

the name of the gentleman whom you would wish to vote for? An early answer would very much facilitate the issue of the forthcoming report.—I remain, yours very truly, D. TOLER T. MAUNSELL, Secretary.

“N.B.—By Rule III of the Regulations, ‘In any county where it may be deemed advisable to do so, any member of the Association, although not being a Poor-law medical officer, may be elected to be the county representative.’”

WATER-SUPPLY OF BELFAST.

AT the meeting of the Belfast Board of Guardians on July 9th, it was announced that filters for the workhouse had been ordered from the London Water Purifying Company. Dr. Corry stated that it was intended to use them for the town water alone; the well-water not being considered fit for use for domestic purposes. The Belfast *Northern Star*, in commenting on this proceeding, commends the course which the guardians have taken in inquiring into the correctness of the representations made by Dr. Corry and Dr. Hodges, and promptly applying a remedy. It also contrasts their action with the “masterly inactivity” of the Water Commissioners. “Whatever other privations the paupers may have to endure, they will no longer be compelled to drink water with the germs of disease lurking in it, for the paternal care of the guardians has for them remedied the default of the Water Board. We wish we could give the same cheering assurance to our general population; but, unfortunately, as yet no ground for hope can be discerned by the most sanguine. The Water Commissioners still display their masterly inactivity, giving no sign of their being alive to the urgency of the plea for pure water.”

HOSPITAL SUNDAY IN DUBLIN.

DUBLIN is about to follow the example of English and Scotch cities, and to institute Hospital Sunday. We understand that sermons will be preached next Sunday by the clergy of at least four hundred and eleven places of worship in Dublin and the vicinity, and subscriptions collected, in aid of the various hospitals. The Dublin hospitals at all times deserve and require the support of the public; but especially so at the present time, when, it is calculated, their additional expenditure in consequence of the small-pox epidemic has amounted to nearly £20,000. We trust that the experiment may be successful, and that Hospital Sunday may become an institution in Ireland.

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer gave this week, we are glad to learn, a very courteous and considerate attention to the request of the General Medical Council, to be provided with official quarters for the transaction of the important business on behalf of the country and the profession which is imposed upon it by Act of Parliament. The Council keep, for the behoof of the public, the Government, and the profession, an authorised register of duly qualified practitioners, whose qualifications proceed from authorised bodies, and who are legally capable of holding public appointments and fulfilling medical and surgical duties. They have, moreover, at the cost of some thousands of pounds and of heavy labour, provided a national Pharmacopoeia. Their labours in raising the standard of education have had the most beneficial effect; and, by restricting the competition of licensing bodies, and procuring the unification of examinations, they are likely to confer still larger public benefits. They have executed the whole of this national work for a series of years without asking for or receiving one penny of the public money. The request to be furnished with a more suitable residence than the shabby and discreditable lodgings which they now occupy in Soho Square is, therefore, a very modest and almost undeniable one. It has been so recognised by Mr. Lowe, who promised the deputation, consisting of Dr. Burrows, Dr. Acland, and Dr. Quain, an early and favourable consideration of the representations they were deputed to make on this subject.

The Executive Committee of the General Medical Council has decided that, in the present state of public business, no purpose favourable to Medical Reform will be answered by the proposed second session of the General Council, which is, therefore, adjourned till occasion arises.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Birmingham, on the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th days of August next.

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

President-elect—ALFRED BAKER, Esq., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

An *Address in Medicine* will be delivered by SAMUEL WILKS, M.D., F.R.S., Physician to and Lecturer on Medicine in Guy's Hospital.

An *Address in Surgery* will be delivered by OLIVER PEMBERTON, Esq., Surgeon to the General Hospital, and Professor of Surgery in Queen's College, Birmingham.

The business of the Annual Meeting will be conducted in *five* Sections, viz.:—

SECTION A. *MEDICINE*.—*President*: Dr. Bell Fletcher, Birmingham. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. J. W. Ogle, London; Dr. Wade, Birmingham. *Secretaries*: Dr. Sutton, 9, Finsbury Square, London; Dr. Johnston, 9, Easy Row, Birmingham.

SECTION B. *SURGERY*.—*President*: Sir William Fergusson, Bart., F.R.S., London. *Vice-Presidents*: George Southam, Esq., Manchester; J. Vose Solomon, Esq., Birmingham. *Secretaries*: Furneaux Jordan, Esq., 22, Colmore Row, Birmingham; T. Vincent Jackson, Esq., Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.

SECTION C. *MIDWIFERY*.—*President*: Dr. Evory Kennedy, Dublin. *Vice-Presidents*: Samuel Berry, Esq., Birmingham; Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, Edinburgh. *Secretaries*: Dr. Underhill, Summerfield, West Bromwich; Lawson Tait, Esq., Great Charles Street, Birmingham.

SECTION D. *PUBLIC MEDICINE*.—*President*: The Rev. Dr. Haughton, D.C.L., F.R.S., Dublin. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. Birt Davies, Birmingham; Dr. T. P. Heslop, Birmingham. *Secretaries*: Dr. Arlidge, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Dr. Alfred Hill, Winson Green, Birmingham.

SECTION E. *PSYCHOLOGY*.—*President*: Dr. Maudsley, London. *Vice-Presidents*: Dr. J. Batty Tuke, Cupar, Fife; Dr. J. Crichton Browne, Wakefield. *Secretaries*: Dr. G. F. Bodington, Sutton Coldfield; Dr. J. Thompson Dickson, 59, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, London.

All the meetings in connection with the Annual Meeting will be held at King Edward's School, New Street.

The five Sections will be held—A. *Medicine*: Governors' Room, King Edward's School. B. *Surgery*: Lecture Room, King Edward's School. C. *Midwifery*: Upper Class Room School House, King Edward's School. D. *Public Medicine*: Classical School Room, King Edward's School. E. *Psychology*: Lower Class Room School House, King Edward's School.

The General Meetings and the Addresses in Medicine and Surgery in the Classical School Room.

The Annual Museum will be held in the English School Room.

TUESDAY, August 6th.

1 P.M.—MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL—Governors' Room.

3 P.M.—MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL—Governors' Room.

8 P.M.—FIRST GENERAL MEETING—Classical School Room.

Business—

President resigns Chair to President-elect.

Vote of thanks to Ex-President.

The President's Address.

REPORT OF COUNCIL and discussion thereon. Election of General Secretary; election of Auditors.

WEDNESDAY, August 7th.

9.30 A.M.—MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL—Governors' Room.

11 A.M.—SECOND GENERAL MEETING—Classical School Room.

Business—

Appoint place of meeting for 1873, and President-elect. Presentation of Hastings Medal.

11.30 A.M.—ADDRESS IN MEDICINE, by SAMUEL WILKS, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Physician to Guy's Hospital.

1 P.M.—PUBLIC LUNCHEON (by invitation of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch)—Exchange Assembly Rooms.

2 P.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS—King Edward's School. Adjourn at 5 P.M.

8 P.M.—PRESIDENT'S SOIRÉE—Town Hall.

THURSDAY, August 8th.

