

NOTES OF THE WAR.

A PRUSSIAN surgeon writes about the French soldiers wounded at Weissenburg, that scarcely one knew anything of the Convention of Geneva, and the signification of the red cross on a white band worn by every one belonging to the medical service. Among the French surgeons no one had this sign, as it was not distributed by their superiors, nor were they ordered to wear it.

LIEUTENANT VON LANGENBECK, a son of the eminent surgeon of Berlin, has died of wounds received in battle on the 18th of August. The only son and the son-in-law of General Staff-Surgeon von Grimm were both killed before Metz on the 18th. The sons of Dr. Simon of Berlin, Dr. Stilling of Cassel, and of several other medical men, have been wounded: the son of Dr. Lauer, Physician in Ordinary to the King of Prussia, severely.

THE WAR AND THE CATTLE-PLAGUE.

WE are informed that in the Palatinate cattle-plague is breaking out, and measures are being taken against it as far as possible. The disease first shewed itself in the district of Kaiserslautern.

THE WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

OUR French professional colleagues are showing all the ardent patriotism, the intelligent devotion, and the humane zeal which become them as Frenchmen and as members of a profession which has never failed in these qualities either in its daily work or in periods of emergency. But they complain with justice that their individual efforts are in no small degree crippled by the intendance. This department has determined on resolutely inflicting all the evils of hospitalism on the wounded, and, from "administrative motives", rejects the use of the isolated and well-fitted chambers offered by thousands of devoted persons for the reception of the wounded. These administrative motives will have to answer for a heavy list of deaths of brave men. Our own Société de Secours and the American Society for long vainly struggled to emancipate themselves from this influence. It is only by operating from the neutral base of Luxembourg that we have been able to afford to the French sick and wounded the enormous stores of hospital comforts and necessities which have been provided by subscription here. We have already enforced the logic of charity in war against cold reasoners who have ventured to doubt it; but, in the presence of the horrors of a carnage so terrible as that of Sedan, added to the losses in previous encounters, an irresistible impulse to attempt to give some relief to the indescribable aggregation of human suffering and misery will supersede argument or appeal.

SMALL-POX AMONGST THE FRENCH SOLDIERS.

SMALL-POX, which has been so common in France, and especially in Paris, is prevalent also in the French army. Five of the wounded French now in the hospitals of Berlin were taken ill with it and were brought to the small-pox wards of the Charité Hospital; two of them died. The invasion of France by the German armies will be a test, on the largest scale, of the efficiency of the vaccination and revaccination performed on every recruit of the Prussian army.

TREATMENT OF THE WOUNDED AT METZ.

AFTER the battles of Metz, the crowd of wounded was very large in Pont-à-Mousson, where most of those transported to Germany had to be refreshed and dressed. Twenty miles farther on, at Romilly, they reached the railway to Germany. Some of the wounded Prussians, who were sent from Metz on August 24th, complain of the insults offered them by the mob of that city, but acknowledge the good treatment they underwent in the hospitals there.

THE LAST ACT OF THE FRENCH SENATE.

PROBABLY no act of the French Senate became it better than that which immediately preceded its dissolution. This was to make arrangements for converting the whole of its palace into a vast ambulance. M. Daudet, Chef du Cabinet of the Grand Référendaire, is organising the beds, three hundred in number. Madame Rouber and the daughters of M. Ferdinand Barrot are organising the nursing. M. Nélaton, Senator, and MM. Boyer and Constantin Paul, Physicians of the Senate, will be the resident medical officers. The soldiers will occupy the two orangeries and the grand gallery facing the garden. The officers will occupy the little Luxembourg and the official salons of the President. Each Senator has subscribed for five beds.

PALACES AND HOSPITALS.

AN administrative decree, announced by the *Gazette Médicale*, orders that the Palaces of Versailles, Trianon, Saint Cloud, Rambouillet, and Meudon, shall be immediately transformed into ambulances, in order to receive the wounded.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR AID TO THE SICK AND WOUNDED.

