

## MISSION FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THE subjoined letter from Dr. Pinkney of the United States, and Dr. Chadwick's reply, need no explanation. It was unfortunate that, through a mistake, Dr. Pinkney arrived too late to attend the meeting, where he would have had a cordial welcome.

Leeds, August 2nd, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—You will perceive by the enclosed letter from Professor W. O. Baldwin, the highly distinguished President of the Medical Association of the United States of America, that, in replying to Leeds on the 2nd of August, I had manifested a laudable determination to be in time to meet you in your deliberations. I regret to find that he was in error as to the period of your assembling; and I take this, the only available means of expressing to you, and through you to the body over which you presided, the gratification which my appointment to represent the Medical Department of the Navy of the United States, and in part the members of the medical profession in my country, afforded me.

Though a day too late for the rich intellectual feast, I may be permitted to say that your brethren on the other side of the ocean are not strangers to the light you have shed on medical science. The home of Sir Astley Cooper and Hunter must be the abode of genius: Hunter, the great anatomist; Sir Astley Cooper, the greatest surgeon of the world—two stars in the firmament of medical science, which walked the zenith in their day, and which helped to make up the milky way, where stars from other hemispheres are gathered; among which I may, without national vanity, place Physic and Harris—the one the just pride and boast of the civil department of his government, the other the pride of our navy.

Thirty years ago, it was my privilege to make the acquaintance of Sir Astley Cooper. His calm and modest deportment impressed me deeply; while his eloquence and professional learning, and almost exhaustless originality, satisfied me that he was born, like the bard of Avon, to be the boast not of Britain only, but the boast of the world. The pioneer in a region of thought that lay, at that distant time, a huge uncultivated waste, he brought order out of confusion, and light out of darkness, with something of the majesty that first reduced chaos to order and set the sun in the firmament. His works are as invaluable to-day as they were when he bequeathed them to the world. The advances made in history, poetry, and oratory, as well as in the arts and sciences, have not been more remarkable than in the science of medicine.

Though, by an accident not under my control, denied the privilege of participating in your wise deliberations, I share freely with you the pride of England's fame. In a spirit of generous rivalry, we from the other side of the waters are striving to keep pace with you. Your works are ever greeted by us. Not satisfied with always receiving, we place occasionally one of our own by the side of yours.

We would draw closer the bonds that unite us in a common brotherhood. The world's peace is dear to us. If this be true of the great family of nations, what may we not say of Great Britain and the United States, the mother and the daughter, between whom but one language is spoken, who share a common literature, who repose under the shadow of the same great Magna Charta, and enjoy the same benign influence of constitutional government? Renowned in the arts of war, greater in peace, with flags that wave in every breeze, and ships that float on every billow, Great Britain and the United States will be wise enough to see that, as the cable transmits thought as it lies on its ocean bed, so along its mystic wires the pulsations of kindred hearts, that beat in the closest commercial, agricultural, and social fellowship, will be transmitted—an electric spark of a mutual good-will, to be kept alive until the last billow shall cease to lave either shore.

I was deputed by my Government to represent the Medical Department of the United States Navy; and it gives me pleasure to assure you that we remember the hero of Trafalgar and the incomparable Collingwood, and exult with you in the pride you feel in these first of naval heroes. To the list of gallant men who have lighted up the seas with the splendour of the past, we may add those of Porter and Farragut, satisfied that a nation which has made the ocean her mountain home will recognise in these honoured names the truest representatives of her own gallant sons. The Britain of the past and the present, the nursing mother of Sir Astley Cooper, Bell, and Hunter, still consecrated to genius and learning, will, we trust, ever bask in the sunshine of prosperity, and stand as true to the interests of a large-hearted humanity as her own Gibraltar Rock, and prove herself as faithful a sentinel in the future as she has been in the past.

I would not obtrude upon you these sentiments of regard, if I were not placed in the position of seeming to be derelict to duty, while in re-

ality I am fully obeying the instructions of my Government and those of the President of the American Medical Association. On the 2nd of August, I repaired to Leeds, to meet you on the 7th; and I regret to find that the session of your distinguished body has closed. Having crossed the ocean, you may well imagine the disappointment I feel in the great loss I have sustained by being precluded from the privilege of meeting in brotherhood the physicians and surgeons of Great Britain, who occupy so prominent a place in the medical profession of the world. It is too late to repair the loss, but not too late to prove that I was not in the slightest degree to blame. Dr. Baldwin, who has shed lustre on medicine, will be grieved to hear that I was not in time; and the Navy of the United States will, I am sure, approve this humble expression of my appreciation of English physicians and surgeons.

