

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Plymouth, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th of August next.

President—E. CHARLTON, M.D., D.C.L., Physician to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Infirmary.

President-elect—JOHN WHIPPLE, Esq., F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital.

An *Address in Medicine* will be delivered by GEORGE JOHNSON, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine in King's College, London.

An *Address in Surgery* will be delivered by JOSEPH LISTER, Esq., F.R.S., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

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

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL: Rule 4. To insert "President-elect", and to omit "Secretary".—Rule 6. To expunge this rule, and to substitute the following: "Each retiring President of the Association and President of Council shall be appointed a Vice-President for life by a vote of the members at the Annual Meeting."—Rule 7. To add "the Vice-Presidents" after President-elect; to insert the word "and" between President of the Council and Treasurer, and to erase "and the Secretary".—Rule 8. In this and every rule where "District" is prefixed to Branch, to erase the word "District", and to erase the words "the Secretary of the Association".—Rule 9. To omit the words between "The President of the Council" and "shall be elected".—Rule 10. To omit the words between "The Treasurer" and "shall be elected".—Rule 11. To erase the words after "There shall be one paid Secretary" in first section, and to substitute "who shall reside in London, and devote his whole time to the business management of the Association and of the JOURNAL office". To erase the words "otherwise" in seventh line and "an annual or special" in eighth line, and to insert "each Annual Meeting".—Rule 13. To erase the words "Secretary shall call", and to substitute "President of Council shall direct to be called".—Rule 14. Between "shall" and "be recommended", to insert "express his desire in writing, and shall be".—Rule 15. To add "Members may be admitted on and after July 1st in each year, and the subscription for such part of a year shall be half a guinea". To erase the words after "each member" in eighth line, and to substitute "as long as his subscriptions remain unpaid, provided due notice shall have been given of such withholding".—Rule 16. To erase the words after "from his" in fourth line, and to substitute "liabilities to the Association".—Rule 24. In tenth line, to insert "a copy of the laws" between "Association" and "and".

Dr. STEELE (Liverpool): Election of Committee of Council. Every associate, who is a member of the Council, and desirous of a seat on the Committee of Council, shall send to the General Secretary, not later than months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association, a declaration signed by himself, and in the following terms: "I, A. B., of C., member of the British Medical Association, hereby declare that I am a candidate for a seat on the Committee of Council of the said Association. (Signed) _____." Together with a nomination-paper signed by six members of the Association, in the following terms: "We, the undersigned, members of the British Medical Association, certify that A. B., of C., is a fit and proper person to be a member of the Committee of Council of the said Association." The names of the eligible candidates, with the names of the six associates by whom they shall have been respectively nominated, shall be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL not later than months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Mr. NICHOLSON (Hull): To alter Law 16, line 2. For "three", insert "two".

Dr. WADE (Birmingham): In Law 8, Paragraph No. 3, of the duties of Council, to alter "ten" into "twenty-five"; and to omit the words "and one Secretary from each Branch".

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, cases, or any other communications, are requested to give notice of the same to the General Secretary at their earliest convenience.

T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, F.R.C.S., *General Secretary*.
13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, June 13th, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MUSEUM.

THE "Annual Museum" of this Association will be open during the four days of the meeting, for the exhibition of:

1. The latest inventions in medical and surgical instruments and appliances of every kind. Also, for the special exhibition of ancient and modern fracture apparatus, or diagrams of such, thus setting forth the history of the treatment of fractures from the earliest records down to the present day.

2. New drugs and their preparations.

3. New articles of diet for invalids.

4. Pathological Specimens; also photographs, casts, etc., illustrating disease.

5. New works on medicine, surgery, etc.

6. Models or drawings of any object of professional interest not included in the above list.

Notice to Exhibitors.—Application should be made as soon as possible; at the same time giving a list of the objects to be exhibited, and mentioning the space required. All objects sent must have a description attached. Parcels for the Museum should be addressed—"British Medical Association, the Assembly Rooms, Plymouth; care of H. Greenway, Esq." They must be delivered on or before July 31st, and be removed within three days after the termination of the meeting. Expenses of carriage and all risk must be borne by the exhibitors. A card, bearing the name and address of the exhibitor, must be enclosed in each package, ready to be fixed on the outside. All communications respecting the Museum to be addressed to "Henry Greenway, Esq., Surgeon, Plymouth", the Secretary for that department.

THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN THE LAWS.

IN the statement of the proposed alterations in the laws, at page 22 of last week's number, Mr. Nicholson's proposal for altering the word "three" to "two", was by error applied to Law 14. It belongs to Law 16; which, with its alterations, should be read as follows.

16. The name of no member shall remain on the books of the Association, whose arrears extend over [three] ^[two] years; but the omission of the name from the list of members shall not be deemed, either in honour or equity, to relieve any member from his [liability for the subscriptions due for the period during which he has availed himself of the privileges of membership] ^[liabilities to the Association].

The fourteenth law, with its proposed alteration, will then stand thus.