THE following is a list of the surgeons and dressers now on the Continent in the service of the Society. *Surgeon Representative of the Committee in France*, P. Frank, M.D. *Surgeons*: Inman Welsh, Byron Blewitt, R. W. Parker, C. Mayo, M.D., J. C. Galton, W. Ward, H. Rundle, H. Sandwith, M.D., C.B., H. A. Reeves, W. D. Aubin, W. Mac Cormac, M.D., A. T. Norton, H. Sewill, H. J. Domville, C.B., Sidney Chater, R. H. Lloyd, A. Markheim, M.D., B. B. Connelly, W. Hardwicke, M.D., J. R. Walker, W. J. Treutler, M.B., C. Jeafreson, R. W. Hutchins, Hugh Clark, M.B., Marcus Beck. *Dressers*: G. Willson, A. Dorin, W. Pratt, W. E. Atthill, B.A., C. A. Cooper, A. C. Horner, G. D. B. Thomas, H. B. L. Smith, M. Block, A. B. Lyman, W. G. Watson, H. Cruickshank, J. F. Rugg, A. S. Duncan, F. A. Thomas, J. English. There are also ten others with Mr. Simon and Dr. Thudichum in Germany.

THE THREE M.P.'S IN THE FIELD.

To charge English gentlemen with buckling on the Geneva badge as an ensign of half-hearted humanity, and using it as a pretext for pushing themselves into the belligerent head-quarters, or as a convenient cover for holiday search for excitement, is to make an accusation which should not be lightly brought. The three young Members of Parliament whose movements and letters have been severely criticised are neither unequal to hardship nor hardened to indifference. Mr. Herbert and Sir C. Dilke have given proofs of courage and endurance before this; and a man who has fought as bravely as Mr. Herbert in the Danish War of Independence, and risked his life as fearlessly and successfully as he has in rescuing drowning men, is not likely to play any other than a generous and devoted part in the service of the knights of St. John, which he has joined during this campaign. He has already won other badges not less honourable than that which he now wears. Mr. Winterbotham has received a medical education, and is especially fitted, therefore, to give that help in emergency which the badge he has adopted pledges him to afford.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE first meeting of the fourteenth session, 1870-71, will be held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on Tuesday, September 13th, 1870, at 3.30 P.M.

Dinner will be provided at 6 P.M.

The fourteenth session opens under altered circumstances; for, by the new bye-laws, the six districts are recognised as subdivisions of the Branch, and are brought into strict relations with the Council.

The idea of districts first occurred to the late Mr. James Dulvey, of Brompton; and the first meeting of the West Kent District was held on December 11th, 1857.

The subdivisions of a Branch into districts marks an era in the history of the Association; and it is probable that the example set by the South-Eastern will be followed by the other Branches.

The Honorary Secretary of the district will be elected at the *last meeting* of each session (in April or May); but, since the present Secretary goes out of office at once, an acting appointment must be made at Rochester on September 13th.

The present Secretary would feel thankful for a successor, because of ill health.

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

Rochester, August 30th, 1870.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE September meeting of the members of the above District will be held on Tuesday, the 13th, at 2.30, at the County Lunatic Asylum, Hayward's Heath; Dr. BYASS, of Cuckfield, in the Chair. Dr. Williams, the Superintendent, will conduct the members through the wards from 3.0 to 4.30.

Dinner will be provided at the Station Hotel punctually at 5.30. Charge, not including wine, 5s.

The Asylum is about a mile and a half from the station. Dr. Williams invites the members and their friends to luncheon at the Asylum, at 1.30. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are privileged to attend the above, and to introduce friends.

Gentlemen taking return tickets at Tunbridge Wells or Groombridge, will find them available either *viâ* Three Bridges or *viâ* Lewes.

FREDK. CHAS. MUDD, *Honorary Secretary*.
Albion Villa, Uckfield, September 1870.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

