

## CLASSES OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

IN nearly every one of the schools the classes are larger than for many preceding years. The number of new entries is especially large, but as there were fewer of these last year, the second year pupils are not very numerous.

## THE COW-POCK INSTITUTION, DUBLIN.

THE office of assistant-secretary and physician to this institution is vacant by the death of Dr. George Montgomery. The efficiency of the organisation for vaccinating at its stations, as well as by the dispensary officers, is proven by the fact that no fatal case of small-pox has occurred in Dublin for twenty-eight months.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday, the 3rd day of December, 1869, at 3 o'clock P.M. *precisely*.

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

13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, November 9th, 1869.

## SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: INAUGURATION OF DISTRICT MEETINGS IN EAST SUSSEX.

A MEETING of the members of this Branch, resident in East Sussex and its immediate vicinity, will be held at the Star Hotel, Lewes, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M. (Dr. HOLMAN, of Reigate, the President of the Branch, in the Chair), for the purpose of inaugurating District Medical Meetings in East Sussex, on a similar plan to that so successfully carried out for some time past in other districts of the Branch.

*Agenda*.—1. To consider and adopt bye-laws for the regulation of these meetings, and submit them to the Executive Council of the Branch for their approval. (The Executive Council will assemble at 3.45 for this object, and also to elect new members.)—2. To appoint an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for these District Meetings. (F. C. Mudd, Esq., of Uckfield, has kindly consented to undertake the post.)—3. To read and discuss papers, etc., of professional interest.

A dinner will be provided at the hotel, at 5.30 (charge, 5s. each, not including wines).

Gentlemen proposing to make communications to the meeting, or to join the dinner, will much facilitate the arrangements by informing the undersigned the day previously.

G. FREDERICK HODGSON, *Hon. Secretary to the Branch*.

52, Montpellier Road, Brighton.

## BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: PATHOLOGICAL AND CLINICAL SECTION.

THE next meeting of the Section will be held at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on Friday, November 26th. The Chair will be taken at 3 P.M.

BALTHAZAR W. FOSTER, M.D., } *Honorary Secretaries*.

T. VINCENT JACKSON, }  
Birmingham, November 17th, 1869.

## BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE first ordinary meeting of the Session was held at the York House, Bath, on Thursday evening, October 28th. In the absence of C. H. COLLINS, Esq., the President, R. N. Stone, Esq., lately President, took the chair. There were present thirty members and seven visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

*New Members*.—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Branch: Walter Fergus, M.D., Marlborough, and William Sugden, Esq., Horfield. Three other gentlemen were proposed, and will be balloted for at the next meeting.

*Special Business*.—The meeting was then rendered special, to consider the following resolution, which was proposed by Dr. BUDD, at the annual meeting: "That power be given to the Local Councils to fill in any vacancy that may occur in the Council, *ad interim*, to the next annual meeting". Mr. PRICHARD and Dr. DAVEY spoke in favour of this resolution, which was put to the meeting, and passed unanimously.

Mr. BARTRUM, in a most feeling speech, mentioned the death of Dr. Colborne, President-Elect, and, in the name of the Bath Council, recommended the election of Charles Bleack, Esq., of Warminster, to the vacant office. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Dr. FALCONER proposed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family of the late Dr. Colborne, on their severe bereavement; which was ordered to be entered in the minutes, and forwarded to Mrs. Colborne. At the same time, Dr. DAVEY proposed a vote of condolence with the President, C. H. Collins, Esq., on the loss which he has recently sustained by the death of his wife.

*Papers, etc.*—1. Mr. PRICHARD read a paper on Surgical Operations, which gave rise to a discussion on Hospitalism, in which Messrs. A. M. Clarke, C. Steele, Dr. E. L. Fox, and others, took part. An unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Prichard.

2. Mr. J. S. BARTRUM exhibited a large Tumour projecting from the Anterior Lobes of the Cerebrum. The subject was a female, aged 34, in service, and had been an attendant at a lunatic asylum. From the year 1859, she had complained of severe headache, loss of vision, habitual constipation, absence of catamenia, and anæmia. In 1861, setons were inserted in the neck, and issues made in the scalp, without relief; and, after this, she was only occasionally seen professionally until her death in 1869. There never was the slightest loss of power over limb or speech, or of any loss of intellect, or of any sense but eyesight; still, she became more and more apathetic, refusing food almost entirely, though she would occasionally wander about in the night, and shew great intelligence in discovering food. At all times, she would be roused, and, on these occasions, was perfectly calm and collected.