14. *Admission of Members.*—Any qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any bye-law, who shall ^[express his desire in writing and shall] be recommended as eligible by any three members, shall be admitted a member at any time by the Committee of Council, or by the Council of any Branch; provided he shall have the votes of three-fourths of those present.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE third annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Bush Hotel, Carlisle, on Wednesday, July 12th, at 1 o'clock. *President*, Dr. FANSON, Whitehaven; *President-elect*, Dr. ELLIOT, Carlisle.

Dinner will be provided at 4.30, at the usual charge.

Gentlemen having papers or cases to communicate, will greatly oblige by sending early intimation to

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

Carlisle, June 20th, 1871.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held on Thursday, July 13th, 1871, at the Institution at the top of Park Street, Bristol, at 4.45 P.M.

Members having any communications for the meeting are requested to give notice of them to the Secretaries.

The dinner will be held at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol, at 6.30 P.M. Dinner tickets, including ice and dessert, 7s. 6d. each. Wines at moderate charges.

E. C. BOARD, Clifton. } *Honorary Secretaries*.
R. S. FOWLER, Bath. }

NORTHERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of this Branch was held in the Assembly Room, Tynemouth, on Thursday, June 15th: J. B. BRAMWELL, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present thirty-one members, and three visitors.

The PRESIDENT, having thanked the meeting for the honour they had conferred upon him, and referred to the healthiness of Tynemouth, said that during the twenty-seven years he had been in practice in Tynemouth he had witnessed two severe epidemics of cholera and one of typhoid fever, several of small-pox, and many of scarlet fever and measles. One disease (typhus) frequently endemic in some towns, was only an occasional visitor in the borough of Tynemouth; and then its origin could always be traced to direct importation, and rarely had he known it to spread beyond a few cases. Had Tynemouth possessed a fever hospital, with power to enforce the removal of any important case, the town might have been kept entirely free from the disease. He described the origin and causes in the borough of the epidemics alluded to. Speaking of the small-pox epidemic, he said it was not his intention to say anything on the subject of vaccination generally, as he believed the members were fully persuaded of the power possessed by vaccination of controlling the disease. He would merely state that the conclusions drawn by him in private practice were in exact consonance with those derived from hospital statistics. He had never seen a fatal case of small-pox in any one that he had himself vaccinated, nor had he ever seen the disease spread in any family where revaccination was at once practised. His conclusion was that efficient vaccination enforced by law, with revaccination, would effectually eradicate the disease from the kingdom. The only reasonable objection to such law was the now admitted fact that syphilitic poison had in a few cases been conveyed into the system with vaccine lymph; but these cases were so few that he was not of opinion that an evil so infinitely small, and which itself could be guarded against, should influence us in enforcing this most important protection on all. With regard to other epidemic diseases, there were not as yet any protectives like vaccination; but each case should be reported to a duly appointed central authority, empowered to enforce isolation or removal as might be deemed best to prevent the formation of a focus or centre of infection, and to prevent the convalescent from speedily mixing with the healthy. He referred more especially to scarlet fever; and he thought it should be made penal for any teacher to receive a child who had suffered from that disease back to school until authorised by a medical certificate. If the registration of infectious disease could be made compulsory, it would be a great step in advance. He believed it to be of great importance that members of societies like the Branch should form definite opinions on the most likely means to control the ravages inflicted by epidemic diseases, and that they should privately, amongst their friends and patients, and publicly, when opportunity offered, disseminate their views, and thus lead the Legislature to pass the necessary laws to render them effectual. The President then read a statement by Dr. Philipson, showing that the number of members of the British Medical Association was 4,258; that, in 1865, the numbers of members of the Northern Branch was 53, and was now 235; that during last year there had died of members of the Northern Branch 12, resigned 10, and that the new members numbered 23.

Mr. BROADBENT (Hetton) moved a vote of thanks to the President for his able address.—Dr. TESSIER seconded the proposition, and spoke strongly in favour of vaccination and revaccination.

Vote of Thanks.—Dr. FOTHERGILL (Darlington) proposed—"That the warmest thanks of the meeting be awarded to the retiring President (George Welford, Esq.), the Council of Management, and the other officers for their services during the past year." This was seconded by Mr. HEFFERNAN (Spenny Moor), and carried by acclamation.

Officers for 1870-71.—On the motion of Dr. EASTWOOD, seconded by Dr. JONES, it was unanimously resolved—"That the next Annual Meeting be held at Stockton-on-Tees; that Charles Trotter, Esq., F.R.C.S., be President-Elect; Dr. Philipson, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. Charlton, Dr. Tessier, Dr. Frain, and Dr. W. H. Dixon, the Council of Management."

Representatives in the General Council.—On the motion of Mr. W. R. SHELL, seconded by Mr. W. H. SMITH, the following members were elected to represent the Branch in the General Council of the Association: G. V. Heath, M.D.; Charles Gibson, M.D.; J. B. Bramwell, M.D.; Martin Burnup, M.D.; R. J. Peart, M.D.; Robert Wilson, M.D.; John Jobson, Esq.; George Welford, Esq.; S. W. Broadbent, Esq.; H. G. Hardy, Esq.; Charles Trotter, Esq.; J. W. Eastwood, M.D.; and G. H. Philipson, M.D., *en officio*.

