

lady's home. For five years at least (I think for a longer period) these clothes were not unpacked. The bag was then opened; and the clothes were given to a younger sister, then going to school, who speedily afterwards fell ill with scarlet fever. A well known surgeon of this town, now deceased, went with his wife and only daughter to the house of a friend in a distant city. The family of this friend had been attacked with scarlet fever, but the disease had ceased entirely for six months. My friend's daughter was seized with the disease; and it was then ascertained that the blanket of her bed had covered the scarlet-fever patient, and had been put by in a closet unwashed. My own son slept for some nights in a bed which had been occupied by a patient, attended by myself, who had a *second* attack of scarlet fever, in which the eruption (and, if I remember rightly, the desquamation) was confined to the palms of the hands and to a small patch on the front of the chest. The bed-clothes had not been purified, and he broke out with the disease. The occurrence took place several years ago, and I am not certain about the interval of time. I know it was over three months; I believe it exceeded six."

Dr. L. O. Fox of Broughton, near Winchester, writes as follows.

"Twenty cases of scarlet fever at West Titherly, Hants, have been caused by carelessness and indifference to results.

"A servant girl took the disorder at the house of her master, four miles distant. To save trouble, she was sent home, where there was a family of five children, all of whom were attacked, together with eight others living adjoining. The disease was carried on by contact at school; and a woman recently delivered caught the disorder and died.

"There are no means of enforcing preventive measures, and so death and misery result."

In connection with this subject, we would also call attention to the valuable paper, published at another page, by Mr. Davies, the Medical Officer of Health for Bristol. Mr. Davies gives an excellent summary of the various circumstances which favour the propagation of scarlatina.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

THE ANNUAL MUSEUM, 1871.

THE following gentlemen have been appointed by the Local Committee at Plymouth as managers of departments. *Physiological and Pathological Anatomy*—W. P. Swain, Esq., F.R.C.S. *Medical and Surgical Appliances*—H. Greenway, Esq.; M.R.C.S. *Literature*—R. Hogarth Clay, M.D.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday, October 13th, at 5 P.M.; J. CORNWALL, Esq., of Ashcott, President, will be in the Chair.

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

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Taunton, September 13th, 1870.

MEDICAL NEWS.

THE LIVERPOOL FEVER HOSPITAL.

THE following Report of the Fever Hospital for the week ending September 10th, 1870, has been forwarded to us:—Remaining per last report, 774; admitted since, 268; discharged, 150; died, 7; remaining under treatment, 885.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ORGANISATION.

WE understand that at a Meeting of the Committee of the Volunteer Medical Association, held on Wednesday, a scheme for the organisation of the volunteer medical staff was prepared, which will be presented for consideration to a general meeting of volunteer medical officers, the date of which has not yet been fixed. In consequence of the absence from town of so many volunteer surgeons, it was thought expedient to defer the day of meeting until some time next month. A deputa- tion will probably afterwards wait upon Mr. Cardwell, to request that some organisation of the volunteer medical staff be carried out; and, at the same time, to present the scheme as finally agreed upon by the volunteer medical officers.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—First B.Sc. and Preliminary M.B. con- jointly.—Chemistry.

Second Class.

Hetley, Henry (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital
Carpenter, Philip Herbert (First B.Sc. and Prel. Sci.), University College and Royal School of Mines

Third Class.

Palmer, F. John Morton (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital } equal
White, Ernest William (Prel. Sci.), King's College }
Crélin, Eugene (Prel. Sci.), St. Bartholomew's Hospital } equal
Rogers, Thomas King (Prel. Sci.), University College }
Groves, H. Joseph Firth (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital }

Zoology.

First Class.

Keetley, Charles Robert (Prel. Sci.), St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Hetley Henry (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital
Batterbury, George Henry, (Prel. Sci.), King's College

Second Class.

Wackerbarth, Edward (Prel. Sci.), University College

Third Class.

Vines, Sydney Howard (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital
Lamb, William Henry (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital

Experimental Physics.

Second Class.