3. Dr. E. L. FOX gave notes of a Peculiar case of Hæmatemesis. The patient, a butcher, aged 34, was admitted into the Infirmary, having been ill for seven weeks. Six weeks before, he had considerable hæmatemesis, which recurred twice in the next week, and was followed by three epileptiform attacks, and by a low delirious condition, which lasted above a fortnight. On admission, he was very anæmic; there were tenderness and dulness over the pyloric region of the stomach. The tongue was a little coated; the appetite good. He vomited fluids, but not solids. The bowels were open; the pulse 66, thready. He lived twenty-nine days after admission, without any recurrence of hæmorrhage by the mouth, with very occasional vomiting, but with persistent relaxation of the bowels; the stools being black and fluid. Death took place from exhaustion. The only treatment consisted in support and astringents. On *post mortem* examination, the stomach was found healthy, but the upper portion of the pancreas and under surface of the left lobe of the liver were adherent to each other over a space of the size of a five shilling piece. The portion of duodenum close to the entrance of the common duct, was indurated in the submucous tissue, and the orifice of the duct was larger than usual. Just where the ducts of the pancreas and liver united, there was a small ulcerated opening, which had laid bare the great pancreatic artery or one of the smaller branches to the pancreas of the splenic artery, from which this bleeding originated.

4. Dr. T. H. FLEMMING made some observations on the Use of Erythroxylon Coca in Phthisis.

## REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

## ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1869.

GEORGE BURROWS, F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

## ON THE PHYSIOLOGICAL RATIONALE OF PNEUMONIA AND BRONCHITIS.

BY JAMES NEWTON HEALE, M.D.

THE author doubted that pneumonia was inflammation of the substance of the lungs, and suggested that it might be another thing. The venous blood was sent to the lungs, not because the lungs needed for nourishment either more blood or different blood than other organs of similar dimensions; but in order that it should be rendered arterial, and that a particular force, comprised in the word "vitality", might be excited. The author thought that a state of cirrhosis, either partial or general, fulfils much more nearly the condition of inflammation of the substance of the lungs than did that of pneumonia. The lungs frequently became "engorged" with blood brought by the pulmonary artery, and this constituted an early stage of, and was indeed nothing else than, pneumonia. This engorgement was not on account of the failure of the nutrition of the lungs, but because the venous blood brought to them failed to become arterialed and transmitted onwards. Many causes were capable of producing such a result. 1. The lungs might be themselves in fault

examination on a variety of cases in hospital and on out-dispensary patients.

The examinations are thus not only comprehensive, but are also conducted in the practical and digestive manner which you have recommended.

I am, etc.,

C. H. LEET, M.D.,

Member of the Court of Examiners.

Dublin, October 1869.

N.B. The liniment in "the alleged poisoning case in Dublin", referred to in your JOURNAL of October 23rd, was not compounded by the Apothecaries' Hall, but was supplied from another establishment.

C. H. L.

## UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

**NATURAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP.**—St. John's College offers an exhibition for Natural Science of the value of £50 a year. The examination will be on April 29th, 1870, and will be open to all persons who are not members of the University, as well as to undergraduates in their first term. The necessary particulars may be obtained from the Rev. T. Bonney, St. John's College.

## OBITUARY.

### RICHARD GRIFFIN, J.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

ALTHOUGH resident, and practising in Weymouth for more than a quarter of a century, the subject of this memoir was a native of Norwich, where his father had settled, when the troubles of the French Revolution compelled him to leave Passy. Mr. Griffin, sen., lived to the age of 81, and had a very large family, of which Richard, who was born in 1806, when his father was 70 years of age, was the youngest. He received his education in Norwich, and was a pupil, and afterwards house-surgeon, of the Norwich Hospital. To this he considered himself indebted for the most valuable part of his medical education, and has left legacies both for the Museum and the Hospital. He afterwards entered as a pupil of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; and soon afterwards obtaining his diploma, commenced practice in Norwich. It is perhaps not out of place to mention that Dr. Robert Barnes was one of his pupils, and regards him with an almost filial reverence and affection, having dedicated the pages of his forthcoming volume to the subject of our sketch.

Further details of his life in Norwich and Weymouth, and of his public labour in connection with the Poor-law Medical Service, will be found in Ernest Edwards' *Biographical Photographs* (Churchill; and Bennett, Bishopsgate Street). It is not too much to say that these labours, undertaken for no personal motives of gain or aggrandisement, were greatly the cause of those repeated attacks of paralysis which terminated his useful life at the age of 63. Some short time ago a testimonial, recognising the value of these services, was presented to him, and in the February following he had an attack of right hemiplegia, with loss of speech. From this he recovered sufficiently to partly resume his practice, although his powers of expression were much impaired, but not, apparently, his intellectual faculties. So active a mind could not but chafe and fret against the forced inactivity to which he was thus subjected.

In January last the paralysis again increased, and in August he had several convulsive attacks, whilst about a month ago he was seized with paralysis on the other (left) side; and so, with gradually weakened and failing powers, succumbed at last, and died on Friday, November 12th, 1869.

In addition to numerous papers, chiefly on Uterine Pathology—published in the medical journals—and a host of pamphlets and memoirs on the Poor-law question, he was no mean ornithologist, and had collected all the materials for a *magnum opus* on British birds, including paintings of the male, female, and eggs, of every known variety, which he was only deterred from publishing by assurances, on the best authority, that the cost would be ruinous. A paper of his on the "Mammary Glands of the Duck-billed Platypus", read before the Royal Society in 1831, will be found in the *Lancet* for 1846. Of such a man we are not surprised to hear that he was the friend and companion of his children, sharing their sports "as if he, too, were a boy", and guiding their studies—himself helping to make their toys—teaching them to stuff the birds and beasts they had shot or collected, and to make the cabinets and cases in which they were to be stored.