Representative in the Parliamentary Committee.—It was moved by Mr. R. H. B. WICKHAM, seconded by Mr. BYROM BRAMWELL, and unanimously agreed to—"That Dr. Philipson be the representative of the Branch in the Parliamentary Committee."

Treasurer's Report.—Dr. Philipson read the Treasurer's statement, which showed that the balance in hand, at the commencement of the year 1870, was 12s. 1d., and the amount received in annual subscriptions was £28 4s.—total, £28 16s. 1d. The expenses during the year

amounted to £28 6s. 10d., leaving in December 31st, 1870, a balance of 9s. 3d.

Cases.—I. Dr. LEGAT introduced a boy upon whom he had performed Double Amputation above the ankles; also, a successful case of operation for Imperforate Anus.

2. Mr. C. T. JEAFFRESON exhibited and explained several beautifully drawn diagrams of the Fundus of the Eye.

3. Dr. PHILIPSON exhibited a specimen of Recurrent Fibroid Tumour, which he had received from Mr. R. T. Lightfoot.

Papers.—The following papers were read:—I. On the recent and still prevailing Epidemic of Small-Pox at South Shields; with special reference to the origin, spread, and treatment of the disease. By Andrew Legat, M.D.—2. On the Hectic State in Phthisis Pulmonalis. By R. W. Foss, M.B.—3. Notes of a case of Incipient Dementia, with observations on the diagnosis and treatment. By R. H. B. Wickham, F.R.C.S., Ed.—4. Case of Hydrophobia. By J. W. Eastwood, M.D.—5. Case of Hydrophobia. By J. R. Fothergill, M.D.

On the motion of the President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the readers of the papers, with the expression of the hope that they would allow them to be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Dinner.—The members and their friends afterwards dined together at the Bath Hotel, the President (Dr. Bramwell) in the chair, supported by the Mayor of Tynemouth (George Bell, Esq.), the Vicar of Tynemouth (Rev. Thomas Brutton, M.A.), the President of the British Medical Association (Dr. Charlton), Dr. Negus, of H.M.S. *Castor*, and Dr. Parker Smith, H.M. 35th Regiment, etc.

EAST ANGLIAN AND CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCHES: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE members of the East Anglian and Cambridge and Huntingdon Branches of this Association held their annual meeting at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on Friday, June 30th, under the Presidency of Dr. EADE of Norwich. There were also present fifty-five members and visitors, and the pupils of the Norwich Hospital. After the members and visitors had partaken of an elegant luncheon, given by the medical and surgical staff of the hospital, they commenced the business of the meeting in the Harrison Ward.

Dr. CHEVALLIER, the late President, made a few introductory remarks, and then introduced Dr. Eade, the President for this year, who delivered an inaugural address.

Dr. PITT, Honorary Secretary, read the report of Council, which congratulated the members in again assembling in Norwich, and expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the JOURNAL is conducted, and at the gradual increase of members.

The following resolutions were then passed.

1. Proposed by Dr. DURRANT and seconded by Mr. FAIRCLOTH—"That the thanks of this meeting be given to retiring President, Members of Council, and Honorary Secretaries, for their services during the past year."

2. Proposed by Dr. HUMPHRY and seconded by Mr. MURIEL of Ely—"That the Members of the Council and Honorary Secretaries be re-elected."

3. Proposed by Dr. COPEMAN and seconded by Mr. CADGE—"That the next annual meeting of the East Anglian Branch be held in conjunction with the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch at Ely, and that R. Muriel, Esq., of that city be elected President."

New Members.—Mr. H. Robinson, Norwich; Mr. P. Ransom, North Elmham; Dr. C. D. H. Drury, Pulham St. Mary; and Mr. Thomas Garney, Bungay, were elected.

Papers.—The following papers were then read. 1. Reminiscences of Surgery in the Norwich Hospital Five-and-Thirty Years Ago, by G. M. Humphry, M.D., F.R.S. This elicited considerable discussion by Dr. Bateman, Dr. Copeman, Mr. Cadge, Mr. Reade, Mr. Brownfield, Mr. Muriel, and Mr. G. Taylor.—2. Pre-Phthical Dyspepsia, by C. M. Durrant, M.D. A discussion followed, in which Mr. Allen and Dr. Bateman took part.—3. Ovariectomy, by W. Cadge, Esq. The paper caused considerable discussion by Professor Humphry and others.—4. Accidents in Lithotomy, by T. W. Crosse, Esq. Dr. Eade and Mr. Pringle took part in the discussion.—5. Intraocular Malignant Growths, by H. Robinson, Esq. Papers from Drs. Bateman, Bradbury, and Lowe, were omitted for want of time.

A Vote of Thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. FAIRCLOTH, and the meeting separated.