Very respectfully, your obedient Servant,  
NINIAN PINKNEY, Surgeon, United States of America.  
Dr. Charles Chadwick, M.D., F.R.C.P., *President of the British Medical Association.*

Leeds, August 8th, 1869.

MY DEAR SIR,—I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your interesting letter, and, on behalf of the Association, over which I have the honour to preside, express to you our regret that, by an accident, you should have arrived too late, exactly, to fulfil your important mission.

That such a mission was about to honour us was, in some way or other, known to our recent meeting, and its arrival was anticipated with lively satisfaction.

Had you been present, you would have found that the signal and unexpected honour conferred on our Association by the graceful recognition of the United States Government, of which you were the bearer, would have been duly estimated; and, in the cordiality of your own personal reception, you would have discovered how thoroughly we in England reciprocate those sentiments of patriotism and good-will, to which you so eloquently give utterance. You would likewise have found that your numerous pioneers, in the improvement of medical and surgical science and art, are well known here, and their labours duly estimated. I abstain from naming them individually—even that of our illustrious visitor to the Oxford meeting, whose presence there gave additional brilliancy to that already remarkable gathering—lest I should, by unintentional omission, do injustice to many others equally deserving mention, hundreds of whom adorn the American profession. Had you arrived in Leeds in time for the meeting you would have discovered that, whether on this or on that side of the Atlantic, or in any other country, the ardent cultivator of medical science is, without envy and without jealousy, duly honoured by us, and that the only warfare we recognise as justifiable between our kindred races is that bloodless encounter, the result of which secures the advancement of our common profession, and the more perfect alleviation of the ills of suffering humanity.

I shall not fail to inform, through the medium of our JOURNAL, not only the five hundred members who were present at the Leeds meeting, but our four thousand Associates, and through them the entire profession of Great Britain, of the honour done them by the Government of the United States, and by the President of the American Association.

It is fully intended that delegates shall attend, on our behalf, the next meeting of your Association in America. They will be charged to acknowledge, as opportunity may serve, the condescension of the United States Government, and the cordial good will of the American profession, as evidenced in your mission here; and they will likewise express our entire sympathy in those sentiments of which you have proved yourself so able an exponent; and thus, by the interchange of these kindly courtesies, we shall draw closer those bonds of amity and good feeling which should ever animate the members of a common calling.

I have the honour to remain,

Your very faithful and obedient Servant,  
CHARLES CHADWICK.  
To Ninian Pinkney, Esq., Surgeon United States Navy, etc.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE Committee of Council will meet at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 24th of August, 1869, at 3 o'clock *precisely*.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S., *General Secretary.*  
13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, August 9th, 1869.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

### THE MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE twenty-fourth annual meeting of this Association has lately been held in York. On the morning of Saturday, July 31st, the members visited the North Riding Asylum at Clifton, having been invited by the able superintendent, Dr. Christie. After having been conducted over the gardens and farm, with the management of which much satisfaction was expressed, they sat down at one o'clock to a luncheon; and afterwards visited the wards and offices of the Asylum, under the guidance of Dr. Christie. Dr. Clifford Allbutt of Leeds then gave, in one of the wards, an interesting ophthalmoscopic demonstration of the changes undergone by the optic disc in the eyes of the insane. The patients had a holiday in the afternoon, and took part in various games and sports.