10 A.M.—THIRD GENERAL MEETING—Classical School Room. Reports of Committees.

11 A.M.—ADDRESS IN SURGERY, by Professor OLIVER PEMBERTON, Surgeon to the General Hospital.

1 P.M.—PUBLIC LUNCHEON (by invitation of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch)—Exchange Assembly Rooms.

2 P.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS—King Edward's School.

6.30 P.M.—PUBLIC DINNER OF THE ASSOCIATION—Exchange Assembly Rooms.

FRIDAY, August 9th.

10 A.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS.

1 P.M.—PUBLIC LUNCHEON (by invitation of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch)—Exchange Assembly Rooms.

2 P.M.—CONCLUDING GENERAL MEETING.

RECEPTION-ROOM.—The upper Corridor, King Edward's School, will be fitted up as a Reception-Room, and will be opened at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, August 6th, and on the following days at 8 A.M., for the issue of tickets to members and for supplying all necessary information.

Gentlemen are requested to register their names and addresses in the Reception-Room immediately after their arrival.

The Offices of the General Secretary, of the Editor of the JOURNAL, and of the Honorary Local Secretaries, will be found in connection with the Reception-Room.

EXCURSIONS.—*Friday*. I. Black Country Excursion. A special train will leave Birmingham for Dudley. The Earl of Dudley's Iron Works at Round Oak will be visited, and the manufacture of iron in all its details shown to the visitors. The Dudley Caverns will be illuminated by Lord Dudley for the visit of the Association. The Ruins of Dudley Castle will be visited; and, in the town of Dudley, the Geological Museum will be open for inspection.

Friday. II. Worcestershire Excursion. A special train will leave Birmingham for Stoke Prior, where Mr. Corbett's Salt Works will be open to the members. The train will then return to Blackwell, where the site of the new Sanatorium will be visited. Thence the members will walk to the Lickey Hills, visiting, on the way, Hewell Grange (the seat of Baron Windsor), where the grounds and gardens will be open, by the kind permission of Lady Mary Windsor Clive.

Mr. Prosser of Bromsgrove invites all members of the Association who join this excursion to Luncheon at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Lickey, whence members will return by train to Birmingham.

Saturday. Warwickshire Excursion. Special trains will leave Birmingham early on Saturday, to enable members to visit (1) Leamington, Kenilworth Castle, and Warwick Castle; and (2) Stratford-on-Avon.

Further details will be given in next week's JOURNAL.

On Friday, a Flower Show will be held at the Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, to which members of the Association will be admitted on presenting their cards.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.—*Reception-Room*.—Provision will be made for the receipt and postage of letters, and for the care of parcels, etc. A writing-room and lavatories will be provided.

The General Post Office is in New Street, and the Postal Telegraph Office is in Cannon Street, near King Edward's School.

Gentlemen intending to visit Birmingham during the meeting are requested to send their names as soon as possible to the Secretaries of the Visitors' Committee—Dr. Mackey, Newhall Street; and Mr. Lloyd Owen, Newhall Street.

Members requiring Private Lodgings are also requested to apply at once to either of the Secretaries of the Visitors' Committee.

HOTELS.—The following are the chief hotels: "The Hen and Chickens", New Street; "The Queen's", attached to the London and North-Western and Midland Railway Station; "The Great Western", attached to the Great Western Railway Station; "The Union", Union Street; "The Stork", Old Square; "The Swan", New Street; "The Royal Hotel", Temple Row; and at Edgbaston, "The Plough and Harrow".

The new Club Masonic Hall, New Street, will (by the kindness of the Committee) be open to members of the Association during the meeting.

During the meeting, the following institutions and manufactories will be open to the members of the Association on presenting their cards of membership:—The Free Library, the Shakespeare Library, and the Art Gallery, Ratcliff Place.—The Midland Institute News Room and Museum, Ratcliff Place.—The Old Library News Room, Union Street.—The Deaf and Dumb Asylum and the Blind Asylum, Church Road, Edgbaston.—Mr. Mason's Orphanage, Erdington.—

Messrs. Winfield's Brass Foundry, Cambridge Street; Messrs. F. and C. Osler's Glass Chandelier Factory, Broad Street; Messrs. McCallum and Hodson's Papier Mâché Works, Summer Row; Messrs. Edelsten and Williams's Pin Factory, George Street; Messrs. Hardman and Co.'s Stained Glass Mediæval Furniture Manufactory, Newhall Hill; Messrs. Gillott's Steel Pen Works, Graham Street; Messrs. Bragg's, Jewellers, Vittoria Street; Messrs. Hammond, Turner, and Sons' Button Manufactory, Snow Hill; Messrs. Stone, Fawdry, and Stone's Glass Works, Dartmouth Street; Messrs. Tonks and Sons' Brass Foundry, Mosely Street; Messrs. Blews and Sons' Bell Foundry, Bartholomew Street; Messrs. J. and E. Wright's Wire Rope Works, Garrison Lane; the Stephenson Tube Works, Liverpool Street; the Proof House (10 A.M. to 12, and 3 to 5 P.M.), Banbury Street; the Small Arms Factory (9 A.M. to 12, and 1 to 6 P.M.), Small Heath; the Borough Gaol; the Borough Lunatic Asylum; and all the Medical Charities.

The Honorary Local Secretaries regret that up to the present the railway companies have refused to grant any extra accommodation to the members of the Association visiting Birmingham.

The Honorary Local Secretaries are—

T. H. BARTLEET, Esq., 8, Old Square.

Dr. BALTHAZAR FOSTER, 16, Temple Row.

J. F. WEST, Esq., Bingley House, Broad Street.

THE ANNUAL MUSEUM.—The Committee invite contributions of the following articles.

1. New or improved Surgical Instruments or Apparatus.

2. New Drugs or Pharmaceutical Preparations.

3. New Articles of Diet for Invalids.

4. New Medical Works.

5. Pathological Specimens, wet or dry; and Casts, Photographs, Drawings, or Diagrams, illustrative of Pathological Conditions.

6. Preparations, etc., illustrative of Diseases of the Organs of Circulation; and Instruments employed in their detection and treatment. It is the intention of the Committee to arrange these in a separate department of the Museum.

Contributors are requested to send a description of the matters which they propose to exhibit to the Honorary Secretaries before July 13th, as it is intended to issue a printed catalogue.

The Honorary Secretaries for the Annual Museum are—

CHARLES J. BRACEY, Esq., M.B., Old Square, Birmingham.

ROBERT JOLLY, Esq., M.D., Newhall Street, Birmingham.

NOTICE OF MOTION by DR. A. B. STEELE.

That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the travelling expenses of members attending the meetings of Committee of Council, and of its Subcommittees in all cases in which provision for such payment does not already exist.

ALTERATION OF LAWS.—Notice of Motion by Dr. A. B. STEELE.

That Laws 15 and 16 be so altered as to read as follows.

1. The subscription to the Association shall be one guinea *per annum*, which shall entitle each member to receive the publications of the Association for the current year. The subscription shall date and be considered due in advance on the 1st of January in each year, except in the case of a member admitted on or after the 1st July, when the subscription for such part of a year shall be half a guinea in advance.