Whether as the father or the friend, the magistrate or the benefactor

of the poor, the practitioner of medicine or the man of science, the private gentleman or the public agitator of the wrongs of the Poor-law Medical Service, few lives have had more of completeness than Richard Griffin; and he has shown that "sweetness and light" are not necessarily excluded by earnestness and the hate of wrong-doing.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on November 16th:—

Barrett, Ashley William, Stepney (London)  
Brodie, Edward Fitzgerald, Dublin (Dublin School)  
Christian, John Griffith, Rhyl, North Wales (St. George's)  
Crisp, James Luke, South Shields (Newcastle School)  
Davies, Francis Pritchard, Birmingham (Edinburgh and Birmingham Schools)  
Durham, Frederick, Northampton (Guy's)  
Elphick, Edward, Adelaide, South Australia (Guy's)  
Gaitskill, Edward Forbes, Streatham (Guy's)  
Harris, James Alfred, Audley, Staffordshire (Edinburgh School)  
Hiron, John Hickman, Studley, Warwickshire (Birmingham School)  
Hobley, Simon Halford, Carnarvon (King's College)  
Hutton, Robert James, Lever Street, Islington (St. Bartholomew's)  
Joy, Frederick William, Northwald, Brandon (University College)  
Laslett, Frederick William, Old Charlton, Kent (Guy's)  
Little, Charles Edward, Lynn, Norfolk (Charing Cross)  
Mallam, William Prior, Kidlington, Oxon (Guy's)  
Page, Herbert William, Carlisle (Cambridge and London)  
Rowland, Edward Roger, Send Woking (St. George's)  
Saunders, William Egerton, Peckham (Guy's)  
Seaton, Edward, Surbiton (St. Thomas's)  
Simon, Maximilian Frank, Blackheath (St. Thomas's)  
Smith, Richard Thomas, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire (University College)  
Snell, Enoch, Leeds (University College)  
Solly, Stephen Francis, St. George's Circus, S.E. (Westminster)  
Symons, Henry Edward, Stoke Newington (St. Bartholomew's)  
Stables, Walter William Godfrey, Wandsworth (St. Bartholomew's)  
Taylor, Frederick Eyres, Norwich (King's College)  
Thompson, Philip, Penshaw, Durham (Manchester School)  
Walpole, Arthur Herbert, Norwich (Newcastle School)

Admitted members on November 17th:—

Barker, Richard Henry, Hungerford, Berkshire (St. George's)  
Bennett, Frederick Charles, Salisbury (University College)  
Bolton, John George Elliott, Mauritius (University College)  
Brooks, Samuel Brewer, Kirton, Lincolnshire (University College)  
Clark, Andrew, Greenford, Middlesex (University College)  
Davies, William Bowen, Llandovery (St. Bartholomew's)  
Derbyshire, Francis, Manchester (Middlesex and Manchester)  
Fisher, Frederick Alfred, Holloway (St. Bartholomew's)  
Gill, William, Torquay (London)  
Harris, Henry, Denmark Hill (St. Thomas's)  
Harrison, Henry Frank Egbert, Fareham, Hants (St. Mary's)  
Hodges, William, Bristol (Bristol School)  
I'Anson, William Andrew, Newcastle (Newcastle School)  
Lawrence, Charles Hinds, Adelaide, South Australia (University College)  
Ley, John William, South Moulton (London)  
Mayhew, Charles Henry, Kingston, Jamaica (King's College)  
Mitchell, Joseph, Leicester (St. Thomas's)  
Norton, Herbert, Forest Hill (St. Bartholomew's)  
Risdon, Alfred, Dolton, North Devon (St. George's)  
Roberts, Richard Lawton, Ruabon, North Wales (University College)  
Rosser, Walter, Risca, Monmouthshire (St. Thomas's)  
Towt, George Frederick Ewens, Crewkerne, Somerset (Charing Cross)  
Vachell, Charles Tanfield, Cardiff (King's College)

It is stated that only three candidates were referred the first day, and it is deserving honourable mention that all passed on the 17th inst.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 11th, 1869.

Fenton, George, Great Smith Street, Westminster  
Sers, Robert Hanslip, Epperstone, near Southwell

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his first professional examination.

Sleman, John, St. Mary's Hospital

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.**—The following is a list of the candidates who have passed the Second M.B. Examination. Pass Examination.