The business of the meeting commenced on Monday, August 2nd, in the theatre of the Museum of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, with a brief address from the retiring President, Dr. W. H. O. Sankey of Cheltenham, who introduced his successor, Dr. Laycock of Edinburgh. Dr. Laycock, having taken the chair, delivered an address on the objects and organisation of the Medico-Psychological Association. A vote of thanks was given to Dr. Laycock; and twenty-one new members were elected. The subject of the proposed amalgamation of the Society into the Royal Society of Medicine was then considered. Dr. Tuke proposed, and Dr. Robertson seconded, the formation of a committee with instructions to carry out the amalgamation. To this Dr. Christie proposed as an amendment, and Dr. Laycock seconded, that a committee be appointed to consider any proposals for union and to report thereon to the council at a special meeting, and to consider and report what changes, if any, were desirable in the organisation of the Society and the management of its journal. The amendment was carried. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in London. Dr. Christie, Dr. Boyd, and Dr. Bucknill, were nominated for the office of president. At Dr. Christie's request, his name was withdrawn; and Dr. Boyd was elected. Dr. Paul was reappointed treasurer, Dr. Harrington Tuke secretary, and Drs. Robertson and Maudsley editors of the Journal. After an adjournment, during which many of the members visited the cathedral, the afternoon meeting was held. The following gentlemen were elected honorary members: B. W. Richardson, M.D., F.R.S.; J. Lockhart Clarke, M.D., F.R.S.; T. B. Woodd, Esq.; E. Vernon Harcourt, Esq.; Sir James Clarke, M.D., F.R.S.; W. A. Guy, M.B., F.R.S. The President then delivered an address on the Position and Prospects of Medical Science, in which he referred to the results that might be expected from investigation of the action of physical agencies on the brain. Dr. Richardson next read a paper on Physical Degeneracy from Excessive Mental Strain. He expressed his belief that "intellectual work, even hard intellectual work, did not of itself produce insanity; while it would produce, and did produce, physical disease of the body. Insanity, in fact, as a primitive disease, came rather from inactivity of the brain; so that in our community the cloddish or unintellectual population were the general breeders of insanity, while the higher and intellectual populations were more distinctly the promoters and intensifiers of the most fatal physical diseases." The President and several other members coincided with Dr. Richardson's views; Dr. Sankey observing that the proportion of insanity in the lower classes was 1 in 450 or 500, and in the upper classes 1 in 3500. Dr. Sabben of Stoke Newington read a paper on the Relation of Ritualism to Insanity, in which he expressed an opinion that insanity was liable to be produced by the mental engrossment and the rigid observances of Ritualism. The paper led to a discussion, in which several members objected to the idea that Ritualism could be a special cause of insanity, though several admitted that it might be an exciting cause. The business of the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President.

In the evening, the members dined together, Dr. Laycock being in the chair, and Dr. Tuke in the vice-chair; and a *conversazione* was afterwards held, at which Dr. Porter gave some experiments with Ruhmkorff's coil, and Dr. Richardson demonstrated the action of his painless operating-knife, a description of which will appear in our report of the Surgical Section of the British Medical Association. On the following morning, Dr. Richardson demonstrated the method of resuscitating animals after apparent death from the inhalation of poisonous gases.

**LUNATIC ASYLUMS (IRELAND).**—Colonel French has given notice that next Session he will move for a Select Committee relative to Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.**—At a meeting, held on July 29th, the following gentleman, being an extra-Licentiate, was admitted a member.

Baller, Joseph Hogg, M.D. St. And., Gilston Road, West Brompton

At an extraordinary meeting of the College, on Wednesday, August 11th, the following gentlemen were admitted Fellows.

Alexander, William, M.D. Edin., Halifax

Arlidge, John Thomas, M.D. Lond., Newcastle-under-Lyme

Blandford, George Fielding, M.B. Oxon., Clarges Street, London

Cockle, John, M.D. Aberd., Brook Street, London

Daly, Owen, M.D. Dubl., Hull

Day, Henry, M.D. St. And., Stafford

Down, John Langdon Haydon, M.D. Lond., Welbeck Street, London

Maudsley, Henry, M.D. Lond., Queen Anne Street, London

Ransom, William Henry, M.D. Lond., Nottingham

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—The following candidates, having passed the necessary examinations, received their diplomas in Dental Surgery at a meeting of the Board of Examiners, on August 4th.

Baylis, George William, Cheltenham

Chisholm, William, Edinburgh

Scully, John, Grenville Street, W.C.

Tomes, Charles Sissmore, M.R.C.S. Eng., Cavendish Square

Washbourn, Edward Norman, South Gate, Gloucester

White, Richard Wentworth, Norwich

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.**—The following is a list of the candidates who have passed the recent first M.B. Examination.—First M.B. Examination. (Entire.) Pass Examination.

