C. Gibson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Mr. Wheelhouse, Leeds; Dr. Allbutt, Leeds; Dr. Bryan, Northampton; Mr. Jessop, Leeds; The Rev. Dr. Bell, Goole; Dr. T. O. Duffield, London; Mr. W. Mutch, Orton; Dr. Septimus Gibbon, London; Mr. D. Kent Jones, Beaumaris; The Secretary of the Charing Cross Hospital; Dr. Edis, London; Rev. Dr. Houghton, Dublin; Dr. D. Dyce Brown, Aberdeen; Dr. Chiene, Edinburgh; Mr. W. Francis, London; Dr. J. Thompson Dickson, London; and Dr. Murchison, London.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Sound: a Course of Eight Lectures, delivered at the Royal Institution of Great Britain. By John Tyndall, LL.D., F.R.S. Second edition. London: 1869.
Thermometric Observations on Pneumonia. By Thomas W. Grimshaw, A.B., M.D. (Dub.) Dublin: 1869.
The Half-Yearly Abstract of the Medical Sciences. January to June, 1869. London, Edinburgh, and Dublin: 1869.
The Retrospect of Medicine; being a Half-Yearly Journal. Edited by W. Braithwaite, M.D., and J. Braithwaite, M.D. London. January to June, 1869. London, Edinburgh, and Dublin: 1869.
Practical Suggestions for Making and Inhaling Nitrous Oxide. By A. W. Sprague, A.M. Boston: 1869.
A Woman's Work in Water-Cure and Sanitary Education. By Mrs. M. S. Gove Nichols. London: 1869.
Cases of Syphilis treated without Mercury. By Robert William Dunn, M.R.C.S., and Charles R. Drysdale, M.D. London: 1869.
Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, during the year 1868. By E. Ballard, M.D. London: 1869.
The Dublin Hospitals: their Grants and Governing Bodies. By E. D. Mapother, M.D. Dublin: 1869.
The Practice of Medicine. By Thomas Hawkes Tanner, M.D., F.L.S. In Two Volumes. Vols. I and II. Sixth Edition. London: 1869.
A Physician's Problems. By Charles Elam, M.D., M.R.C.P. London: 1869.
General Report of the Royal Hospital of Bethlehem for 1868.

Results of Meteorological Observations, for the week ending Saturday, July 10th, 1869.

NAMES OF STATIONS AND OBSERVERS.	BAROMETER. Reduced to 32 deg. F. & mean sea lev.		MEAN TEMPERA- TURE.			Mean degree of Humidity (sat. -100)	SELF-REGISTERING THERMOMETERS.										WIND.										RAIN.	
	Mean.	Range.	Of Air in Shade.	Of Evaporation.	Of Dew-point.		Maximum.	Minimum.	Range.	Mean of all Maxima.	Mean of all Minima.	Black bulb Maxm. in Sun.	Minimum ex- posed on grass.	Mean amount of Clouds (0-10).	Mean amount of Ozone (0-10).	Number of days it blew in certain directions.								Mean Force 0-12.	Number of days it fell	Amount in inches.		
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BATH..... Dr. Barter, F.M.S.	30.100	0.530	63.8	60.8	58.4	83	77.0	48.2	28.8	72.3	55.1	128.0	..	7.0	4.5	0.3	0.3	2.7	0.7	..	3	2.0	3	0.14	
BOURNEMOUTH..... Dr. Compton, F.M.S.	30.196	0.460	60.9	57.6	54.7	81	70.5	46.1	24.4	68.2	52.7	146.0	42.3	2.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	..	..	3.3	2.3	..	0.3	1.6	1	0.01
DUBLIN..... Dr. J. W. Moore.	29.926	0.662	63.2	57.6	52.9	69	75.1	52.9	22.2	70.0	57.2	..	45.6	5.3	..	..	..	..	1.3	1	3.2	1.2	..	0.3	4.4	2	0.07
KEW..... Dr. Treutler, F.L.S., etc.	30.148	0.532	64.7	58.5	53.4	66	78.3	48.8	29.5	74.0	55.3	145.3	40.2	4.5	6.4	0.3	..	..	0.7	2	1.7	0.7	1.3	0.3	2.8	1	0.01
LLANDUDNO..... Drs. Nicol and Dalton.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
MALVERN..... Messrs. W. and J. Burrow.	30.104	0.543	61.4	58.2	55.5	81	74.4	48.3	26.1	71.6	53.4	157.2	44.0	6.8	5.3	..	..	..	0.3	0.6	3	3	..	..	0.5	2	0.08
SCARBOROUGH..... Dr. C. Fox, M.R.C.P., etc.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
SIDMOUTH..... Dr. Mackenzie, F.M.S.	30.148	0.500	59.8	57.0	54.5	83	70.3	48.0	32.3	66.6	57.6	..	..	3.0	6.0	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	1	..	1	0	0
WORTHING..... W. J. Harris, Esq., M.R.C.S.E.	30.149	0.487	60.6	58.1	55.9	85	69.2	50.3	18.9	66.6	55.1	127.0 +	42.7	5.6	5.4	0.3	..	..	1	..	3.7	1.7	..	0.3	2.4	0	0

* Not received.

+ This bulb is raised 4 feet above the grass.

REMARKS.—Barometric pressure has during the week been high and pretty uniform, the amount of range being due chiefly to the great height (30.422 at Kew) attained about the end of the week. Temperature has been generally high, and also attaining its maximum towards the end of the week; its range has been variable, — greatest at Sidmouth, least at Worthing. Winds have been principally south-westerly and of a generally moderate force, except in Dublin, where they were fresh or strong (Max. Force = 7). The amount of clouds has been variable, the sky being almost covered at Bath, and nearly clear at Sidmouth. Little or no rain has fallen, the largest quantity was collected at Bath. Ozone has been fairly abundant. The public health is generally good.

Kew, July 14th, 1869.

W. J. TREUTLER.