#### First Division.

Baxter, Evan Buchanan, King's College  
Buck, Thomas Alpheus, Guy's Hospital  
Dessé, Ethelrid, University College  
Dukes, Clement, St. Thomas's Hospital  
Gowers, William Richard, University College  
Hall, Francis De Havilland, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Marshall, Henry Flamank, Birmingham General Hospital and University Coll.  
Rayner, Edwin, B.A., Paris and University College  
Snow, Herbert Lumley, Queen's College, Birmingham  
Stocker, James Reginald, Guy's Hospital

Thomas, John Davies, University College  
Willoughby, Edward Francis, University College

*Second Division.*

Black, John Gordon, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
Blackley, John Galley, Royal Manchester School of Medicine  
James, John, University College  
Secombe, Edward Hepburne, King's College  
Smith, Charles James Hardy, University College

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are declared:—

**BRIGHTON AND HOVE DISPENSARY**—Resident House-Surgeon: applications, 30th November; election, 7th December.  
**CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL**, Gray's Inn Road—Two Assistant-Surgeons.  
**CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL**—Physician-Accoucheur: applications, 30th. Lecturer on Botany: applications, 27th.  
**CHOLSEY (Berkshire) NEW PAUPER LUNATIC ASYLUM**—Resident Medical Superintendent: applications, 16th Dec.  
**COLERAINE UNION**, Co. Londonderry—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Articlave Dispensary District: election, December 7th.  
**EAST WARD UNION**, Westmoreland—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Workhouse at Kirkby Stephen and the Kirkby Stephen District: applications, 4th Dec.; election, 6th Dec.  
**HOLYHEAD UNION**—Medical Officer for the Workhouse: applications, 29th; election, 30th.  
**HOXNE UNION**, Suffolk—Medical Officer for the Hoxne District.  
**IRVINE, Ayrshire**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for parish of.  
**KILMUIR**, Parish of, and part of the Parish of Snizort, Isle of Skye—Medical Officer.  
**LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL**—Physician: applications, 20th Nov.; election, 22nd Nov.  
**LIVERPOOL BOROUGH PRISON**—Surgeon: applications, 10th Dec.  
**LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY**—Medical Superintendent: Dec. 6th.  
**MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL**—Resident Obstetric Assistant: 25th.  
**NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL**—Assistant-Surgeon.  
**NOTTINGHAM UNION**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 2: applications, 20th; election, 23rd.  
**RAMSGATE AND ST. LAWRENCE ROYAL DISPENSARY**—Resident Medical Officer: applications, 4th Dec.; election, 6th Dec.  
**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**—Junior House-Surgeon.  
**ROYAL INFIRMARY LUNATIC ASYLUM**, Liverpool—Resident Medical Superintendent: applications, 6th Dec.  
**ROYAL SOUTH LONDON DISPENSARY**—District Surgeon.  
**ST. GEORGE (Hanover Square) DISPENSARY**—Physician-Accoucheur: 29th.  
**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**, Manchester—Resident Medical and Surgical Officer: applications, 30th.  
**ST. PANCRAS AND NORTHERN DISPENSARY**—Resident Medical Officer: vacancy, 25th December.  
**SOUTH SHIELDS DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon: applications, 25th.  
**STOCKTON SURGICAL HOSPITAL**—Medical Officer.  
**SWANSEA INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon: applications, 24th Nov.; election, 1st Dec.  
**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL**—Assistant-Physician: 1st Dec.  
**WESTMINSTER GENERAL DISPENSARY**, Gerrard Street, Soho—Surgeon: applications, 22nd; election, 25th.  
**WORCESTER INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon: applications, 10th Dec.; vacancy, 11th January.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

**BURROUGHS**, G. E. E., appointed Resident Obstetrical Officer to Charing Cross Hospital.  
**GOSSE**, Charles, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.  
**LITTLE**, C. E., Esq., appointed Resident Medical Officer to Charing Cross Hospital.  
**\*THOMPSON**, E. Symes, M.D., appointed Physician to the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton.  
**TOWL**, G. F. E., Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital.

### BIRTHS.

**BURROUGHS**.—On November 13th, at Horley, Surrey, the wife of T. J. Burroughs, Esq., of a son.  
**CHESTERMAN**.—On November 10th, at Banbury, the wife of \*Shearman Chesterman, Esq., Surgeon, of twin daughters, still-born.  
**GRIFFITHS**.—On October 24th, at Swansea, the wife of \*T. D. Griffiths, M.B., of a daughter.  
**JOYCE**.—On November 10th, at Rolvenden, Kent, the wife of \*Thomas Joyce, M.D., of a son.  
**MAGGOWAN**.—On November 12th, at Kingswood, near Bristol, the wife of \*Alexander T. Maggown, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.  
**MILLER**.—On Nov. 9th, at Blackheath, the wife of \*J. N. Miller, M.D., of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

**BRADLEY**, S. Messenger, Esq., Surgeon, Longsight, Manchester, to Annie Gertrude, eldest daughter of Richard COPP, Esq., of Sale.  
**BRYANT**, William H., Esq., Surgeon, to Sophia, second daughter of the Rev. Wm. A. WILLCOCK, M.D., rector of Cleemish, county Fermanagh, at St. Mark's Church, St. John's Wood, on November 9th.  
**COATES**, William, M.D., of Malvern, to Mary Agatha, eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles F. SMITH, M.A., Vicar of Crediton and Prebendary of Exeter, at Crediton, on November 11th.  
**DEAS**, P. Maury, M.B., Medical Superintendent of the New Cheshire Lunatic Asylum, to Margaret Ann, daughter of Colonel MACPHERSON, Staff Officer, Belfast, on November 5th.