#### First Division.

Ball, James Barry, University College

Burn, William Barnett, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Carr, William Ward, University College

Carter, Alfred Henry, University College

Edger, Ebenezer Rust, B.A., University College

Elkington, Ernest Alfred, Queen's College, Birmingham

Harding, Alfred William, B.A., University College

Harris, Michael, Guy's Hospital

Hayes, Thomas Crawford, B.A. Dublin, King's College

Ingoldby, Joseph Theodore, Guy's Hospital

Jones, Thomas, Guy's Hospital

Southee, Henry Edward, Guy's Hospital

Warner, Francis, King's College

#### Second Division.

Buckley, Samuel, Royal Manchester School of Medicine

Humphreys, John H., Sydenham College, Birmingham, and University College

Hunt, Thomas Henry, Royal Manchester School of Medicine

Perkins, Charles Edward Steele, Guy's Hospital

Petch, Richard, King's College

Pope, Harry Campbell, Liverpool Royal Infirmary

Scott, Peter Thomas, Guy's Hospital

Skrimshire, Frederick William, King's College

Stanger, William, Guy's Hospital

Westcott, William Wynn, University College

Wood, Robert Arthur Henry, Liverpool School of Medicine

Yate, Edward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Physiology only.

#### First Division.

Beach, Fletcher, King's College

Burgess, William Frederick Richardson, Guy's Hospital

Gibbings, Alfred Thomas, King's College

Smith, Arthur William, Guy's Hospital

#### Second Division.

Joubert, Charles Henry, St. Mary's Hospital

Excluding Physiology.

#### First Division.

Owen, Edmund Blackett, St. Mary's Hospital

#### Second Division.

Betts, Arthur Raymond, Guy's Hospital

Branfoot, Arthur Mudge, Guy's Hospital

Davison, William John, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Eardley-Wilmot, Robert, King's College

Moss, Herbert Campbell, King's College

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, August 5th, 1869.

Allchin, William Henry, Bayswater

Hobley, Simon Halford, Camarvon

Keefer, William Napier, Galt, Canada

Mason, Hugh Herbert, Burton-on-Trent

Murdoch, David Beatson, Rotherhithe

Renshaw, Edwin, Lee, Kent

Tobin, George, Rainford, St. Helen's

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

Barrow, Arthur Haynes, St. Thomas's Hospital

Day, Gordon C., St. Mary's Hospital

Law, William T., Guy's Hospital

Leake, George D. N., St. George's Hospital

Westcott, William W., University College

Wilson, John H. P., St. George's Hospital

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

- ABERDEEN, St. NICHOLAS PAROCHIAL BOARD—Medical Officer: 17th. APOTHECARIES' HALL—Member of the Court of Examiners.
- ATHERSTONE UNION, Warwickshire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Polesworth District (£60 per annum, including medicine and appliances, and extra fees): applications, 21st.
- BOURNEMOUTH GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon (£100 per annum, with furnished apartments, coal, gas, and attendance): applications, 9th September; duties, 18th October.
- CASTLECOMER UNION, co. Kilkenny—Medical Officer for the Workhouse (£70 per annum): 16th.
- DROVERS' SICK AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, "Butchers' Arms"—Medical Officer: applications, 30th.
- GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY—An extra Surgeon to the Dispensary: election, 2nd September. Pathologist and Curator of Museum, (£50 per annum): applications, 20th.
- GLASSARY, Argyllshire—Medical Officer for the Kilmichael District: applications, 1st September.
- ISLE OF THANET UNION—Medical Officer for the Union Workhouse and the Minster District (£145 per annum—to include all drugs, etc.—and extra fees): election, 19th.
- KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Assistant House-Surgeon and Dispenser (£50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing): election, 27th.
- KILKEEL UNION, co. Down—Medical Officer for the Kilkeel No. 1 Dispensary District (£90 per ann., and Registration and Vaccination Fees): election, 23rd.
- LONDONDERRY COUNTY INFIRMARY—Surgeon.
- LONDONDERRY GAOL—Surgeon.
- MILE END OLD TOWN UNION—Medical Officer for the East District: about 18th.
- NEW FOREST UNION—Medical Officer for the Workhouse (£50 per annum, and extra fees); Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Lyndhurst and Minstead District (£76 per annum, and extra fees): applications, 13th; elections, 16th.
- PETERSFIELD UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 2 (£40 per ann., and Vaccination Fees): applications, 14th; election, 19th.
- PRESCOT UNION, Lancashire—Medical Officer for the Prescott District (£55 per annum). Medical Officer for the Workhouse (£60 per annum).
- ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road—Physician: applications, 23rd inst.; election, 7th September.
- ST. GEORGE AND ST. JAMES DISPENSARY, King Street, Regent Street—Physician: Surgeon: applications, 19th.
- TAUNTON UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Bishops Lydeard District (£99: 10 per annum, inclusive of fees for Surgery; but exclusive of extra fees for Midwifery, Vaccination, and Quarterly Visits to Lunatics): applications, 14th; election, 19th.
- WESTPORT UNION, co. Mayo—Medical Officer for the Louisburgh Dispensary District (£100 per annum, with Registration and Vaccination Fees, residence, and two acres of land): 16th.
- WORKSOP DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon to dispense, visit out-patients, and act as Honorary Secretary (£100 per annum, with coal, gas, attendance, and furnished apartments): applications, 31st instant; duties, 1st November.
- YORK UNION—Medical Officer for District No. 7 (£32 per annum, and extra fees): applications, 18th; election, 19th.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