2. Any member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before the 31st December of the current year shall be suspended from all privileges of membership; and at the end of the succeeding year, if the arrears be still unpaid, he shall cease to be a member, and shall be ineligible for readmission until he shall have paid all arrears due at the period of his suspension.

3. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Association shall give written notice of his intention to the General Secretary on or before the 1st December of the current year; and neither withdrawal, suspension, nor erasure of a member's name from the books of the Association, shall be deemed either in honour or equity to relieve such member from his liabilities to the Association.

PAPERS.—The following papers have been promised:—

A. B. Steele, M.D. On the Treatment of Puerperal Eclampsia.

W. F. Teevan, Esq. 1. On the Treatment of the Impassable Stricture.—2. Clinical Remarks on Stone in the Bladder.—3. On Impotence.

W. Macdonald, M.D. Embryonic Circulation.

Reginald Harrison, Esq. On the Relative Value of Certain Methods of Treating Stricture in the Urethra.

A. E. Sansom, M.D. The Disinfection of Air.

Edward John Tilt, M.D. On Uterine Inflammation after the Change of Life.

Protheroe Smith, M.D. Fibroid Degeneration of the Uterus, and the Best Way of Treating it.

J. Althaus, M.D. On the Treatment of Rheumatic Gout by the constant Galvanic Current.

A. R. Simpson, M.D. On the Removal of Portions of Morbid Tissue in Cases of Carcinoma Uteri.

William Adams, F.R.C.S. Three Additional Cases of Subcutaneous Division of the Neck of the Thigh-bone: with Remarks.

James F. West, Esq. Syphilitic Constriction of the Œsophagus.

Lawson Tait, Esq. 1. Ovariectomy. 2. Intrauterine Therapeutics.

3. Statistics of Lying-in Institutions.

Alfred Wiltshire, M.D. On the plan of Treatment of Cancer proposed by Professor Simon of Heidelberg: with Cases.

Charles Warden, M.D. 1. On Polypus of the Ear and Perforation of the Membrani Tympani, and the Instruments used in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases of the Ear, at the Ear and Throat Infirmary, Birmingham; also, upon a new form of Artificial Drum. 2. Spinal Curvature, Club-Feet, and other Deformities, and the Instruments used in their Treatment at the Birmingham Orthopædic Hospital.

W. Acton, F.R.C.S. Treatment of the advanced stages of Constitutional Syphilis.

Charles Steele, F.R.C.S. On Colotomy for Intestinal Obstruction.

William Stokes, M.D., F.R.C.S.I. Reduction of Dislocation by a modification of Jarvis's Adjustor.

Edward Lund, F.R.C.S. Removal of both Astragali in a Case of severe Double Talipes.

T. H. Bartleet, M.B. Two Cases in which the Femoral Artery was tied for unusual Pathological Conditions.

Balthazar Foster, M.D. 1. The Lactic Acid Treatment of Diabetics. 2. Notes on Diseases of the Heart.

J. W. Eastwood, M.D. The Use of Alcohol in Health and Disease.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, cases, or other communications, are requested to forward the titles to the General Secretary, or to one of the Secretaries of the Section in which the paper is to be read. All papers should be forwarded to one of the above named officers on or before the 1st of August.

No paper must exceed twenty minutes in reading; and no subsequent speech must exceed ten minutes.

All speeches at the General Meeting must not exceed ten minutes each.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

General Secretary's Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.,
July 3rd, 1872.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-third annual meeting of this Branch was held in the County Hall, Bala, on Tuesday, July 2nd, under the presidency of R. CHAMBRES ROBERTS, Esq., F.R.C.S. There were twenty-one members of the Branch present, besides visitors; amongst the latter were Dr. Steele, Honorary Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch; Dr. Harold Owen, Tue Brook Villa, Liverpool; and Dr. J. T. Jones, Brecon. After being hospitably entertained to an elegant luncheon provided by Dr. Richards, of Bala, business was proceeded with by the President delivering an eloquent address, for which a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded. Several letters and telegrams were received from members regretting their inability to attend from urgent professional engagements; amongst others, from Mr. Griffith (Wrexham), Dr. Turnour (Denbigh), Dr. Hughes (Mold), Mr. Williams (Northwich), and Mr. Owen (Beaumaris).

Report of Council.—Dr. WILLIAMS (Wrexham), on behalf of the Honorary Secretary (Mr. KENT JONES), read the following Report of Council. With the view of extending the influence and usefulness of the British Medical Association, it was deemed desirable to break new ground, and hold this the twenty-third annual meeting of the North Wales Branch in Bala; and thus bring into more friendly and social union the medical men of Merionethshire with their brethren of the northern counties. Doubtless, the extension of the railway had greatly facilitated this much-wished-for though long-delayed project; and your Council, therefore, confidently look forward to the prospect of spending here to-day a very pleasant and successful meeting. The intermediate meeting of this Branch was held in Wrexham, on February 27th last, and was well attended; several very interesting cases, etc., were related and discussed. The subject of the Government "Public Health Bill" was entered into; but, as the time was limited, a resolution was unanimously adopted authorising your Council to meet on some future day, and pursue whatever course they thought best on behalf of the members of the North Wales Branch. Accordingly the Council, having been previously very kindly invited by Mr. Griffith, of

Wrexham, met at his hospitable house on March 26th last; and, after a careful consideration and discussion, they adopted and signed a petition to the House of Commons, embracing the amendments which were recommended by the Parliamentary Committee of our Association, and published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. Similar petitions were also forwarded for signature by the Honorary Secretary to several places in North Wales, and since then promise of support of some of the Welsh members of Parliament has been obtained. Other questions of medico-political interest have attracted the notice of your Council, but, in point of magnitude and vital importance, the "Public Health Bill" is one which imperatively calls for a scientifically exhaustive basis of settlement. The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL continues to hold a leading place in medical literature, filling its columns with highly scientific subjects, and imparting to the busy practitioner in well selected articles a store of practical and useful knowledge which thus keeps him *au courant* with the latest researches and discoveries in medicine. Your Council cannot conclude this brief notice of the JOURNAL of the Association, without attributing much of its success to the talented editorship of Mr. Ernest Hart.

The Treasurer reports favourably upon the financial state of the Branch.

It was moved by Dr. RICHARDS (Bala), seconded by Mr. SHELTON JONES (Denbigh), and carried unanimously—"That the Report of Council now read be adopted, and entered in the minutes of this Branch."

Vote of Thanks to the Council of the Branch.—A vote of thanks, moved by Dr. HUGHES (Denbigh), and seconded by Mr. ROBERTS (Portmadoc), was rendered to the Council and retiring officers for their unremitting attention and valuable services.

President-elect and Council for 1873, and Place of Meeting.—It was moved by Dr. TURNER JONES, seconded by Dr. WILLIAMS (Wrexham), and carried—"That Robert Davies, Esq., of Llanfairtalhairn, be President-elect for 1873; and that Rhyl be the place of the annual meeting for that year."