Dinner.—The members and friends, including the Mayor of Norwich and the Rev. G. Cook, Vicar of Worstead, and numbering forty-one, dined together at the Norfolk Hotel; Dr. Eade occupying the chair, and Dr. Pitt the vice-chair.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fifteenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Northampton General Infirmary on Tuesday, June 27th. There were present, W. W. CLARK, M.D., President, in the chair, and eighteen members and visitors.

New Member.—Dr. James More, of Rothwell, Northamptonshire, was duly elected.

Officers and Council.—The following were elected. *President-elect*, Allan D. Mackay, M.B. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, John M. Bryan, M.D. *Joint Honorary Secretary*, W. Moxon, Esq. *Committee of Management*: F. Buszard, M.D.; C. J. Evans, Esq.; A. Evershed, Esq.; G. P. Goldsmith, Esq.; J. H. Hemming, Esq.; C. E. Prior, M.D.; R. W. Watkins, Esq.; E. Woakes, M.D. *Representatives in the General Council*: R. Ceely, Esq.; D. J. T. Francis, M.D.; A. D. Mackay, M.B.; H. Terry, jun., Esq.; R. W. Watkins, Esq. *Representative in the Parliamentary Committee*: J. M. Bryan, M.D.

Proposed Conjoint Meeting.—Mr. HEMMING proposed, and Dr. W. CLARK seconded—"That a joint meeting of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch and the South Midland Branch be held at Huntingdon or Peterborough in 1873." The consideration of the subject was deferred to the autumnal meeting of the South Midland Branch.

Corresponding Secretaries.—Mr. ASHDOWN proposed, and Mr. KNOTT seconded, the appointment of a corresponding secretary for each of the three counties of Bedford, Buckingham, and Northampton.

Autumnal Meeting.—Mr. MASH proposed, Mr. WATKINS seconded, and it was resolved—"That the autumnal meeting be held at Wellingborough."

Report.—Dr. BRYAN, the honorary secretary, read a report, in which he mentioned the continued success of the Branch, both in numbers and funds, and referred to the Parent Association, numbering only 2,500 six years since, and now over 4,250, with additions in prospect. Within the last twelve months, seven members had left the district or had resigned. Two had died; viz., Mr. Thurnall of Bedford, and Mr. Lambden of Ripplingale. Since the last annual meeting of the Branch, Dr. Bryan, in his capacity of its representative, had attended several meetings of the Committee of Council of the Parent Association held in Birmingham and in London. The principal business discussed had been the financial affairs; and it was proposed to alter several of the laws of the Association, which, it was hoped, would thereby be placed on a firmer basis, and also to have the General Secretary resident in London, with full control over the office management, which he had not had hitherto. It had been also decided that applications for subscriptions should be made by the secretaries of Branches four times in the year; viz., January, April, July, and October, after which accounts were to be given up to the General Secretary. It was, however, hoped that members would send their subscriptions to the secretaries or treasurers of Branches in the first month in the year, and thereby prevent the necessity of frequent applications. On December 31st last, the subscriptions of five members of the Branch remained unpaid; and those of twenty-four at the present time (June 27th).

President's Address.—Dr. CLARK read an address.

Papers.—The following were read. 1. Case of Scarlatina in an adult, followed by temporary Blindness: Recovery. By A. D. Mackay, M.B. 2. Case of Belladonna Poisoning. By J. G. Carruthers, Esq. 3. Case of Intussusception: Recovery. By Arthur Evershed, Esq. A portion of intestine, including the caecum with its appendix and ileum—altogether a yard—sloughed and came away. The patient, a youth, aged 15 or 16 years, ultimately recovered, and is now alive and well. 4. Notes on some Antipyretic Remedies; viz., Cold Affusion, Belladonna, Aconite, etc. By W. Newman, M.D. In Dr. Newman's absence, this paper was read by the President. A paper by Dr. Woakes on a successful case of Ovariectomy was not read on account of want of time and the absence of the author.

Alterations of Rules of Branch.—Mr. ASHDOWN gave notice of a proposal that a luncheon only and no dinner should be had at future meetings.

Vote of Thanks was passed to Dr. Clark, the President; to the authors of papers; and to Dr. Bryan, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Dinner.—The members and visitors dined together at the George Hotel.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1871.

T. B. CURLING, ESQ., F.R.S., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

ON THE REMOVAL OF TUMOURS FROM BONES.

BY JAMES PAGET, D.C.L., F.R.S.