- \*BANKS, W. Mitchell, Esq., appointed Pathologist to the Royal Infirmary, and Demonstrator of Anatomy at the School of Medicine, Liverpool.
- \*COOMBS, Rowland H., Esq., appointed Medical Officer to the Bedfordshire Middle Class Public School.
- HARTREE, J. P., M.A., M.B., appointed Physician to the Royal Infirmary for Children and Women, Waterloo Road, *vice* J. Braxton H.C., M.D., F.R.S., resigned.
- MOON, H., Esq., appointed Assistant Dental Surgeon to the Dental Hospital of London, *vice* C. J. Fox, Esq., promoted.
- WRIGHT, Henry R., M.B., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Darlington Hospital and Dispensary, *vice* A. O. Haslewood, Esq., resigned.

## BIRTHS.

- CÆSAR.—On July 30th, at Downton, Wiltshire, the wife of \*R. T. Cæsar, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
- COGHILL.—On August 1st, at Newington, Edinburgh, the wife of J. G. Sinclair Coghill, F.R.C.P.E., of Shanghai, of a son.
- FEGAN.—On August 6th, at Old Charlton, Kent, the wife of \*Richard Fegan, M.D., of a son.
- HAMILTON.—On July 27th, at Liverpool, the wife of Robert Hamilton, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
- ILES.—On July 29th, at Watford, the wife of \*F. H. W. Iles, M.D., of a daughter.
- LATHAM.—On August 4th, at Cambridge, the wife of \*P. W. Latham, M.D., of a son.
- THURSFIELD.—On July 29th, at Leamington, the wife of \*T. W. Thursfield, M.D., of a son.
- WATSON.—On July 23rd, at Little Huthwaite, Wortley, near Sheffield, the wife of Alfred M. Watson, M.D., of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

- BRYAN, John M., jun., Esq., of Northampton, to Margaret Davis, only daughter of the late Lewis GILLARD, Esq., at Clevedon, Somerset, on July 29th.
- CHESMAN, John, M.D., of Buckingham, to Lucie S. M., only child of the late William Hallam, M.D., of Newcastle-under-Lyme, on August 4th.
- FRERE, John Tudor, Esq., B.A., of the Inner Temple, to Constance, youngest daughter of \*Forbes WINSLOW, M.D., D.C.L., of Cavendish Square, on July 29th.
- HAZELDINE, George John, Esq., of Godstone, to Katherine Vane, youngest surviving daughter of the late \*Edward RAY, M.D., of Dulwich, at Camberwell, on August 5th.
- HEWLETT, Richard W., M.D., of Naples, second surviving son of \*Thomas Hewlett, Esq., of Harrow, to Emily Mary Charlotte, third daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Richard M. OAKES, 1st Life Guards, at Harrow, on July 28th.