APPLECROSS, Ross-shire—Parochial Medical Officer: applications, 15th.
BANBURY UNION—Medical Officers for the Swalcliffe and Bloxham Districts.
BILLERICAY UNION, Essex—Medical Officer for the Great Burstead District: applications, 17th; election, 20th; duties, 20th.
BRIDGEND AND COWBRIDGE UNION, Glamorganshire—Medical Officer for the Northern District: applications, 16th; election, 17th; duties, 24th.
CAHERCIVEN UNION, co. Kerry—Medical Officer for the Valencia Dispensary District: applications, 13th; election, 14th.
CASTLEBAR UNION, co. Mayo—Medical Officer for the North Division, No. 2: 10th.
CITY DISPENSARY, Watling Street—Physician: applications, 10th; Committee, 12th.
CLONMEL DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM—Resident Medical Superintendent: applications, 12th.
ENNISKILLEN UNION, co. Fermanagh—Medical Officer for the Lisbellaw Dispensary District: 30th.
KENT COUNTY OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon: applications, 15th; vacancy, Oct. 1st.
KIRKCALDY, Fifeshire—Medical Officer of Health.
LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE—Physician: applications, 10th; election, 28th.
LETTERKENNY DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM, co. Donegal—Apothecary: 14th.
LETTERKENNY UNION—Medical Officer to the Workhouse: 23rd.
LIMERICK UNION—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Annacotty Dispensary District: 10th.
LIVERPOOL GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST—Physician.
NEW ABBEY, Kirkcudbrightshire—Parochial Medical Officer: 10th.
NEWPORT UNION, Monmouthshire—Medical Officer for the Marshfield District: applications, 16th; election, 24th.
NORTH SHIELDS AND TYNEMOUTH DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon and Dispenser: applications, 15th.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, Rochester—Assistant Surgeon: Oct. 13th.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Manchester—Medical Officer for Out-Patients: applications, 30th.
SALOP INFIRMARY, Shrewsbury—Dispenser: applications, 10th.
SHERBORNE UNION, Dorset—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the North West District: applications, 14th; election, 22nd.
SURREY DISPENSARY, Great Dover Road—House-Surgeon: applications, 26th; Committee, 27th; election, Oct. 6th.
UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN—Three Examiners for Graduation in Medicine: applications, Oct. 1st.
WALLINGFORD UNION, Berks—Medical Officer for the Wallingford District and the Workhouse.

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

Mr. J. W. Langmore, London; Subscriber, Llanfyllin; Mrs. M. A. Baines, London; Dr. B. W. Richardson, London; Dr. Baines, London; Dr. Sewell, Caterham Valley, Surrey; Dr. Denne, Birmingham; Mr. R. G. Whitefield, London; Messrs. Fannin and Co., Dublin; Dr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Dr. G. Y. Heath, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Mr. J. J. Burrows, London; Mr. E. Pears, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. R. Perry, Glasgow; Dr. W. Budd, Clifton, Bristol; Mr. W. B. Kilburn, West Auckland; Mr. B. R. Wheatley, London; Mr. F. C. Mudd, Uckfield; Mr. H. M. Morgan, Lichfield; Dr. Matthiessen, London; Dr. Bolton, Leicester; Captain Galton, C.B., London; Dr. Hermann Weber, London; Dr. C. O. Marriott, Sevenoaks; Dr. Wardell, Tunbridge Wells; Captain Burgess, London; Mr. Herbert, Paris; Dr. A. Miller, Edinburgh; Mr. E. Ray Lankester, London; Dr. C. J. B. Aldis, London; Sir Ranald Martin, London; Mr. J. H. Casson, Ashbourne; Mr. C. S. Jeaffreson, Arlon, Belgium; etc.

LETTERS, ETC. (with enclosures) from:—

Dr. Acland, Oxford; The Rev. Dr. Haughton, Dublin; Dr. Ingleby Mackenzie, Sidmouth; Mr. T. Watkin Williams, Birmingham; Dr. Sheidan Muspratt, Harrogate; Mr. W. Provis, Biddenden, Staplehurst; Dr. James Russell, Birmingham; Mr. F. C. Annesley, Guernsey; Mr. J. N. Smart, Bedminster; Mr. J. Lister, Edinburgh; Dr. Geisse, Bad Ems, Germany; Mr. J. Manley, West Bromwich; Dr. R. Gee, Liverpool; Dr. Dyce Duckworth, London; Dr. W. Woodman, London; Dr. Tidy, London; Mr. H. C. Hopkins, Bath; Messrs. W. H. Smith and Co., Dublin; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. Rolleston, Oxford; Dr. Percy Leslie, Birmingham; Mr. T. H. Bartlett, Birmingham; Dr. Styrup, Shrewsbury; Dr. George Johnson, London; Dr. Waters, Chester; Mr. J. Carter, Cambridge; The Director-General of the Medical Department of the Admiralty; M.D. Edin.; The Registrar-General of England; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Dr. Embleton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Dr. Winn, London; Dr. Murchison, London; Mr. J. W. Barnes, London; Dr. Glyn, Liverpool; Lieut.-Colonel Loyd-Lindsay, London; Dr. R. Lord, Crewe; Dr. Laycock, Edinburgh; Mr. R. Craister, Bramley, Leeds; M. C. H. Loveday, Worthing; Mr. J. Sampson Gamgee, Birmingham; Mr. T. B. Branders, Saarbruck; H. L. S., Leeds; Dr. H. Quincke, Berlin; Mr. J. W. Hulke, London; Dr. Ritchie, Edinburgh; Mr. W. Draper, York; Mr. T. Alexander, London; Dr. Jonathan Hutchinson; Mr. R. W. Parker, Pont-à-Mousson, France; etc.