THE design of the paper was to show the propriety of removing the majority of non-malignant tumours growing in bones, by simple extirpation or enucleation, rather than by resection of the bones or by amputation. It was shown that these tumours are as separate from the proper tissue of the bones as are fatty and most other innocent tumours from the connective tissue or other structures in which they grow; and that the same rules of operation are applicable to the one as to the other set of tumours. Cases were given of successful enucleation of fibrous, myeloid, cartilaginous, and osseous tumours, and some rules were stated for the diagnosis of malignant from innocent tumours in bones, and of those which grow within from those which grow without the bones.—After a few remarks by Mr. FAIRLIE CLARKE on the great value of Mr. Paget's paper, Mr. BIRKETT remarked that the same practice as that recommended by the author had been for years adopted at the London hospitals; certainly at Guy's Hospital, especially in tumours of the jaw. He referred, among other cases, to one of myeloid disease of the radius, which was enucleated many years ago by Mr. Bransby Cooper, but which returned and necessitated amputation. The patient was still living, but the case showed that enucleation may not be sufficient to eradicate the disease.—Mr. THOMAS SMITH related a case of a tumour of the size of a fist at the head of the humerus in a female, aged 22. It had existed for two years: it pulsated and enlarged, and the general health was suffering. There was no gland-enlargement. Mr. Paget recommended enucleation, which was done, but not thoroughly. The wound closed, and the patient recovered very fair use of her arm, but at the end of the year the growth returned. At the second operation, she died of pleuropneumonia.—Mr. BIRKETT, in answer to Mr. Smith, said that in such a case he would have performed the same operation.—Mr. WEEDEN COOKE had found it necessary in some cases to amputate, as enucleation was impossible.—Dr. O'CONNOR related a case bearing on the discussion.—Mr. SAVORY considered that the value of the paper rested on the information given as to the kind of tumours to be enucleated. He thought that strumous or scrofulous disease of bone might also be treated on this great principle, as in the tarsus. Some surgeons believed that the disease was afterwards made worse by the irritation caused by the operation; but still, if the disease were thoroughly removed, he thought it would be found to be successful.—Mr. JOHN CROFT alluded to a case illustrating Mr. Paget's paper.—Mr. PAGET, in reply, said that he was quite conscious that the treatment was often done, but he wanted to see it more generally adopted. The difference lay between enucleation and resection of bone, and not, as Mr. Birkett said, between enucleation and amputation.

A FOURTH SERIES OF ONE HUNDRED CASES OF OVARIOTOMY, WITH REMARKS ON THE DIAGNOSIS OF UTERINE FROM OVARIAN TUMOURS. BY T. SPENCER WELLS, F.R.C.S. ENG.

Following the order of former papers, the author had arranged this fourth series of one hundred cases in tables of three series.

Series 1. Cases in which ovariectomy was completed—100 cases: 78 recoveries, 22 deaths.

Series 2. Cases in which ovariectomy was commenced, but not completed—6 cases: 2 relieved or cured, 4 died.

Series 3. Cases where an exploratory incision was made—7 cases: 5 recovered from incision, 2 died.

He showed that the mortality after ovariectomy was steadily diminishing. Of his first 100 cases, 34 died; of his second 100 cases, 28 died; of his third 100 cases, 23 died; and of his fourth 100, 22 died. In this fourth series, 44 had been in hospital, and 56 in private practice. In private practice the mortality was only 14 per cent., while in hospital it was 31 per cent. The author believed that the mortality in private practice might be taken as a guide to what might become the general average mortality after ovariectomy, and he was convinced that it might be reduced to about 10 per cent. without excluding those extreme cases where the operation was performed as a forlorn hope. The author then proved that large tumours of the non-gravid uterus had been frequently mistaken for ovarian tumours; and he pointed out how they might be distinguished from each other. He showed that there was nothing in the history of a doubtful case which afforded any very decisive assistance, and then examined in detail the signs afforded by inspection and measure-

hands. Did the patient die for want of traction—firm traction on the tongue? Any one who has had the honour of Sir James's professional acquaintance, must know that, if a patient died under the influence of chloroform administered by himself, it was no fault of Sir James Simpson's, nor was it owing to any carelessness or neglect of the minutest measure necessary or likely to be of any use to assist in the resuscitation. There is a limit to all human power, and if we have honestly exerted our utmost to save life, we are in no way to blame—we can do no more. A death from chloroform is quite possible to occur even in the hands of Professor Lister, and all the more likely if he persists in placing his chief, if not entire, reliance in *firm traction on the tongue with artery-forceps*, a step of "unspeakable importance."

In conclusion, although accidents will and do occur, it is no reason why we should not strive our very utmost to lessen their number. In a future communication I may enter upon this point, and impart more of my experience on this deeply important and interesting subject.

I am, etc., THO. SKINNER, M.D.

Dunedin House, Liverpool, June 28th, 1871.

MEDICAL NEWS.

PAPERS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AT PLYMOUTH, 1871.

THE following are the names of the Honorary Secretaries of Sections for the approaching Annual Meeting.

Medicine.—Dr. Clay, Plymouth; Dr. Wade, Birmingham.

Surgery.—W. P. Swain, Esq., Devonport; C. Steele, Esq., Clifton, Bristol.

Midwifery.—Dr. J. Rolston, Stoke, Devonport; Dr. Phillips, 26, Finsbury Square, London.

Public Medicine.—Dr. Row, Devonport; David Davies, Esq., Queen Square, Bristol.

Gentlemen proposing to read papers or to forward communications for the Annual Meeting are requested to communicate with the least possible delay with the Sectional Secretaries, in order that the titles of their papers may be duly announced, and that arrangements may be made for the order in which they are to be read. Abstracts should at the same time be prepared, and communicated beforehand to the JOURNAL, in order that copies of such abstracts may be issued by us for the simultaneous use of the other medical papers.