- JEAFFRESON, W. Julius, Esq., eldest son of \*S. J. Jeaffreson, M.D., of Leamington, to Emily Sundius, relict of the Rev. J. SUNDIUS, at St. Stephen's, Bayswater, on August 5th.
- PYWELL, William H., Esq., Surgeon, to Agnes, youngest daughter of E. DODD, Esq., of Westminster Bridge Road, at Lambeth, on July 29th.
- \*SNAPE, George H., Esq., Surgeon, of Liverpool, to Julia Caroline, eldest daughter of J. G. NASH, Esq., Surgeon, of Cheltenham, at Beaumaris, on August 3rd.
- \*STOKES, William, jun., M.D., of Dublin, to Elizabeth, eldest surviving daughter of the Rev. John Lewis MOORE, Vice Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, at Clontarf, on August 3rd.
- \*WELSH, Francis F., Esq., Surgeon, Saffron Walden, to Silvia M., widow of the late William EMSON, Esq., at Great Ilford, on August 5th.

## DEATHS.

- BABINGTON, Thomas H., M.D., at Derry, on August 2nd.
- BARLOW.—On July 27th, at Sydenham, aged 54, Lydia Martha, widow of George H. Barlow, M.D., Physician of Guy's Hospital.
- COWELL.—On July 29th, at Piccadilly, Thomas W. Cowell, Esq., Surgeon.
- HACKNEY.—On August 9th, at Myddelton Square, Islington, Elizabeth, wife of John Hackney, Esq., Surgeon.
- JONES.—On July 21st, at Lancy, Pembrokeshire, aged 65, Ann, widow of W. D. Jones, M.D.
- \*LEETE, Edward S., Esq., Surgeon, at Newton-le-Willows, aged 55, on August 4th.
- O'GRADY, E. H., M.D., late Physician to the British Embassy in Paris, at Carativo, Ceylon, aged 80, on June 15th.
- WHEELER, Lowe, Esq., Surgeon, at Lionel Villa, Brixton, aged 71, on July 31st.
- WRIGHT, Constantine, Esq., Surgeon, at Malvern Road, Dalston, aged 59, on August 4th.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—The Library will be closed from Monday, August 16th, to Saturday, September 11th, both days inclusive.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS of the Metropolis will be opened, according to custom, on the 1st of October (except University College, on Monday the 4th) with addresses—at Charing Cross, by Dr. Alexander Silver; at Guy's, by Dr. Charles Hilton Fagge; at King's College, by Dr. George Johnson; at the London Hospital, by Dr. Charles Meymott Tidy; at the Middlesex, by Dr. Robert Liveing; at St. George's, by Dr. William Wadham; at St. Mary's, by Dr. Walter Butler Cheadle; at St. Thomas's, by Dr. William Henry Stone; and at University College, by Sir Henry Thompson. At St. Bartholomew's, it has been decided not to give a special introductory address this year; and at the Westminster, no one has yet been appointed for the purpose.

## 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 Orthopædic 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 Orthopædic, 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 length of the Report of the Annual Meeting at Leeds obliges us to defer the publication of various communications to which insertion would otherwise have been given.

ERRATUM.—Dr. Martin of Warrington was last week, by mistake, stated to have seconded the Rev. Dr. Houghton's motion on the representation of the profession in the Medical Council. It was Dr. Martin of Portlaw, Ireland, who seconded the motion.

NEMO should apply to the Registrar-General.

**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.

#### A REMARKABLE INJURY.

SIR,—I beg to give you an account of a singular accident that happened here on the 25th July last, whereby a person met with his death. As I cannot find any account of a similar accident, I shall feel obliged by an insertion of it in the pages of the JOURNAL. I should be glad to hear whether any associate has ever met with a similar case. I am, etc., T. EYTON JONES.

The Priory, Wrexham, August 7th, 1869.

T. R., aged 50, a fat and well nourished person, in a struggle with a neighbour whilst intoxicated, fell over his shoulder on to the edge of the curb-stone, the side of his neck coming violently into contact with it. Whilst on the ground, this neighbour (also down) kicked him several times in the neck. In a few minutes, he died. Upon examining the body, I found externally considerable ecchymosis on both sides of the neck, and on the right side a large diffuse swelling, which, on an internal examination, was found to be emphysematous, and consist of extravasated blood. Underneath this was found a fracture of the first rib, close to the spine; and a piece of the rib, about two inches in length, was broken off, detached, lying below the clavicle, and imbedded in the upper part of the right lung (whence the emphysema). It had also torn through the subclavian artery and brachio-cephalic (whence the extravasation). The probabilities are, that the fracture in the first instance was caused by the fall, and its detachment and separation were due to the kicking of his opponent. Such, at least, was the opinion I gave on August 3rd, before the Lord Chief Justice at the Assizes.