Lowe, John Landor (First B.Sc.), King's College

Botany.

First Class.

Maclean, Thomas Edwin (Prel. Sci.—Exhibition), University College
Vines, Sydney Howard (Prel. Sci.), Guy's Hospital

Third Class.

Batterbury, George Henry (Prel. Sci.), King's College

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their ex- amination in the science and practice of medicine, and received their certificates to practise, on Thursday, September 1st, 1870.

Parker, Alfred Henry, 36, Queen's Road, Dalston
Warner, Francis, 15, Highbury Crescent
Walton, Walter George, 112, Westbourne Grove

The following gentleman passed on September 8th.
Smart, David, Cranbrook, Kent

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

BILLERICAY UNION, Essex—Medical Officer for the Great Burstead District: applications, 17th; election, 20th; duties, 29th.

BOLTON INFIRMARY & DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon: applications, 22nd.

ENNISKILLEN UNION, co. Fermanagh—Medical Officer for the Lisbellaw Dispensary District: 30th.

HASTINGS UNION, Sussex—Medical Officer for District No. 3.

KELLS UNION, co. Meath—Medical Officer for the Nobber Dispensary District: October 7th.

KIDDERMINSTER INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: applications, Oct. 5th; election, 12th.

KIRKCALDY, Fifeshire—Medical Officer of Health.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE—Physician: applications, 10th; election, 28th.

LETTERKENNY UNION—Medical Officer to the Workhouse: 23rd.

LIMERICK UNION—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Annacotty Dispensary District: 19th.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Assistant Resident House-Surgeon: applica- tions, 28th; Medical Board, 29th.

MALMESBURY UNION, Wilts—Medical Officer for District No. 1.

MALMESBURY, Wilts—Certifying Factory Surgeon for District of.

MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY—Medical Officer for the Derby District.

MORVEN, Argyshire—Parochial Medical Officer.

NEATH UNION, Glamorganshire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Llangonydd District: applications, 10th; election, 20th.

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.

SHETLAND—Medical Officer: applications, Oct. 18th.

SOUTHAMPTON DISPENSARY AND HUMANE SOCIETY—Acting Medical Officer.

STOURBRIDGE DISPENSARY—Surgeon and Secretary: applications, 26th.

SURREY DISPENSARY, Great Dover Road—House-Surgeon: applications, 26th; Committee, 27th; election, Oct. 6th.

TREDEGAR IRONWORKS, Monmouthshire—Assistant-Surgeon.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN—Three Examiners for Graduation in Medicine: applications, Oct. 1st.

WARRINGTON DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon; Apothecary: applica- tions, 19th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

BUSBY, A. R., Esq., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Bath Royal United Hospital, *vice* R. Carter, M.D., resigned.

*RAWLINGS, John Adams, L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Out-door Patients of the Swansea Hospital.

SECCOMB, E. H., M.B. Lond., appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent to the Royal India Lunatic Asylum, Ealing.

BIRTHS.

JESSOP.—On September 10th, at Leeds, the wife of *T. R. Jessop, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
 LORD.—On August 26th, at Crewe, the wife of *Richard Lord, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

*CASSON, J. Hornsey, Esq., Surgeon, of Ashbourne, to Isabel Harriett, youngest daughter of W. H. GOODWIN, Esq., of Wywell Grange, Derbyshire, at Wirksworth, on August 24th.
 FURNISS, Joseph Junius, L.K.Q.C.P.I., of Castle Eden, Durham, to Elizabeth Loughhead, only daughter of the late William KENNEDY, Esq., of Sandymount, co. Dublin, at Dublin, on August 30th.
 *MAPOTHER, Edward Dillon, M.D., Dublin, to Ellen, youngest daughter of the late John TOBIN, Esq., M.P. for Halifax, Nova Scotia, at Halifax, on Sept. 7th.
 *SARGENT, Henry Edwin, M.D., of Lewannick, Launceston, to Anna Maria, only daughter of Thomas PEARCE, Esq., Surgeon, Holsworthy, North Devon, on September 6th.
 WOOD, Thomas Outterson, L.R.C.P., of Dunston Lodge Asylum, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Caroline Augusta Charlotte, youngest daughter of the late Edward POTTER, Esq., of Cramlington House, Tynemouth, on September 9th.