COLLEGIATE ELECTION.

THE annual meeting for the election of Fellows into the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons took place on Thursday the 6th instant. The hour for commencing the proceedings was 2 o'clock, but long before that time many Fellows attended to examine the interesting collection of preparations about to be added to the Museum, which, owing to the great zeal of the Conservator, Professor Flower, increases in number and interest every year. An abstract of his able report appears in another page of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Punctual to the time appointed, the President, Sir William Ferguson, accompanied by the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Busk and Hancock, entered the Library, and, having shortly explained the objects of the meeting, added that three of the four retiring members of the Council offered themselves for re-election, viz., Messrs. Edward Cock, George Busk, and F. Le Gros Clark (Mr. S. A. Lane having declined being nominated); the other candidates, taking them in chronological order, were Messrs. T. Spencer Wells, George Critchett, and Barnard W. Holt. The voting then commenced, and was concluded at 5 o'clock, when Mr. Stone commenced recording the votes as they were announced by Mr. Trimmer, previously to which the President invited any Fellows, so inclined, to act as scrutineers. At the conclusion of this duty, the numbers having been declared correct, the President announced that the successful candidates were Messrs. Busk, Clark, Wells, and Critchett. The numbers polled by each candidate were as follows, viz.:

Mr. Wells.....	131.....	including 4 plumpers.
Mr. Critchett ...	130.....	" 7 "
Mr. Clark.....	127.....	" 9 "
Mr. Busk.....	117.....	" 1 "
Mr. Holt.....	104.....	" 7 "
Mr. Cock.....	74.....	" 10 "

It appears that 228 Fellows recorded their votes,* and, as showing

* The facilities for voting were greatly increased on this occasion by adopting the plan of the School Board election, in having several compartments, where the voting-papers could be filled up with the secrecy necessary sometimes, and which was duly appreciated.

the continued interest taken in these elections, it may be mentioned that Fellows attended from distant provincial towns, as Messrs. Wiblin and Osborn, Southampton; Green, Bristol; Carden, Worcester; Fox, Broughton, Winchester; Southam, Manchester; Campbell, Stourbridge; Dalrymple, M.P., Norwich; Wood, Shrewsbury; Humphry, Cambridge; Smith, Stevenage; May, Reading; Holman, Hulstpierspoint; Allard, Tewkesbury; Brown and Bell, Rochester.

In the evening a very large number sat down to dinner at the Albion Tavern, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. D. Carden of Worcester, who was supported by many distinguished visitors; and, thanks to the indefatigable exertions of Mr. T. Carr Jackson, the Honorary Secretary, every Fellow appeared thoroughly to enjoy the agreeable *réunion*.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—At the recent examination for the Degree of Bachelor in Medicine, held in Trinity Term, the following candidates passed in the order of merit indicated.

1. Jacob O'Connor; 2. John G. Rogers; 3. David Kennedy; 4. Thomas Drapes, Patrick Molony; 6. Thomas B. Worthington, William M. Whittaker, Richard Quill; 9. Henry J. Tweedy; 10. Maurice Blunden; 11. Thomas Hamilton Moorhead; 12. James Armstrong; 13. Henry Comyn; 14. Andrew F. Dobson; 15. Richard D. White, George Gibson, Thomas J. Browne; 18. Christopher Elliott; 19. Otway P. Browne; 20. John Waugh.

The following gentlemen have passed the examination for the Degree of Master in Surgery.

1. Patrick J. Molony; 2. John G. Rogers; 3. James Armstrong; 4. Richard Henry Quill; 5. Thomas B. Worthington; 6. Edward M. Courtenay; 7. Francis G. Mayberry; 8. John Waugh; 9. Otway Peter Browne; 10. Henry Edward Comyn.

Previous Examination in Medicine.—The following have passed in all the subjects.

- Andrew Clarke, George A. Pearce, Charles A. Cooper, Thomas F. Fleetwood, Phineas B. Tuthill, John P. McNeill, George A. Bluett.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