**CROFT**, John Henry, Esq., Surgeon, to Liddy, sixth daughter of Jonas PAXTON, Esq., of Bicester, Oxon., on November 10th.  
**FALKNER**, Henry, Esq., of Dublin, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of G. G. CODD, Esq., Surgeon, of Rickmansworth, Herts., on November 10th.  
**GRAVES**, William, Esq., Army Medical Staff, to Mary Theodora, eldest daughter of George S. BEATSON, M.D., Inspector-General of Hospitals, at Hound Church, Hants., on November 9th.  
**GRAVES**, Charles H., Esq., Surgeon, of Stafford, to Helen Sidney, third daughter of the late C. WADDELL, Esq., Surgeon, Stafford, at Ferebridge, on Nov. 4th.  
**\*MILLER**, R. M., M.D., of Wolverhampton, to Theresa, third daughter of the late Geo. YOUNG, Esq., of Saverley House, Staffordshire, at Stafford, on Nov. 11th.  
**New**, George W., Esq., Surgeon, of Harrington Square, London, to Elizabeth, youngest child of John WALKER, Esq., of Halifax, on October 28th.  
**NOTTER**, James Lane, M.B., Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, of Carrigdeue, county Cork, to Fanny, eldest daughter of J. D. M'ILLREE, Esq., Inspector-General of Hospitals, at Montreal, on October 21st.  
**OGLIVY**, John Francis, Esq., of Corrimony, Inverness-shire, to Annie Louise, eldest daughter of John WHITE, Esq., Civil Surgeon, of Moorshedabad, Bengal, at Calcutta, on October 12th.  
**RATTRAY**, James Clark, M.D., of Coral Bank, Rattray, to Jessie Louisa, elder daughter of John STUART, Esq., late of Bombay, at Altamont, Blairgowrie, on November 9th.

### DEATHS.

**GRIFFIN**, Richard, Esq., Surgeon, at Weymouth, aged 63, on November 12th.  
**LODGE**.—On November 7th, at Penge, Catherine, widow of the late Charles Lodge, M.D., formerly of Camberwell.  
**THOMPSON**.—On November 14th, at Blackheath, Elizabeth Maria, widow of I. Bowen Thompson, M.D.

**DONATION**.—A donation of £1,000, in aid of the funds of University College Hospital, has been forwarded to Edward Enfield, Esq., treasurer, by an anonymous benefactor.

**BEQUESTS**.—The late Mr. Alexander Boetefeur, of Bayswater, has left to the Idiot Asylum at Earlswood, and the Royal Hospital for Incurables, each £2,000. The legacies are payable after the death of his widow.

**TO ANTITOBACCONISTS**.—A curious case, which ought to command due attention from the Antitobacco Society, was lately brought before the notice of the Pathological Society of London by Dr. Cayley. A man in good health was observed to stagger and fall down in the street. He was taken to the Middlesex Hospital, but on arrival was found to be quite dead. On examination, a quid of shag tobacco was found behind the tongue, resting on the epiglottis, and the larynx was found choked up with viscid mucus, in which were embedded several small pieces of tobacco. The lungs presented the appearances found in suffocation. There was no other apparent cause for death.

### BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Descriptive Anatomy of the Horse and Domestic Animals, chiefly compiled from the Manuscripts of Thomas Strangeways, LL.D., M.R.C.V.S., and the late Professor Goodrich, F.R.S.S.L. & E. By J. W. Johnston, M.D., F.R.S.E., and T. J. Call, L.R.C.P.E.D. Edinburgh and London: 1870.  
An Address delivered before the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania at its Annual Session, June 1869. By J. Curwen, M.D. Philadelphia: 1869.  
Transactions of the Clinical Society of London. Vol. II. London: 1869.  
Report of the Local Board of Health of Merthyr Tydfil for the year ending 30th September. Merthyr Tydfil: 1869.

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

Dr. Land, Hull; Mr. J. B. Blackett, London; Dr. Bryan, Northampton; Dr. Wade, Birmingham; Mr. R. S. Fowler, Bath; Mr. P. Miall, Bradford; Mr. E. Lee, London; Dr. Duckworth, London; Dr. J. T. Dickson, London; D. P. H., Clifton, Bristol; Mr. Lister, Edinburgh; Dr. Griffin, Weymouth; Mr. W. Ed-dowes, jun., Shrewsbury; Mr. Woodcock, Longsight, Manchester; Mr. Sidebot-tom, Mottram in Longendale; Mr. Savage, Bordesley, Birmingham; Mr. J. W. Barnes, London; Dr. Alexander Ogston, Aberdeen; Mr. George Farrant, London; Mr. C. E. Little, London; Mr. James Sewell, Caterham; Dr. Michael Foster, Bickley; Mr. Creighton, Aberdeen; Sir Dominic Corrigan, Dublin; etc.