**THE SALE OF POISONS.**—Mr. G. C. Coles, a member of this Association, complains that, on applying to one of the principal chemists in London for half a drachm of bichloride of mercury, the druggist refused to let him have it, although he offered his card, saying that he (Mr. Coles) must be introduced by some one. He thinks it a great piece of absurdity in the Pharmacy Act; and should have thought it sufficient to give one's card, and state the appointments held.

Our correspondent must see that very stringent provisions are necessary to prevent the sale of poisons to improper persons. The druggist only did his duty. There is a possible fallacy attending the proofs of identity which Mr. Coles thinks sufficient.—EDITOR.

#### PRURIGO SENILIS.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will kindly let me have a small space in your JOURNAL to ask the following question: How to cure prurigo? I have a patient, on whom, during the last eight months, the following remedies have been tried. *Internally*, arsenic, iodide of potassium, alkalies, tonics, and purgatives. *Externally*, as lotions, carbolic acid, sulphurous acid, sulphuret of potassium, hydrocyanic acid, and lead. Nitrate of silver and belladonna. *As ointments*, carbolic acid, sulphur, white and red precipitate, and blue ointment; and, lastly, sulphur baths. The itching is something awful; nothing seems to alleviate it. Each of the above have had a fair trial. Should any of your readers have met with an equally obstinate case, by communicating the useful hint to your JOURNAL, they will confer a great favour upon August 1869.

A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Wiltshire County Mirror, August 11th; The New York Medical Gazette, July 24th; The Parochial Critic, August 4th; The New York Medical Record, July 24th; The Scotsman, August 10th; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, July 8th, 15th, and 22nd; The Birmingham Daily Gazette, August 4th; The South Durham Herald, July 5th; The Harrogate Herald, August 4th; The Manchester Guardian, August 6th; The Londonderry Guardian, August 5th.

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

Sir William Jenner, Bart., London; Dr. Eddison, Leeds; A. B., Southampton; A Pharmaceutical Chemist, London; L. F. P. S. G., Weobley; Mr. Birt, Stourbridge; Dr. J. Cuming, Belfast; Mr. A. Godfray, St. Heliers, Jersey; Dr. H. Power, London; Mr. Hulke, London; Dr. J. Martin, Woodview, Ireland; Mr. P. C. Little, Dublin; Mr. R. B. Carter, London; Dr. H. G. Stewart, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. H. Simpson, Manchester; Dr. Murray, India.

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

Mr. F. Le Gros Clark, London; Dr. C. H. F. Routh, London; Dr. J. Braithwaite, Leeds; Mr. R. T. Caesar, Downton; Mr. R. H. Coombs, Bedford; Dr. Suffield, Galway; Mr. T. Watkin Williams, Birmingham; Dr. Chadwick, Leeds; Dr. A. Wahlutuch, Manchester; Dr. J. Murray Lindsay, Hanwell; Mr. J. Jackson, Birmingham; Mr. Thorp, Todmorden; Dr. S. Gourley, West Hartlepool; Dr. W. Bennett, Harrogate; Sir Duncan Gibb, Bart., London; Mr. Lansdown, Bristol; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Dr. Lomas, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Dr. J. Hughes Bennett, Edinburgh; Dr. Blanc, London; Mr. J. Birkett, London; Mr. T. Brown, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland; Mr. E. Bewley, Edington; Mr. R. Ellis, London; Dr. J. D. Gillespie, Edinburgh; Dr. E. Kennedy, Dublin; Mr. T. C. Penskett, Liverpool; Dr. Pinkney, Leeds; Victor, Bristol; Dr. A. Wiltshire, London; Mr. R. B. Wheatly, London; Dr. Treutler, Kew; A Would-be M.D.; A Member of the British Medical Association; Dr. Andrew Clark, London; Dr. Mapother, Dublin; Dr. E. Crisp, London; Dr. J. B. Hicks, London.

#### BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Further Observations on the Treatment of Aneurism by Iodide of Potassium; with Additional Cases. By George W. Balfour, M.D. Edinburgh: 1869. The Annual Report of the York Lunatic Hospital for the year ending May 31st, 1869. York: 1869. Scientific Associations, their Rise, Progress, and Influence; with a History of the Hunterian Society. By H. I. Fotherby, M.D. London: 1869. Report of the Medical Officer of Health of the Merthyr Tydfil District.