Upon the motion of Mr. WALKER (Corwen), seconded by Dr. LL. WILLIAMS (Wrexham), the following members were elected upon the Council of the Branch for next year; viz., G. Harvey Williams, M.D., Rhyl; J. H. Wolstenholme, Esq., Rhyl; W. T. Girdlestone, Esq., Rhyl; R. Price Roberts, Esq., Rhyl; Ll. Lodge, Esq., St. Asaph; and J. R. Hughes, M.D., Denbigh.

It was moved by Dr. GRIFFITH (Portmadoc), and seconded by Mr. LLOYD WILLIAMS (Dolgelley), that the following members be elected upon the General Council of the Association; viz., R. Chambres Roberts, Esq., Ruabon; W. Williams, M.D., Mold; and G. Turner Jones, Esq., Denbigh.

Upon the motion of Mr. R. O. JONES (Bala), seconded by Mr. LEWIS JONES (Menai Bridge), Thomas Eytton Jones, Esq. (Wrexham) be re-elected representative of the Branch in the Parliamentary Committee.

Next Intermediate Meeting.—It was moved by Dr. JONES (Ruabon), seconded by Mr. WALKER, and carried—"That Ruabon be the place for holding the next intermediate general meeting."

Secretary and Treasurer.—Dr. WILLIAMS (Wrexham) moved, and the PRESIDENT seconded, the re-election of D. Kent Jones, Esq. (Beaumaris), as Secretary; and G. Turner Jones, Esq., Denbigh, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

New Members.—Richard Jones, Esq., of Llanbedr, Harlech, and John Roberts, M.D., of Talarvor, Criccieth, were elected.

Papers and Cases.—The following were read.

1. Excision of the Hip-joint in a man aged 29, who had suffered from diseased hip for twelve years. The diseased portion of bone, and a photograph of the patient in his recovered state, were exhibited. By R. O. Jones, Esq., Bala.

2. Lithotomy in a boy aged 14. The lateral operation was performed; and a rough stone, weighing nearly nine drachms, removed. Good recovery. By R. O. Jones, Esq., Bala.

3. Post Partum Hæmorrhage in a lady forty years of age, the mother of fourteen children, where the usual remedies—pressure, ergot, ice, etc.—failed, and which was successfully treated by the injection of the perchloride of iron after Dr. Barnes's plan, producing instantaneous suppression of the discharge and contraction of the uterus. The patient made a rapid recovery. By Edward Williams, M.D., Wrexham.

4. The Management of the Third Stage of Labour. By A. B. Steele, L.K.Q.C.P., Liverpool. The author recommended the plan suggested by Dr. Matthews Duncan, of non-interference in the natural mechanism of the expulsion of the placenta, by abstaining from traction on the cord, and relying solely upon uterine action excited by manual pressure on the abdomen. He also made a brief statement as to his experience in the use of strong Nitric Acid as an application to the in-

terior of the Uterus in Obstinate Uterine Leucorrhœa, as recommended by Dr. Atthill of Dublin, which he had found to be a perfectly safe, effectual, and almost painless mode of treatment in appropriate cases, and used with proper precaution.

5. Sewage-Contamination of Drinking Water, and its Influence in producing Typhoid Fever :—Also a paper upon Small-Pox, Protective Influence of Vaccination, and Revaccination. By J. R. Hughes, M.D., Denbigh.

6. Case of Pruritus Ani. By W. Williams, Esq., Mold.

7. Case of several hundred Cysts found in the Cavity of the Abdomen. By S. Griffith, M.D., Portmadoc.

8. Case of Puerperal Convulsion. By R. C. Roberts, Esq., Ruabon.

Dinner.—At the conclusion of the meeting, all those who were present, along with several guests—amongst them, Rev. D. Evans (Bala), Rev. L. Thomas (Ruabon), Rev. R. J. Leslie (Walton, Liverpool), R. J. Blackie, Esq. (Oswestry), E. Anwyl Owen, Esq. (Jersey), etc.—partook of an excellent dinner at the White Lion Royal Hotel. About thirty dined together; and thus was brought to a close the first meeting of the North Wales Branch held in Merionethshire, which, it may fairly be said, was the largest and best attended one since the Branch was established. Every one seemed delighted and pleased with their visit and stay at Bala.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH : ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual general meeting was held at Aberdeen on Saturday, July 6th, 1872. There were present twenty-nine members and two guests; Dr. DAVIDSON (Wartle), the President, in the Chair.

Instrument Exhibition.—An exhibition of the more noteworthy medical and surgical instruments, both ancient and modern, took place in the Imperial Hotel during the forenoon, the exhibitors being the members, and Messrs. Arnold of London, and Young of Edinburgh. About 1,200 instruments were thus displayed.

Business Meeting.—The Minutes of the Inverurie meeting on June 8th were read and sustained.

New Members.—James Inglis, M.B., Aberdeen; William Garden, M.R.C.S. Eng., Alford; George W. Beattie, M.B., Ballater; Alexander D. Keith, M.B., Aboyne; and James Wilson, M.D., Old Meldrum, were admitted members of the Branch.

Report of Council.—The following report of the Council was read and approved. The Council have to report that, since the origination of the Branch on March 20th last, the number of those who have joined had raised the total of membership to sixty-eight ordinary and two associate members. They believe that this fact is the best demonstration of the necessity which existed for such an organisation, and of its having so far answered the purposes for which it was established. Owing to the circumstance that a financial year has not elapsed since they were elected to office, they postpone their statement of income and expenditure until the next annual meeting; but in the meantime they see every reason to believe that the Branch can be carried on with thorough efficiency on the present moderate subscription. They would, however, suggest that the present is a favourable time for the entry of new members, since the Parent Association is prepared to admit members from July 1st onwards at half a guinea subscription for the coming six months, and they hope that individual members of the Branch will aid in extending its usefulness by endeavouring to increase its numbers.

President-elect.—Dr. GREIG, of Fyvie, was, on the motion of the President, seconded by Dr. TRAIL, named President-elect.

Representatives in the General Council.—Dr. Kinloch (Park), Dr. Dyce Davidson (Aberdeen), and the President were elected representatives in the Council of the British Medical Association.

Next Annual Meeting.—On the motion of Drs. WIGHT and KINLOCH, the place of the meeting for June 1873 was fixed for Stonehaven, Kincardineshire.

Associate Members.—Alfred Alexander de Lessert, Esq. (Aberdeen), Member of the Odontological Society of Great Britain, and William Williamson, L.D.S., of the Royal College of Surgeons (Aberdeen), were admitted Associate Members of the Branch.

University Committee.—The following motion by Dr. TRAIL, seconded by Dr. GEORGE, was unanimously adopted. "That a committee be appointed to watch over, take action in, and report to the Branch when necessary on, any transactions of the Aberdeen University Council which interest or affect the medical profession. The committee to consist of Drs. George, Wight, Forbes, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and Dr. Trail, convener."

Parliamentary Legislation.—The following motion by Dr. J. W. F. SMITH, seconded by Dr. FRAZER, was carried. "That a committee be appointed to observe such Parliamentary legislation as may affect the medical profession, and to communicate thereupon, when necessary, with the Branch. The committee to consist of Drs. Harvey, J. W. F. Smith, Greig, Jamieson, and Kinloch; Dr. Smith, convener."