- BLACKBURN and EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.
BRIDGNORTH UNION, Salop—Medical Officers for the Workhouse and Districts 3 and 4.
BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL—Surgeon.
BURY, LANCASHIRE, DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.
DERBYSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY, Derby—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon; Two Dental Surgeons; Non-Resident Dispenser.
DEWSBURY UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Mirfield District.
GATESHEAD DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.
GENERAL HOSPITAL and DISPENSARY FOR SICK CHILDREN, Bridge Street, Manchester—Resident Medical Officer.
GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk (Parish of)—Medical Officer for the North District.
GUISBOROUGH UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Danby District.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street—Assistant-Physician.
HUDDERSFIELD and UPPER AGRIGG INFIRMARY—Physician.
HUNSLY UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Templenewsam District.
INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square—Visiting Physician.
INFIRMARY FOR EPILEPSY and PARALYSIS, Charles Street, Portman Square—Physician.
LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY—Assistant Resident Medical Officer.
LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY—Junior Resident Medical Officer.
LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY—Physician.
LOUDOUN, Ayrshire—Parochial Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator.
METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL, Devonshire Square—Assistant-Physician.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL—Physician; Assistant-Surgeon.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—Lecturer on Physiology, including Practical Physiology.
NAAS UNION, co. Kildare—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Clane and Timahoe North Dispensary District.
PLYMOUTH PUBLIC DISPENSARY—Dispenser.
RATHDOWN UNION, co. Dublin—Medical Officer for First Division of the Kingstown Dispensary District.
ROYAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL—Resident House-Surgeon & Apothecary.
QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Birmingham—Joint Professor of Anatomy.
ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS—Medical Officer of Health.
ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, etc., Berners Street—House-Surgeon.
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL—Resident Assistant-Physician; Assistant-Surgeon.
SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmunds—Physician.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL—Junior Physician.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Assistant-Surgeon.
WIRRAL UNION, Cheshire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Upton District.

[For Poor-law Vacancies see Poor-law Department.]

DR. F. D. LENTE has been appointed Professor of the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of New York.

SUSSEX and BRIGHTON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—Mr. Jardine Murray was elected President, and Mr. George Tatham, J.P., Vice-President, of the Sussex and Brighton Medico-Chirurgical Society, at the annual general meeting on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1871.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 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, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1 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.—Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, 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.

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 *halfpenny* 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.

MR. GAMGEE'S CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. GAMGEE forwards to us a further correspondence between himself and the President of the Council, in which he complains of the editorial comment, and asserts that he is not locally concerned for any journal whatever. It is unnecessary to publish the correspondence, inasmuch as the comments were forwarded in proof for the approval of the President of the Council before they were printed, and have received that approval; and were likewise submitted to Mr. Gamgee in proof. His correction, therefore, would have come then with a better grace. He is of course aware the statement would not have been made without excellent authority; and in submitting it to Mr. Gamgee himself, additional precaution was taken.

DR. BAKWELL, Colonial Medical Officer of Trinidad, writes in reference to Mr. Gamgee's communication, that he is one of a numerous class of members who are unable to attend either the annual or the branch meetings, and who, in joining the Association, are chiefly influenced by a desire to receive the JOURNAL in return for the subscription.

A MEMBER suggests that it would be easy to test how many of the members of the profession are willing to belong to the Association without the JOURNAL, by allowing those who do so, or who may wish to join, the privileges of membership only—that is, of attending annual and special general meetings, and joining Branches, for an annual subscription of five shillings. This, of course, should not include the JOURNAL; which, however, should, he thinks, be supplied to such members at the reduced subscription of eighteen shillings *per annum*, free by post. As to a *scientific* fund, he observes that those who imagine that an annual subscription of one guinea can at once supply a political, social, and scientific organisation, furnish the indispensable weekly publication in a satisfactory form, and provide grants also, evidently miscalculate the proportion of means to an end. The Society promotes science by its meetings, discussions, and facilities of publication, of which the JOURNAL affords weekly evidence. If a system of grants be introduced, a special fund should be provided; and for this, a capitation fee of one or two shillings would be sufficient; and we believe few, if any, would object to it. It would furnish from £200 to £400 for the purpose annually.

WE fear that Mr. Gamgee would consider the comments on his correspondence made by Mr. Fleischmann of Cheltenham and Mr. Lawson Tait of Birmingham as even more distressing than our own, of which he complains. They would provoke a long correspondence, and are probably best postponed till the annual meeting, when the opportunity will, no doubt, occur for satisfactorily disposing of the subjects of debate. The report of the Committee of Council, to be then presented, will, of course, give reasons for the steps recommended; and the discussion will then legitimately arise.

MR. HOLMES (Slough).—The explanations in question will be given at length in official documents.

EYES AND NO EYES.—Inquirer will observe that the medal has been awarded; and that the Prize Essay is in course of publication.

DR. GREENE and DR. BAKWELL alike condemn, and in terms by no means too strong in our opinion, the state of family relations in France which Dr. Drysdale so much admires, and which he manages to introduce into all his letters.

NAPOLEON AT WATERLOO.

SIR,—At the end of a lecture reported in the JOURNAL for May 13th, Dr. Handfield Jones mentions that "Napoleon sent this message from the field of Waterloo: 'I have beaten the English, but they won't go.'" Will Dr. Jones kindly inform me to whom this message was sent, and in what work the fact is recorded?

May 25th, 1871.

I am, etc., HISTORICUS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisements should be forwarded direct to the Printing-Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. F. H. HEATHCOTE, not later than *Thursday*, twelve o'clock.

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

THE following exquisite illustration of the art "How not to do it," was afforded by the Committee of Works at St. George's. Subject: "The Watering of Streets with a Solution of Cooper's Salt." Result, as stated by the surveyor to St. George's: "Mr. Cooper's salts have no effect in this parish, and I hear they don't answer at Westminster." Says St. George's to Westminster: "Do Mr. Cooper's salts answer?" to which Westminster replies: "Mr. Cooper's salts answer perfectly." Whereupon it was proposed by Colonel Ogilvy, and seconded by Dr. Love: "That the board do pass on to the next business"; and so St. George's resolves not to use the deliquescent salts. The "next business", as it turned out, was a question of Water-troughs, and the consideration of a motion: "That a man should be employed to stand by troughs, and wipe the horses mouths."