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.

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.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

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

DR. C. CURRIE RITCHIE.—The paper shall appear as soon as our space admits.

DR. D. CAMPBELL BLACK (Glasgow).—The forms of admission to the Association shall be forwarded at once.

ERRATA.—At the end of the letter on the Poor-law Medical Service at p. 261 of last week's JOURNAL, the signature "James Rodes" was by an accident appended instead of "Joseph Rogers". In the last paragraph of the letter, the word "elevation" in the first line should be "iteration".

THE weekly letter of our Paris Correspondent has not arrived. We are compelled to omit the second letter of our Special Correspondent in Berlin describing the organisation of the German Army Medical Department during the present war.

WE have to regret being compelled to omit many interesting communications; among them, letters from special correspondents at Pont-à-Mousson, Arlon, Berlin, and Bad Ems.

HOW SCARLATINA IS SPREAD.—Dr. Russell's (Birmingham) and Dr. George Johnson's interesting communications will appear next week; also Dr. Robert Gee's Notes on the Epidemic Fever at Liverpool.

ENGRAVINGS OF THE ARRIS AND GALE LECTURES.—We shall be happy to lend the woodcuts prepared for Mr. Hulke's lectures for the use of the *Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science*, if the source whence they are derived be duly acknowledged, which, we are informed, was not the case last year.

ERRATUM.—In Dr. Rumsey's Address (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, August 27th, 1870), page 215, column 2, line 18 from bottom, for "or" (for the Army and Navy), read "as".

M. A. B.—The letter to Dr. Prior has been forwarded.

WE are informed that Mr. Clement was not an alderman of Shrewsbury, and had been only once elected Mayor of the Borough.

WE have to express our thanks for their letters and communications to Dr. Styrup, Shrewsbury; Dr. Malins, Cradley; Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; Mr. Fleischmann, Cheltenham; Mr. Bartlett, Birmingham; Dr. W. Budd, Clifton, Bristol; Dr. Rolleston, Oxford; Captain Douglas Galton, C.B., London; Dr. Percy Banff; Dr. Dyce Duckworth, London; Dr. Marriott, Sevenoaks; Dr. Wardell, Tunbridge Wells; Dr. Campbell Black, Glasgow; etc.

THE special medical benefits associated by a recent rumour with Brasted Park, which is mentioned as an intended residence for the ex-Emperor of the French, do not appear to have any foundation. Brasted Park is a delightful country residence in a healthy and bracing part of the county of Kent, but has no special virtues. It was formerly occupied by the Emperor, then Prince Louis Napoleon, for a short time.

MR. W. PROVIS'S (Staplehurst) letters have been handed to the Publisher, to whom they should have been addressed, and will receive attention.

DR. MACKENZIE shall receive a private letter.

MR. MANLEY (West Bromwich).—Both shall appear as fully as circumstances will allow. We still feel deeply interested in the subject.

THE HEALTH OF WATERING-PLACES.—We are indebted to Mr. H. Loveday for his communication concerning the climate, etc., of Worthing.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.—The correspondence forwarded by Dr. Lownds, Egham Hill, shall receive a notice next week.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Indian Medical Gazette, August 8th; The New York Medical Gazette, August 20th; The Parochial Critic, Sept. 7th; The New York Medical Record, August 25th; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, August 25th; The Madras Mail, June 27th; The Shield, August 29th; etc.

ANSWERS TO STUDENTS.

REGISTRATION.—The registration for the ensuing session commences on Saturday, October 1st, and terminates on Saturday the 15th. It will be necessary for A. H., St. Bartholomew's, to have his card renewed.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.—If "A Rejected Candidate" passed the preliminary examination at the Hall he could at once commence his professional studies at the hospital mentioned. The examination will be held on Friday and Saturday the 23rd and 24th instant, and is recognised by the College of Surgeons.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—D. P. A., Fowey, Cornwall.—Having passed the preliminary examination for the *Membership*, a candidate has only to take up the additional subjects for the *Fellowship*, which are the same as in June last. We believe the statement that the examination in December next will be the last, to be an idle rumour.

A COUNTRY STUDENT.—G. P. R., and Dr. M., will find the desired information in the present number of this JOURNAL.

INSTRUCTION IN COMPARATIVE ANATOMY.—A Member of the Association will find that the fees are about the same at both the hospitals. Mr. Mivart, F.R.S., will deliver lectures on Comparative Anatomy, one course of which is required for the Fellowship of the College.