Affiliation with the North of Scotland Medical Society.—The recommendation of the Council concerning this matter was decided not to be taken up in the meantime, and was ordered to be laid on the table.

Epidemic Hospital for Aberdeen.—After considerable discussion, this matter was remitted to the Branch Council, with instructions to do what circumstances might render necessary to keep the urgency of the question before the Local Authority and the public.

Unprofessional Conduct.—Dr. Paterson (Inverurie) brought a case of alleged unprofessional conduct before the meeting. An Aberdeen practitioner had, unknown to him, driven out from Aberdeen, and, accompanied by a neighbouring proprietor, sought to force his advice on a patient of Dr. Paterson's, using disparaging remarks, even after the patient had expressed reliance on Dr. Paterson, and declined the attendance of the Aberdeen practitioner. The meeting was of opinion that Dr. Paterson should seek an explanation in writing from the offender, as well as from the proprietor, if necessary, and, with everything reduced to writing, bring the matter before the profession should he still desire a deliverance upon it.

Dinner.—The members of the Branch afterwards dined together in the Imperial Hotel.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH : ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-ninth annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, July 11th, at 2.30 P.M., under the presidency of E. C. GARLAND, Esq. Sixteen members were present.

Mr. PRANKERD was voted to the Chair in the absence of the President, and introduced the President-elect, Dr. E. C. Garland.

Dr. GARLAND took the Chair, and delivered an address, in which he expressed his views on the Public Health Bill; and he then advocated the formation of a Medico-ethical Council by a delegate being elected from each branch of the Association. A long and interesting discussion followed on several points suggested by the address, in which almost every member took part.

The Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The SECRETARY produced letters of regret at their unavoidable absence from Mr. Winterbotham, Mr. Burt, Dr. Aldridge, Mr. Hugh Norris, and others.

Report of Council.—The following Report of Council was then read by the SECRETARY. Your Council, in presenting their report for the past year, are happy at being able to announce that the Branch continues to be maintained in a healthy and prosperous condition. Although it has lost several members by death and removal, it has still on its list the names of fifty medical men; this number, as compared with former years, is no doubt satisfactory, but there is yet room for much improvement; and the Council venture to assert that there are at this moment many medical men in the West Somerset district who, if they could be induced to join the Association and attend the meetings, would not only find pleasure and advantage to themselves in so doing, but would, at the same time, be promoting the good of the profession at large by strengthening the great body constituting the British Medical Association.

The report then referred to the removal of the President, Dr. W. H. Axford, who left Bridgewater in the beginning of the year to take up his residence at Southsea; and to the deaths of Mr. Reynolds, of Welington, and Dr. Carse, of Weston-Zoyland.

Intermediate meetings of the Branch took place on October 3rd, 1871, and March 21st, 1872, and in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, the plan of having a subject settled beforehand, on which members should be asked to express their opinions, was acted upon with good and satisfactory results on both occasions. . . . The new rule answered well in two opposite directions; it drew out some members to speak who would have remained silent if not called upon for their answers, and it restrained others from speaking too long who might without such a check have found it difficult to confine their speech within the limit of five minutes.

Acting in concert with the main body of the Association, this Branch, at their meeting on March 21st last, agreed to a petition for amending the Public Health Bill in several important particulars. The petition was presented to the House of Commons by Mr. Barclay; and, as many other petitions of a similar character were sent from other

branches, no doubt the powerful influence of the Association will have its due weight with the Government.

The Council explained that the meeting was held at Taunton instead of Langport (as agreed last year) in consequence of the inconvenient railway arrangements for returning from that town and from Yeovil. It was hoped, however, that one of the usual intermediate meetings should be held at Yeovil, during Dr. Garland's presidency, but that instead of being held in the evening, that the Branch should assemble and dine early in the afternoon.

It was moved by Mr. HURMAN, and seconded by Dr. CORDWENT, that the report be received and adopted, and that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Council for their report, and for their services during the past year.

The Treasurer's Balance-Sheet and Accounts, audited by Mr. Nash, were laid before the meeting, and were received and adopted, with many thanks to the Treasurer.

Council, etc.—The members of Council going out by rotation being Messrs. Gillett, Pranker, and Winterbotham, Mr. Nash and Mr. Randolph were elected to fill the vacancies created by the first two, and Mr. Winterbotham was re-elected. Dr. Garland and Mr. Cornish were elected as representatives of the Branch in the General Council of the Association for the ensuing year. Dr. W. M. Kelly was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

President-elect.—Mr. RANDOLPH proposed, and Mr. PRANKER seconded, that Mr. George Gillett be President-elect; the place for the next annual meeting being left undecided.

Intermediate Meetings.—It was proposed by Mr. CORNISH, and seconded by Mr. PRANKER, that intermediate autumnal and spring meetings be held under the direction of the Council during the ensuing year.

Small-pox.—Mr. GILLET read a statistical account of the cases of small-pox which had occurred at Taunton during the recent epidemic.

Dinner: Presentation to the Secretary.—Fourteen members dined together at five o'clock. After dinner, the Honorary Secretary was presented with a very handsome and massive black marble timepiece, bearing the following inscription. "Presented by the Members of the West Somerset Branch of the British Medical Association to their Honorary Secretary, W. Marwood Kelly, M.D., in testimony of their esteem and regard, July 11th, 1872."

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Bath Mineral Water Hospital on Thursday, July 11th. CROSBY LEONARD, Esq., President, took the Chair, and there were thirty-three members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed; and, after a few remarks, Mr. Leonard resigned the Chair to T. G. STOCKWELL, Esq., the President-elect, who read a most interesting address on the Progress of Surgery during the past year.

Mr. BARTRUM proposed, and Mr. PRICHARD seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Stockwell for his able paper.

Report of Council.—Mr. FOWLER, Bath Secretary, then read the following Report. Your Council, in presenting the thirty-first report, has much pleasure in informing you that the Branch has received a considerable accession to its numbers during the past year; no fewer than 23 new members having been elected, while the losses from death, resignation, or change of residence, only amount to nine, thus making a numerical increase of 14 members, and raising the strength of the Branch to 190. The Branch has now the right of sending nine representative members to the General Council of the Association. It is the duty of your Council to report the death of two members, Messrs. Ralph Bernard and William Sugden, both of Bristol. The painful circumstances attending the death of the former must still be fresh in the memory of most members. The Bristol Infirmary has lost a most energetic surgeon, and our profession a most enthusiastic member. For some time past Mr. Bernard had been a constant attendant at our meetings, and had taken part in the various discussions.

The attendance at the meetings during the past session has been unusually numerous. Nineteen papers have been read, and have afforded much interesting discussion. The financial position of the Branch is most satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £24:2:1. Your Council recommend that the subscription of three guineas to the Medical Benevolent Fund be repeated as heretofore.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association, the petition to the House of Commons suggesting several important alterations in the Public Health Act, 1872, was adopted by this Branch, and very numerous signed.

The scrutineers appointed to examine the voting papers announced that the following gentlemen were elected to fill the vacancies in the local Councils; for Bath, Messrs. Bartrum, Bleeck, Hensley, and Davies; for Bristol, Dr. Swayne, Mr. Coe, Dr. Davey, and Mr. Green.