NITRO-GLYCERINE.—An explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred near Greenock, on Monday last, which has resulted up to Wednesday in the death of six persons. Several others were much injured.

The foundation stone of Lytham Cottage Hospital was laid on Friday in last week. The entire cost of the building is to be defrayed by Colonel Clifton.

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.—Royal Free, 2 P.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.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.—King's College, 2 P.M.
 THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.
 FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.
 SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock (Clinical Demonstrations and Operations), 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Free, 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 9.30 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

FRIDAY.—Quekett Microscopical Club (University College, Gower Street), 8 P.M.
 Mr. B. T. Lowne, M.R.C.S., "On so-called Spontaneous Generation."

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.

MEDICAL REFORM.—A member of the Medical Council writes to us:—"What a host of Medical Bills there will be for next Session. I fear they will all come to grief. But as I don't think I shall stay in the Council much longer, I am disposed to watch the sport as an outsider."

THE LATE MR. W. J. CLEMENT, M.P.—A correspondent writes as follows respecting our late worthy associate. "There are some points which I think deserving of notice. He was the first surgeon in Great Britain who opened the ascending colon for intestinal obstruction. (The case was successful.) Although never connected with a public hospital, he obtained the largest consulting practice in Shropshire, especially as an operating surgeon. He was the first medical man elected Member of Parliament who continued to practise his profession; and he often said that he particularly valued the honour, as a compliment paid to the whole profession, in the choice falling on one of its working members. He was thoroughly imbued with a love of the profession to which he belonged. He always zealously upheld its dignity and its rights. His purse was never shut to his poorer medical brethren; and now that he is gone, there are few persons who have had the pleasure of meeting him in society, or in consultation by the bedside, who will not feel that they have lost a kind friend for ever."

NOTICE.—It is requested that all Letters, etc., intended for the Editor or the Publisher of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL be addressed solely to the Office, 37, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONERS.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform me how I can ascertain for a positive fact whether a gentleman holds a diploma or not. A person, whose name, as far as I can find, appears in no medical register, is now practising in partnership (so I presume, from the two names appearing on a brass plate as Drs. so and so Surgeons, etc.), with a qualified practitioner; and, in the event of his holding no qualification, the means at my disposal to expose and prevent him from practising. A reply through the JOURNAL will much oblige.
 I am, etc.,
 BAKWELL, September 8th, 1870.
 PHILIP S. FENTEM.

** The only course which we can suggest is to summon the person alluded to before the magistrates, for using a title implying that he is registered under the Medical Act or recognised by law as a medical practitioner. He would then have to prove that he is registered or entitled to be so; and, if not, would probably be amenable to the penalties mentioned in Clause 40 of the Medical Act. But, as previous experience has shown, the attempt to bring home a charge of illegal practice in such a case is, as the law now stands, attended with great risk of failure.

THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1870.—A photograph published by Messrs. W. and D. Downey of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of the "British Medical Association, 1870," is one of the most satisfactory photographic records on a large scale which we have seen. It gives accurately, agreeably, and naturally, a portrait-group of nearly a hundred members assembled in the open air in front of the Prudhoe Convalescent Home. Among the portraits immediately recognisable are those of Dr. Charlton, Dr. Chadwick, Mr. Husband of York, Dr. Falconer, Dr. Sibson, Dr. Waters of Chester, Dr. Beatty of Dublin, Dr. Paget of Cambridge, Mr. Watkin Williams, Dr. Embleton of Newcastle, Mr. Wood of Shrewsbury, Dr. Hayden of Dublin, Dr. Robert Barnes, Dr. Protheroe Smith, Dr. Graily Hewitt, Dr. Aveling of Rochester, Mr. Heckstall Smith, Mr. Southam of Manchester, Dr. W. Roberts of Manchester, and very many other prominent and familiar members. The portraits are excellent, and the general effect of the group is unusually pleasing and natural.