**LETTERS, &c.** (with enclosures) from:—

Dr. C. J. B. Williams, London; Dr. R. Hibbert Taylor, Liverpool; Dr. T. J. Walker, Peterborough; Mr. Wasdale Watson, Newport; A Member of the British Medical Association; Dr. F. Rhodes, Great Horton; Dr. G. H. Philipson, New-castle-upon-Tyne; Dr. W. Haining, Chester; Mr. T. L. Gregson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Mr. J. H. Bartlett, London; Dr. J. Milner Fothergill, Morland; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Dr. Treutler, Kew; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; The Honorary Secretary of St. Peter's Hospital, London; Dr. T. Brown, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland; Mr. C. W. Brown, Stockenstrom, Cape Colony; Dr. J. Hardie, Manchester; Dr. Thorowgood, London; Dr. Gervis, London; Dr. Kennedy, Dublin; Dr. B. W. Foster, Birmingham; Dr. Phillips, London; The Honorary Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, Edinburgh; Dr. Balmanno Squire, London; Dr. Wickham Legg, London; etc.

## 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.—National Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.  
 WEDNESDAY...St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.15 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 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.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. De Méric, "Syphilitic Elephantiasis"; Mr. Henry Lee, "On some unusual Cases in Surgery".  
 TUESDAY.—Ethnological Society of London, 8 P.M. Sir George Grey, Bart., "On some Quartzite Implements of Palaeolithic Type from the Drift of the Cape of Good Hope"; Dr. Leitner, "On the Races and Languages of Dardistan hitherto undescribed"; Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Wm. Meyer (of Copenhagen), "On Adenoid Vegetations in the Nasopharyngeal Cavity."  
 WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Moxon, "On a Case of Paraplegia."—Geological Society.  
 FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Cholmeley, "Case showing a peculiar Eruption appearing during the Exhibition of Bromide of Potassium"; Mr. Cooper Forster, "Cases in which Torsion has been employed"; Dr. Opper, "Cases illustrative of the Treatment of Syphilis by Hypodermic Injection."—Royal Society.

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

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

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.

DR. THURSFIELD (Leamington) is thanked.

THE ST. PANCRAS INFIRMARY.

SIR,—I cannot but feel pained that you have commented rather severely upon my conduct before having heard both sides of the question. I will, however, suspend my defence until the Poor-law inquiry has terminated. Trusting that, in the interim, your readers will withhold their judgment, I am, etc.,  
 Nov. 18th, 1869. J. WICKHAM BARNES, F.R.C.S.

CHESELDEN.—The tomb of this great surgeon, in the old military burial-ground of Chelsea, is about to be restored, with others, by the Government.

THE UNFOUNDED CHARGES AGAINST MR. O. W. BERRY.

SIR,—The remarks which appeared in your paper a few months since, upon the iniquitous charge brought against me by a woman, whom I afterwards prosecuted for perjury, have been followed by numerous letters of sympathy and condolence, addressed to me not only by personal friends, but also by others to whom I am perfectly unknown. I felt bound to prosecute the wretched woman, not on personal grounds, but as a duty to the profession to which I belong, some members of which have marked their appreciation of the course I pursued by contributing to reimburse me with a portion of the heavy expenses it entailed. I have to acknowledge the receipt of the fund, amounting to £36 16; and to offer my best thanks to the gentlemen who formed the Committee for the trouble they have taken, and to the contributors for their sympathy and support. I am, etc.,  
 Wimbledon, Nov. 17th, 1869. O. W. BERRY, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

We shall feel obliged if members will forward prospectuses containing the regulations of clubs, paying and provident hospitals and dispensaries, with which they may be connected.

SEA-WEED CHARCOAL.—Sea-weed charcoal is said to be a cheaper and more exhaustive absorbent of sewage gases than other charcoals. Mr. Stanford has been trying it on the coast of Scotland. When saturated with "night soil", it can be reburied or distilled, by which it yields up a large amount of ammonia for manure, and a considerable quantity of gas, which possesses illuminating power.

MEDICAL CHARGES.—A Dorsetshire labourer's wife is said to have stated, in evidence before Mr. Stanhope, Assistant Commissioner (Women and Children's Employment Commission), that "her husband had been ill for a fortnight, and the doctor's bill was £7:1. We paid it by degrees." This is surely not correct. Would any country practitioner charge a labourer ten shillings a day for attendance for a fortnight? We think not.

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 CHEAP INFIRMARY.—In a notice in your last number, I observe that "an Infirmary" has been opened at Chesham, the erection of which has cost only £835. Will any of those connected with it, inform me, through your pages, as to the size and character of the building which has been obtained for this very moderate cost.