Dr. GOODRIDGE proposed, and Mr. DAVIS seconded, "That the report now read be adopted."

An amendment to increase the subscription to the Medical Benevolent Fund was proposed by Dr. MARSHALL, and seconded by Dr. SPENDER, but was negatived by a small majority; and the original resolution was carried.

President-elect.—Dr. DAVEY proposed, and Mr. M. CLARKE seconded, "That Edward Long Fox, M.D., be the President-elect." This was carried by acclamation.

Votes of Thanks.—Mr. CHADWICK proposed, and Mr. LANSDOWNE seconded, "That the best thanks of the Branch are due, and are hereby tendered to, Crosby Leonard, Esq., the retiring President, and to the Council of the Branch, for their admirable arrangements during the past year." The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. LEONARD proposed, and Mr. BARTRUM seconded, "That the best thanks of the Branch be tendered to the Secretaries, Messrs. Fowler and Board, for their services as Secretaries and Treasurers, and that they be requested to continue in office."

Representatives in the General Council.—The following gentlemen were elected to represent the Branch on the General Council of the Association: J. G. Davey, M.D.; E. L. Fox, M.D.; T. B. Goss, Esq.; H. Hensley, M.D.; H. Marshall, M.D.; F. Mason, Esq.; C. Steele, Esq.; T. G. Stockwell, Esq.; R. N. Stone, Esq.

Vote of Thanks.—The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the governors of the Mineral Water Hospital for the use of their hall.

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together at the York House.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Branch was held at the Crystal Palace on Friday, July 12th. The Chair was taken at 3 P.M. by Dr. RUSSELL REYNOLDS, M.D., F.R.S., the retiring president.

Report of Council.—Dr. HENRY, one of the honorary secretaries, read the following report.

Your Council have much pleasure in reporting that the official year now ending has been one of marked prosperity for the Branch. At the last annual meeting, the number of members was 366. Since that time, three members have died, and the names of fifteen others have been taken off the list in consequence of resignation or removal. Seventy-nine new members have been elected; making the total number at present 427. This increase is the result of measures which were decided on by your Council at the end of 1871, and carried out by the Secretaries. These consisted in the compilation of a historical summary of the proceedings of the Branch, from its establishment in the beginning of 1853 to the end of 1871, and the circulation of the same, together with letters of invitation, among members of the profession resident in the district who had not yet joined the Association, and also among members of the Association who were not yet enrolled in the Branch.

While the result of this proceeding has been very satisfactory, your Council feel that it falls short of what ought to be expected in so large a medical constituency as is comprised within the limits of the Branch; and they reiterate the opinion expressed by their predecessors last year, that the increase of the Association and of the Branch is to a large extent dependent on the personal exertions of individual members. They trust that every member of the Branch will feel it a duty to support, by his personal influence among his professional friends, the endeavours made by the Secretaries to increase its strength.

Your Council earnestly recommend the members resident in the rural portions of the Branch, to take into consideration the formation of District Societies, on the plan which has been for the last twelve years carried out with much success in the South Eastern Branch. They believe that the establishment of such District Societies, and the holding of periodical meetings in the principal towns of Middlesex, Essex, and Hertfordshire, would be productive of great benefit both to the Association and Branch, and to the members themselves.

At their first meeting after the vacation last year, your Council decided on summoning a general meeting of the Branch for the consideration of the alterations in the laws referred to in the last annual report. At the general meeting, which was held on November 14th, it was resolved that the number of ordinary members of Council should be

increased from twelve to eighteen, and that no ordinary member of Council, after having held office during three consecutive years, should be re-eligible until an interval of a year had expired. The election at the present meeting will be conducted in accordance with the new law.

Four ordinary meetings of the Branch have been held during the present year. At the first of these meetings, on January 31st, Mr. Ernest Hart read a paper on Sanitary Organisation. The subject thus seasonably brought forward just before the meeting of Parliament, has naturally attracted much attention, in consequence of the previous illness of the Prince of Wales, and the subsequent introduction of a Public Health Bill by the President of the Local Government Board. While the excellence of many of the provisions contained in the second part of the original Bill secured for them the hearty approval of the friends of an improved sanitary administration, the organising clauses were so defective and objectionable as to call forth a large amount of opposition. The proposals to appoint boards of guardians the rural sanitary authorities throughout the country, without any attempt so to modify their constitution as to secure the presence of men of large views and liberal education upon these too generally narrow and prejudiced bodies, and to compel the appointment, as principal medical officers of health, of thousands of medical practitioners who are dependent for their success in practice on the goodwill of their neighbours, seemed to be ingeniously contrived to defeat all hopes of a vigorous and enlightened execution of the laws. The attempt to remedy these radical and incurable defects in the local organisation by any amount of intermittent inspection from the central office at Whitehall, seemed, and still seems, to your Council, a task too gigantic and impracticable to warrant any reasonable expectation of success. A petition signed by a large number of the members of the Association residing in the metropolis, and praying that the Bill might be so amended in these and other respects as to make it an efficient measure for the protection of the public health, was accordingly presented to the House of Commons by Dr. Lyon Playfair. One redeeming feature in the organising portion of the Bill, was the protection afforded to all officers of health in rural districts, against the parsimony, the injustice, and the caprice of local boards. It was proposed to extend to them the same protection as is enjoyed by the medical officers of Poor-law unions, whose appointment, dismissal, qualifications, duties, and remuneration, are all subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. In the second edition of the Bill, now before the House of Commons, this and almost every other really valuable provision have disappeared; so that it appears more than doubtful whether an union medical officer, if appointed an officer of health, could claim, in the faithful discharge of his sanitary functions, that support to which he is entitled as a Poor-law official. But, while leaving him helplessly and without appeal in the hands of the sanitary authority, the altered Bill leaves no doubt as to what, in the opinion of the Local Government Board, the social status of the officer of health ought to be, for it is now proposed to enact that he "may exercise any of the powers with which an inspector of nuisances is invested by the sanitary Acts or any of them." Your Council has no hesitation in recommending the Branch, and every individual member, to use every effort to procure the rejection by the legislature of so objectionable a measure.

On March 5th, the provident system of medical relief was ably handled from a national point of view by Donald Dalrymple, Esq., M.P.; and from a medical point of view by Dr. Ford Anderson. For his services on that evening, and for the judicious counsel and efficient help, which, in common with his distinguished friend, Dr. Lyon Playfair, he has given in reference to the Public Health Bill, your Council feel that Mr. Dalrymple has entitled himself to our warmest acknowledgments. During the past year, the progress made in the application of the provident principle to the medical relief of the working classes has been very striking. The Charity Organisation Society has continued to devote its attention and energies to the carrying out of the principles recommended by its medical subcommittee, appointed last year in consequence of Mr. Fairlie Clarke's able paper read at one of the ordinary meetings of this Branch, and the propriety of converting free into provident dispensaries is now being freely discussed by the committees and governors of free dispensaries. With Sir Charles Trevelyan and Mr. Alsager Hay still directing it, the success of this movement may now be considered certain.