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESSES.—A Member of the University of Edinburgh writes to us:—"I was glad to read 'Honoured in the breach.' We have now no general introductory at the University. Each professor gives his own, with the utmost freedom as to topics. I give an outline of the plan of study and of subjects, ending with advice as to keeping the brains clear from drinks and exhaustion, etc."

NOTICES of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Appointments, intended for insertion in the JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.

DISGRACEFUL PARSIMONY.

SIR,—In an Union, for which I have sometimes done deputy work for one of the medical officers, extra medical fees used to be paid for all fractures, etc., in the Workhouse. Lately, it has been decided that the medical officer is not entitled to receive any extra fee for any such extra work in the House.

A short time ago, a man broke his collar-bone. He applied to the relieving officer for an order to be attended to by the medical officer of the parish in which he resided and where the accident happened, and he was told that he could not have it set there, but must go to the Workhouse (a distance of about eight miles), as it would cost the parish £1 to have it done at home. Finding that his efforts to get relief at home were in vain, he at last got an order for "the House," where he arrived, and had the surgeon to see him, on the fourth day after the accident. The bone was almost through the skin; and the present result is a standing disgrace to the system which could allow a man to suffer the pain of an unset bone for such an unnecessary time, and to leave him with a permanent deformity, and all to save a paltry fee. Comment is unnecessary.
 September 1870.
 I am, etc.,
 INDIGNATION.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports and other matters of medical interest:—The Indian Medical Gazette, August 15th; The New York Medical Gazette, August 27th; The Parochial Critic, Sept. 15th; The New York Medical Record, Sept. 1st; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Sept. 1st; The Madras Mail, July 4th; The Shield, Sept. 10th; The Birmingham Daily Post; etc.

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

Mr. Herbert M. Morgan, Lichfield; Letts, Son, and Co., London; Mr. W. G. Kemp, Wellington, New Zealand; Mr. D. Davies, Bristol; Mr. T. Charters White, London; Dr. Littleton, Plymouth; Dr. Andrew Clark, London; W. A. R., Carlisle; Dr. L. O. Fox, Broughton; Dr. Sargent; Launceston; Mr. Gamgee, Birmingham; E. H.; Mr. E. H. Seccombe, Ealing; Messrs. Davies and Co., London; Mr. R. Craven, Southport; Mr. J. T. Hester, Hastings; Mr. J. Carter, Cambridge; Mr. W. M. Whistler, London; Dr. Oppert, London; Mr. J. Bruce, London; M.R.C.S.; Dr. E. Andrew, Shrewsbury; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. Potter, London; Dr. George Brown, London; Mr. E. Balshaw, Tring; Dr. Christie, Ealing; Mr. Jessop, Leeds; Mr. A. R. Busby, Bath; Dr. Spedding, Holywood; Dr. J. Ford Anderson, London; Dr. Bree, Colchester; Dr. Wood, Dunston Lodge; Dr. A. White, Malvern; Dr. R. St. J. Mayne, Dublin; M.D.; Dr. Johnston, Dublin; Mr. E. L. Hussey, Oxford; etc.

LETTERS, ETC. (with enclosures) from:—

Dr. G. W. Balfour, Edinburgh; Mr. J. Parker Martin, Cork; Mr. J. W. Hulke, London; Dr. James Russell, Birmingham; Dr. George Johnson, London; Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, London; Mr. Wheelhouse, Leeds; Mr. H. Greenway, Plymouth; Dr. J. C. Brown, Edinburgh; The Honorary Secretary of the Quekett Microscopical Club; Dr. Bäumlér, Frankfurt-on-the-Main; Dr. Christie, Ealing; Mr. F. J. Wilson, London; M.R.C.S.; Mr. T. Watkin Williams, Birmingham; 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; Mr. T. Clarke, Weston-super-Mare; Mr. Hopkins, Bath; Dr. Stokes, Dublin; etc.