## THE MEDICAL DIRECTORIES.

SIR,—In the JOURNAL of October 23rd, there is a paragraph on "The London and Provincial Medical Directories", in which is pointed out how errors creep into the Register from copying from the Directories. One seeming inaccuracy regarding qualification, I am able to explain. The name Whympier, Geo. H., M.R.C.S. Eng. 1838, appears in the *Calendar* as Whipper. I am, etc.,  
 November 1869. D. P. H.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BILL.

[WE submit the proposals subjoined to the consideration of those of our readers whom they may interest. They have been forwarded to us confidentially by a correspondent, who, for the present, wishes his name to be withheld.—ED.]

The following draft of a statement, relating to the position of gentlemen practising in the Lunacy Medical Service, is submitted for publication as the basis of a petition to the Legislature.

1. That the Lunacy Medical Service, authorised and consolidated under the Lunatic Asylums' Acts of 1853, forms a public department of officers employed by the State, and provided for out of the public rates and taxes.
2. That the medical officers of public lunatic asylums in England have not the same rights and privileges as their brethren who have the charge of the sane poor in workhouses and elsewhere under the Poor-Law Amendment Acts.
3. That a committee of visitors, delegated by the Sessions, have the power of removing the medical officer, and of appointing some other person in his place, as in their discretion they may think fit (16 and 17 Vict., cap. 97, sect. 55), there being no provision made for appeal to the Secretary of State, the Lunacy Commissioners, or the Poor-Law Board.
4. That no distinction in this respect is made between the chief medical officers of asylums and the servants employed therein; that this omission is derogatory to them as members of a liberal profession, subversive of their legitimate authority as skilled advisers of the committees, and engenders a sense of inferiority and subjection.
5. That the dependency occasioned by uncertainty of tenure and want of recognised public status, is unjust to the individual officer as it is detrimental to the public service; and that it is unreasonable to combine the responsibility of an officer with the insecurity of a servant.
6. That the Court of Common Pleas having ruled that officers of public institutions occupy them as servants, and not as lodgers or tenants, thus disallowing their claims for the franchise and depriving them of civil and municipal rights, the assistance of Parliament is imperatively called for.
7. That, as it is proposed to perpetuate this condition of things by transferring the power of dismissal of the medical officer to a secret and delegated committee under the County Administration Bill, it is prayed that no medical officer of any asylum maintained out of the public rates shall be liable to dismissal, without the authority of the Secretary of State being first obtained, and that after an impartial inquiry into the officer's alleged incapacity or misconduct.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH EXANTHEM.—A Forres correspondent of the *Dundee Advertiser* writes:—A woman in this neighbourhood, who had been a good deal in connection with cattle infected with foot-and-mouth disease lately, was last week attacked with the malady herself, and laboured under a decided outbreak of it for four or five days. The woman was bad for several days with some sort of disease about the mouth. On examination by the inspector and others, the disease was pronounced to be murrain.

## MEDICAL WITNESSES.

SIR,—Can you inform me where the opinions given by certain medical and legal authorities upon the deficiencies of medical witnesses may be found?

I am, etc.,

CRITERION.

\*\*\* Our correspondent should consult Dr. Taylor's *Principles and Practice of Medical Jurisprudence* (the Introduction); and Dr. Symonds' paper on Medical Evidence in Relation to State Medicine, read at the meeting of the British Medical Association in 1865, and published in the JOURNAL for September and of that year. The third volume of Casper's *Forensic Medicine* (New Sydenham Society) contains also some pertinent remarks.

A MEMBER writes:—"Would you kindly inform me what work or works I must study in order to obtain a knowledge of the adulterations of food and drink, and how to detect these adulterations?"

\*\*\* Dr. Hassall's work on Adulteration of Food may be used. It is not brought down to the latest date; but we are not aware of a more recent work.

## A FACT FOR THE ANTIVACCINATORS.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. W. F. Morgan of Bristol, under the heading of Notices to Correspondents, at page 525, alludes to the circumstance of the mother of a late Physician to the Bristol Infirmary having had thirty-four children. I presume Mr. Morgan refers to the mother of the late Dr. Howell; if so, I beg to state that he informed me, about twenty-nine years since, that he was one of thirty-six children by the same father and mother, and that for a period of fourteen years his parents were in constant mourning, thirty-two out of the thirty-six having died during that time from small-pox alone.

As the subject of vaccination is now being so freely discussed by the public as well as by some members of the medical profession, in a periodical brought out at Manchester under the auspices of the Antivaccination League, I make no apology for the sake of humanity for divulging the name of Dr. Howell, more particularly as he related the above mentioned facts to me without any reserve.

7, Circus, Bath, Nov. 8th, 1869.

I am, etc., WILLIAM BUSH.

WE have indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Wiltshire County Mirror, Nov. 10th; The New York Medical Gazette, Oct. 30th; The Parochial Critic, Nov. 10th; The New York Medical Record, Oct. 30th; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Oct. 28th; The Madras Mail, Sept. 8th; The Indian Medical Gazette, Oct. 11th; The Harrogate Advertiser, Nov. 13th; The Lincolnshire Chronicle, Nov. 12th; The Maidstone and Kentish Gazette, Nov. 8th.