### Results of Meteorological Observations, for the week ending Saturday, August 7th, 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.								Mean amount of Clouds (0-10).	Mean amount of Ozone (0-10).	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.	Number of days it blew in certain directions.									Mean Force 0-12.	Number of days it fell.	Amount in inches.			
														N.			N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.				N.W.	Calm, etc.	
BATH Dr. Barter, F.M.S.	30.027	0.554	60.3	56.8	53.8	79	71.1	49.2	21.9	69.2	53.2	124.0	..	7	3.5	0.4	0.6	..	..	0.6	3.4	..	0.4	1.6	2.3	6	0.88	
BOURNEMOUTH Dr. Compton, F.M.S.	30.080	0.500	59.2	55.7	52.5	79	68.4	48.2	20.2	66.6	52.9	141.0	45.8	3.9	2.9	2	..	..	0.7	..	1.7	2.3	..	0.3	2	5	0.47	
DUBLIN Dr. J. W. Moore.	29.983	0.747	57.3	53.7	50.4	78	67.4	48.9	18.5	64.2	51.6	..	41.5	5.9	..	1	..	..	1.2	0.3	0.8	2.4	1.3	..	2.1	5	0.85	
KEW Dr. Treutler, F.L.S., etc.	30.060	0.559	59.7	55.7	52.2	77	71.7	47.7	24.0	68.1	52.9	136.7	41.9	5.8	6.3	..	0.7	..	..	..	2.3	2	1.7	0.7	3	3	0.34	
LLANDUDNO. Drs. Nicol and Dalton.																												
MALVERN Messrs. W. and J. Burrow.																												
SCARBOROUGH Dr. Fox, M.R.C.P.	29.964	0.735	55.0	54.0	53.0	93	68.1	46.1	22.0	62.8	50.5	139.8	42.7	7.5	2.5	1.3	..	..	0.3	..	2	1.3	0.7	1.3	3.3	6	0.94	
SIDMOUTH Dr. Mackenzie, F.M.S.	30.088	0.494	59.0	55.3	52.0	78	69.3	48.0	21.3	67.5	53.9	..	..	2.4	7.0	1	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	0.6	3	0.25		
WORTHING W. J. Harris, Esq., M.R.C.S.E.	30.057	0.506	60.1	56.7	53.7	80	73.1	48.4	24.7	67.3	52.8	132.6	42.4	5.9	4.0	0.7	..	0.7	..	0.3	2	2	1.3	..	2.4	5	0.59	

**REMARKS.**—Atmospheric pressure has been on the whole slightly above that of the previous week, and the range has been rather greater. Temperature has diminished at all stations,—the maximum of the week, which occurred at Worthing, being only 73.1, while the minimum was 46.1, at Scarborough; the range has not been much different from that of last week. Winds have still been chiefly W. and S.W., though N. and N.W. currents have also been pretty frequent,—to these latter we must attribute the depression which has occurred in the temperature. The amount of clouds has not varied much,—having been greater at some stations and less at others; generally speaking, the sky has been rather more than half covered. Rain has fallen at all stations,—almost daily at Bath and Scarborough. At Dublin lightning was seen on the 1st and 5th, hail fell on the 1st and 3rd, and an aurora borealis was visible on the night of the 6th. At Kew lightning was seen to the eastward on the night of the 5th,—this was subsequently ascertained to be a thunderstorm which passed over the mouth of the Thames at the time. At Worthing squalls of wind and rain occurred on the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th. The weather of the week has been on the whole more unsettled, rain and squally weather being more frequent, while the temperature has been below the average for the season. The general health is everywhere reported as good.

The Llandudno, Malvern, and Ventnor reports have not been received. Plants first observed in flower during the week at Kew and in its vicinity.—Polygonum Convulvulus; Solanum nigrum; Verbena officinalis; Mentha sativa; Sagittaria sagittifolia; Scirpus lacustris; Sium latifolium; Lysimachia vulgaris; Chenopodium Bonus-Henricus; Datura Stramonium. Kew, W., August 11th, 1869.

W. J. TREUTLER.