REVACCINATION.—The following is a letter addressed to Mr. Wickham, Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by the husband of one of his patients.

"Sir,—Having heard that you are revaccinating the patients in the asylum, I have thought it strange that I, as a relative of one of the patients, have not been made acquainted with it. I have therefore thought it my duty to make it known to you that I strongly object to my wife being made a victim of the lance.

"I remain, etc.,

TAPPING IN DROPSY.

SIR,—Thinking the following record of a case of dropsy, which I found in an old book some short time ago, might be interesting to the profession, I forward it to you *verbatim*. I am, etc., R. H. HUNTER.

Bridge House, Dartford, June 19th, 1871.

"The remarkable case of Miss Ann Mumford, of Sutton Place, near Dartford, who died in the 23rd year of her age, with a dropsy. She was tap'd 153 times. Of which in the whole 3725 pints of water drawn from her, which is 465 gallons, near 7 hogsheds and a half. She had a good appetite, was cheerful, and a few days before her death could walk a mile or two to visit her friends. Died June 1778."

THE following advertisement in the columns of a Liverpool daily paper, is so good in its way, that we reproduce it for the edification of our readers. As a genuine sample of the puff direct, it is, in our experience, unique.

"Dr. Williams, No. 63, Shaw Street, having returned home, wishes to thank his friends and patients for their kindness and sympathy during his illness. He also desires to contradict the current report that he is consumptive, which is happily untrue; his sickness was caused by infection contracted from a family he attended through a long and dangerous illness."

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The New York Medical Gazette, July 1st; The New York Medical Record, June 22nd; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, June 22nd; The Madras Mail, April 24th; The Shield, July 1st; The Philadelphia Medical Times, June 14th; The Philadelphia Medical Independent, June 17th; The Birmingham Morning News, July 3rd; The Durham Chronicle, June 30th; The Sunderland Times, July 4th; etc.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:—

The Rev. Dr. Haughton, Dublin; Dr. T. L. Brunton, London; Dr. Clifford Allbutt, Leeds; Dr. W. T. Greene, London; Dr. Arthur Ransome, Manchester; Mr. W. H. Spencer, Preston; Dr. Falconer, Bath; The Secretary of the South Staffordshire Hospital; Mr. Wanklyn, London; Mr. T. Watkin Williams, Birmingham; Dr. E. Waters, Chester; Dr. T. Skinner, Liverpool; Dr. J. Crichton Browne, Wakefield; Mr. H. Greenway, Plymouth; Dr. Frederick J. Brown, Rochester; Dr. Wm. Ogle, Derby; Dr. Day, Torquay; Dr. A. S. Underhill, Birmingham; Dr. Peart, North Shields; Mr. W. Fairlie Clarke, London; The Secretary of the City of London Truss Society; Mr. S. Day, London; Dr. J. Rose Cormack, Paris; Dr. C. R. Drysdale, London; Dr. R. H. Bakewell, Leicester; 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. Kynsey, Dublin; Our Dublin Correspondent; Mr. F. Pollard, London; Mr. John Gamgee, London; Dr. A. P. Stewart, London; Dr. Carmichael, Burntisland; Mr. Nicholson, Hull; Mr. Clover, London; Dr. Bryan, Northampton; Dr. Macpherson, London; Mr. Lloyd, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Inquirer; Mr. C. Holmes, Slough; Mr. Hodgson, Brighton; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Mr. Fleischmann, Cheltenham; Dr. Broadbent, London; Mr. Lister, Edinburgh; The Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Mr. St. George Mivart, London; Dr. J. B. Pitt, Norwich; Dr. Samuel Griffiths, Portmadoc; Dr. A. Wiltshire, London; Mr. J. Sampson Gamgee, Birmingham; Dr. Carr, Blackheath; Mr. Berkeley Hill, London; Mr. J. G. Williams, Glasgow; Mr. George Lawson, London; Dr. Edis, London; Miss Jex Blake, Edinburgh; Mr. Robson, London; Dr. Meadows, London; Dr. Henry Thompson, London; Mr. G. C. Coles, London; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Manual of the Duties of Poor-law Medical Officers. By William Golden Lumley, L.L.M. London: 1871.

The Desideratum: or Electricity made Plain and Useful. By a Lover of Mankind and of Common Sense. London: 1871.

On Aphasia or Loss of Speech, and the Localisation of the Faculty of Articulate Language. By Frederic Bateman, M.D., M.R.C.P. London: 1871.

A Manual of Practical Therapeutics. By Edward John Waring, M.D., F.L.S. Third Edition. London: 1871.

Compulency, and its New Self-dietary Cure, etc. By A. W. Moore, M.R.C.S. Sixth Edition. London: 1871.