On May 17th, Dr. Spencer Cobbold read to the Branch a valuable contribution to Helminthology, in the form of a paper on the development of Bilharzia hæmatobia.

On June 5th, a paper on the Scientific Value of the Legal Tests of Insanity, was read by Dr. Russell Reynolds, President of the Branch. After the reading and discussion of this paper—at which several members of the bar were present by invitation—it was resolved:

"That the Council of the Branch be authorised, in concert with the representative bodies of the legal societies, to form a Committee for the purpose of considering the questions brought forward in the paper now read, with a view to the amendment, if possible, of the existing law in reference to the responsibility of the insane." Your Council has accordingly commenced negotiations for the formation of such a Committee.

Mr. William Adams, of Henrietta Street, a member of the Branch, having laid before the Council a charge of unprofessional conduct against Mr. Brodhurst, also a member of the Branch, with reference to the proceedings at the meetings of Governors of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital, held on March 13th and April 8th, your Council have appointed a Committee, selected partly from their own body and partly from the Branch, to investigate the charge. The inquiry, which is one of some delicacy and difficulty, is still in the hands of the Committee; and the Council recommend that their appointment be confirmed, and that they be requested to continue their task which they have kindly undertaken, and to report to the new Council.

It was proposed by Mr. WM. MARTIN, and seconded by Dr. RAMSAY, and resolved: "That the report of Council now read be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes."

Treasurer's Report.—Mr. DUNN, the Treasurer, read the financial report for the year. The income, including a balance of £16:18:0 in 1871, amounted to £53:18:0; and the expenses to £39:7:9; leaving a balance of £14:10:3. On the motion of Dr. G. WEBSTER, seconded by Dr. RUGG, it was resolved: "That the treasurer's report be received and adopted."

Auditors.—On the proposal of Mr. HECKSTALL SMITH, Dr. Ramsay and Dr. Symes Thompson were appointed to audit the accounts at the next annual meeting.

Officers and Council.—A ballot having been taken, the following officers and Council were elected for the ensuing year. *President:* Sir William Fergusson, Bart, F.R.S. *President-Elect:* Richard Quain, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* T. Heckstall Smith, Esq.; J. Russell Reynolds, M.D., F.R.S. *Treasurer:* Robert Dunn, Esq. *Secretaries:* A. P. Stewart, M.D.; Alexander Henry, M.D. *Ordinary Members of Council:* J. Ford Anderson, M.D.; Robert Barnes, M.D.; H. Charlton Bastian, M.D., F.R.S.; W. C. Begley, M.D. (Hanwell); Thomas Bridgwater, M.B. (Harrow); W. Fairlie Clarke, Esq.; Walter Dickson, M.D.; Charles Drage, M.D. (Hatfield); Stamford Felce, Esq.; G. A. Ibbetson, Esq.; George Johnson, M.D., F.R.S.; A. O'Brien Jones, Esq. (Epsom); J. C. Langmore, M.B.; George Lawson, Esq.; J. D. Rendle, M.D. (Clapham); George P. Rugg, M.D.; Edward H. Sieveking, M.D.; John Wood, Esq., F.R.S.

Sir WILLIAM FERGUSON then took the Chair as President, and thanked the Branch for his election, expressing his confidence in their support during his tenure of office.

Representatives in the General Council.—The following gentlemen were chosen to represent the Branch in the General Council of the Association: W. C. Begley, M.D. (Hanwell); S. Day-Goss, M.D.; R. Dunn, Esq.; Sir W. Fergusson, Bart., F.R.S.; Wilson Fox, M.D., F.R.S.; C. H. Rogers Harrison, Esq.; Ernest Hart, Esq.; A. Henry, M.D.; Berkeley Hill, Esq.; W. Martin, Esq. (Hammersmith); H. Maudsley, M.D.; John W. Ogle, M.D.; R. Douglas Powell, M.D.; W. F. Ramsay, M.D.; G. P. Rugg, M.D.; J. Seaton, M.D. (Sunbury); C. Shrimpton, M.D.; E. J. Tilt, M.D.; Haynes Walton, Esq.; G. Webster, M.D. (Dulwich); John Wood, Esq., F.R.S.

The Public Health Bill.—Dr. STEWART called attention to the defects of the Public Health Bill in its present form, and proposed the adoption of a petition against it. Dr. G. WEBSTER seconded the motion, which, after some remarks from Mr. HECKSTALL SMITH and Mr. HOLLAND, was carried unanimously.

The petition was signed by the President and by most of the members who were present at the meeting.

Vote of Thanks to the Retiring President.—Mr. HECKSTALL SMITH proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Russell Reynolds for his able and courteous conduct as President, and for the hospitality which he had shown to the Council, who had held most of their meetings at his house.

The motion, having been seconded by Dr. SEATON, was carried by acclamation.

Dinner.—At half-past five, P.M., the members dined together: Sir William Fergusson in the Chair. Dr. Carpenter, President, and Dr. Hetley, one of the Vice-Presidents, of the South Eastern Branch; the Rev. Dr. Reynolds; and Dr. Harkness of Sacramento, were among the guests.

servers have also employed themselves about it; and that several works on the climate of Brighton are to be met with. It is not well done to discredit other men's work, unless good reason be shown for so doing. Brighton, St. Swithin's Day, 1872. I am, etc., NEMO.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, July 11th, 1872.

Barber, Oliver, Sheffield
Forder, Joshua Lewis William, Mauritius
Low, Robert Bruce, Edinburgh
Reid, Frank, Torrington Square
Riley, Francis, Leigh, Sydney, New South Wales
Sculthorpe, Alfred Milward, Tamworth

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their primary professional examination.

Bingham, Samuel, Guy's Hospital
Jelley, Richard, University College
Lindsay, William V., St. Mary's Hospital
Llewellyn, Rees Ralph, London Hospital
Talbot, Russell Main, Guy's Hospital

As an Assistant in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Baynes, James, Hull

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—Degrees granted, June 26th.

Doctor in Law (honorary).—Sir Alexander Armstrong, K.C.B.
Bachelors in Medicine.—James Henry Allen, Robert S. Archer, Charles N. Ball, John Chartres, Thomas F. Fleetwood, George Goode, Alfred Grandison, Wm. L. Gubbins, James C. Hamilton, William F. Hingston, Elias W. Kerr, Wm. L. Mackesy, Frederick P. MacLaughlin, Charles G. W. Marsden, Charles A. M'Munn, Matthew D. Moriarty, Thomas P. O'Meara, Frederick A. Pope, Richard D. Purefoy, William J. Smyly, and Arthur W. Wade.
Masters in Surgery.—Robert S. Archer, Charles B. Ball, William F. Hingston, and Frederick P. MacLaughlin.
Doctors in Medicine.—Francis T. Butler, Edward J. Cooke, and J. F. Cranny.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND.—The following degrees were conferred at a meeting of the University on June 19th.