## Results of Meteorological Observations, for the week ending Saturday, November 13th, 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.	30.056	0.672	43.5	40.6	37.2	78	57.3	25.5	31.8	50.4	36.9	92.0	..	5.7	6	..	..	..	..	..	2.3	1.3	1.4	2	4*	6	0.17			
BOURNEMOUTH Dr. Compton, F.M.S.	30.141	0.600	43.2	41.0	38.4	83	56.3	25.7	30.6	51.6	35.3	95.0	24.0	2.7	2.1	0.7	..	..	..	..	2.3	1.3	2.3	0.3	2.1	1	0.02			
DOVER Dr. Parsons.	29.975	1.398	42.1	39.9	37.2	83	55.0	21.0	34.0	48.1	26.5	..	..	4.2	..	1	..	..	..	..	0.3	3.3	2.3	..	3.2	3	0.14			
DUBLIN Dr. J. W. Moore.	30.040	0.675	43.1	40.8	38.0	82	58.0	31.0	27.0	48.3	38.0	..	26.0	4.9	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	1.4	3.5	1	0.5	3.6	4	0.50			
Kew Dr. Treutler, F.L.S., etc.	30.075	0.744	41.3	38.4	34.8	78	54.9	25.5	29.4	48.8	32.9	85.7	19.8	5.2	0.3	0.3	..	..	..	..	2	1	2.3	1.3	3.0	1	0.07			
LLANDUDNO Drs. Nicol and Dalton.	29.985	0.630	44.9	41.6	37.8	76	55.7	34.0	21.7	49.7	40.0	..	..	6.6	..	1	..	..	..	..	3.7	2.3	..	3.0	6	1.54				
MALVERN Messrs. W. and J. Burrow.	30.043	0.710	42.7	40.2	37.2	81	55.6	30.2	25.4	49.5	35.5	96.0	23.2	5.2	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	0.7	2	4.3	..	7.3*	4	0.29			
NORWICH (BETHEL STREET) .... C. M. Gibson, Esq.	29.957	0.788	39.5	37.1	34.0	81	52.3	30.0	22.3	45.2	33.4	..	30.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	..	10.8	4	0.61			
SCARBOROUGH Dr. Fox, M.R.C.P.	29.849	0.838	40.0	38.5	36.5	88	56.0	30.4	25.6	49.5	34.4	88.9	25.1	6.4	5	1.3	..	..	..	..	0.3	3.3	0	5.1	4	1.08				
SIDMOUTH Dr. Mackenzie, F.M.S.	30.114	0.586	43.6	42.0	40.1	87	57.4	29.3	28.1	52.1	36.5	..	..	4.1	4.4	2	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	0.7	2	0.02				
VENTNOR, I. OF WIGHT J. B. Martin, Esq., M.R.C.S.E.	30.064	0.537	47.2	44.5	41.2	81	55.2	32.0	23.2	52.5	39.5	..	..	3.6	6.4	1.7	1	..	..	..	0.7	1.3	2.3	..	4	1	0.01			
WORTHING W. J. Harris, Esq., M.R.C.S.E.	30.087	0.681	43.3	40.6	37.3	79	58.6	27.3	31.3	50.4	34.3	94.4	20.3	4.7	1.1	0.7	..	..	..	..	1	2.3	1	2	1.9	3	0.10			

\* Mean hourly velocity in miles.

REMARKS.—Atmospheric pressure has undergone a slight but general increase during the week, while its range has been on the whole rather less than during the week before; the fluctuations of pressure have been very irregular, amounting to 0.537 at Ventnor, and to 1.398 at Dover. Temperature has been considerably lower, and, with the exception of Llandudno, all the minima have been below the freezing point. The range of temperature has been considerable. Winds have still ranged between S.W. and N.,—W. and N.W. being the prevailing direction; their force has been generally moderate, or fresh at Scarborough and Ventnor. The sky has been more free from clouds. Rain has fallen at all stations, but the quantity has been variable, amounting at Scarborough and Llandudno to more than one inch, and not exceeding .01 inch at Ventnor. The weather of the past week has been exceedingly variable. Its commencement was unsettled and stormy, and on the 10th snow and hail showers occurred in Dublin about noon, at Llandudno, Malvern, and Scarborough, in the afternoon, and at Kew about 6 p.m. At the same time temperature fell rapidly, attaining its minimum on the night of the 11th. On the morning of the 12th a rapid rise commenced, which continued to the end of the week; temperature on the 13th being 58 degs. at 9 p.m. in Dublin; and 53.1 degs. at 10 p.m. at Kew. At Worthing scarlatina is again on the increase, the type of cases being more severe, and the disease threatens to put on an epidemic character. It prevails chiefly amongst the poorer classes of the people. Mr. Harris is inclined to connect the prevalence of scarlatina with the prevailing absence of ozone in any quantity at Worthing. Otherwise the public health is good.

Kew, November 17th,

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