Doctors of Medicine and Masters in Surgery.—John G. Adamson and Archibald Adams, Queen's College, Belfast; Robert Evans Burges, B.A., Queen's College, Cork; Richard Davis, Queen's College, Belfast; Henry A. Fogarty, Queen's College, Cork; James Graham, Queen's College, Belfast; John Hegarty and William Hickman, Queen's College, Galway; Francis B. Kane and John R. Leech, Queen's College, Cork; Peter J. M'Quaid, Queen's College, Galway; Timothy Molony, Bartholomew O'Brien, and Patrick O'Connell, Queen's College, Cork; Thomas Patterson, B.A., and Richard Read, Queen's College, Belfast; James Ring, Queen's College, Cork; J. M. J. Scott, Queen's College, Belfast; William F. Spencer and William Thomson, B.A., Queen's College, Galway; Hugh Charles Wilson, Queen's College, Belfast.

Doctors in Medicine.—James B. Bailey, Queen's College, Belfast; John G. Collis and H. Maturin Johnson, Queen's College, Cork; Samuel M'Cutcheon, Queen's College, Belfast; Denis Peter Macdonald and Henry Madden, Queen's College, Cork; John A. Malcomson, Queen's College, Belfast; W. E. Bonsall Moynan, Queen's College, Galway; Bernard O'Connor, B.A., Queen's College, Galway; Simon Holgate Owen, Queen's College, Belfast; J. Nachville Ryan, Queen's College, Belfast; Thomas F. Sparrow, Queen's College, Cork; William Thompson, B.A., Queen's College, Galway; Hugh Charles Wilson, Queen's College, Belfast.

Master in Surgery.—Moses Black, M.D., Queen's College, Belfast; William Fleming, M.D., Queen's College, Galway; J. M. Scott and William F. Spencer, Queen's College, Belfast.

Diploma in Midwifery.—J. M'Mahon Brown, M.D., Queen's College, Cork; Ebenezer E. Sloane, M.D., J. King Kerr, M.D., Alexander Young, M.D., M. Black, M.D., John Knox, M.D., and John G. Adamson, Queen's College, Belfast; R. E. Burges, B.A., J. G. Collis, and H. A. Fogarty, Queen's College, Cork; James Graham, Queen's College, Belfast; H. Madders, Queen's College, Cork; J. A. Malcomson, Queen's College, Belfast; W. E. B. Moynan, Queen's College, Galway; B. O'Connor, B.A., and Patrick O'Connell, Queen's College, Cork; S. H. Owen, Queen's College, Belfast; Thomas Patterson, B.A., and J. Ring, Queen's College, Cork; J. M. J. Scott, Queen's College, Belfast; W. Thompson, B.A., Queen's College, Galway.

The following candidates have passed the first University examination in Medicine, viz.:

R. C. Burke, M. F. Cleary, and Ludlow T. Colthurst, B.A., Queen's College, Cork; William Cranston, Queen's College, Belfast; Maurice Cremen, M. de Courcy Curtin, and Maurice Daly, B.A., Queen's College, Cork; Francis Davison, Alexander Dempsey, and George Dougan, Queen's College, Galway; J. E. Vaughan Foss, Queen's College, Cork; Patrick C. Gorham and George R. Gowland, Queen's College, Galway; James C. Gray and Henry Grier, Queen's College, Belfast; Christopher Gunn, Queen's College, Cork; John Wilson Hamill, Joseph Henry, Edmund Hemsted, and Edwin Hemsted, Queen's College, Belfast; Wm. R. Huggard and William C. Jeffries, Queen's College, Galway; Edward H. Kelly, William M'Iver, and Horace M. Maybury, Queen's College, Belfast; W. H. Millward and Jarlath J. Mullen, Queen's College, Galway; Michael T. Munro, Queen's College, Belfast; John O'Callaghan, B.A., Queen's College, Galway; Simeon Holgate Owen, Queen's College, Belfast; Joseph Parker, Queen's College, Galway; Norman Pollock, Queen's College, Belfast; Caleb K. Powell, Michael Ronan, and D. J. Ross, Queen's College, Cork; Charles E. Sharpe, Queen's College, Belfast; Edward Shipsey, Queen's College, Cork; Edward Smyth, Queen's College, Belfast;

Michael Sweetman, Queen's College, Cork; Charles Wadsworth, Queen's College, Belfast; William E. Warren and Michael White, Queen's College, Galway.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

ALFORD, Lincolnshire—Admiralty Surgeon and Agent.
ALSTON UNION, Cumberland—Medical Officer for District No. 2.
ABERAYRON UNION, Cardiganshire—Medical Officer for the Llansantfraid District and the Workhouse: £45 per annum.
BERKSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Wallingford—Assistant Medical Officer: £80 per annum, board and lodging.
BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY—Resident House-Surgeon: £90 per annum, rooms, board, and washing.
BOLTON, Lancashire—Medical Officer of Health: £300 per annum.
BRADFORD INFIRMARY—Junior House-Surgeon: £50 per annum, board, and residence.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE DISPENSARY—Resident House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, coal, gas, and attendance.
CALLAN UNION, co. Kilkenny—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Kilmoganny Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
CORK UNION—Medical Officer for the Blarney Dispensary District: £120 per annum.
DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL, Buxton—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, board and residence.
DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL, Dorchester—Honorary Physician.
DUNDEE ROYAL INFIRMARY—Dispenser: £35 per annum, bed, board, and washing.
EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN, Ratcliff Cross—Resident Medical Officer: £60 per annum, residence, board, and washing.
EDINBURGH ROYAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL—House-Surgeons.
ENNISCORTHY UNION, co. Wexford—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Killan Dispensary District: £90 per annum, and fees.
FETTERCAIRN, Kincardineshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £18 per annum.
GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR SICK CHILDREN, Manchester—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, residence and board.—Dispenser: £70 per annum.
GORTIN UNION, co. Tyrone—Medical Officer to the Workhouse and Fever Infirmary: £50 per annum.—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Gortin Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.
HARRIS, Inverness-shire—Parochial Medical Officer.
HEREFORD COUNTY AND CITY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, rations, fire, light, attendance, and washing.
HEXHAM UNION, Northumberland—Medical Officer for the Western Division of District No. 3.
LAMBETH—Resident Medical Officer and Dispenser to the Workhouse: £100 per annum, board, apartments, and washing.
LINCOLNSHIRE SEA-SIDE CONVALESCENT HOME, Mablethorpe—Medical Officer.
LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Hon. Medical Officer to the South Dispensary.
LOCHCARRON, Ross-shire—Parochial Medical Officer: £115 per annum, and various perquisites.
MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY—In-door Physician's Assistant: 80 guineas per annum, with board and residence.
MANCHESTER WORKHOUSE HOSPITAL—Junior Assistant Medical Officer.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—Two Entrance Scholarships: £25 and £20 per annum, for two years.
MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM, Hanwell—Assistant Medical Officer to the Female Department.
MONAGHAN COUNTY INFIRMARY—Physician: £50 per annum.
NEUBURGH, Fifeshire—Parochial Medical Officer.
NEW ROSS UNION, co. Wexford—Medical Officer for the Templeudigan Dispensary District: £50 per annum.
NEWTOWN AND LLANIDLOES UNION, Montgomeryshire—Medical Officer for the Newtown District: £80 per annum.
NORFOLK AND NORWICH EYE INFIRMARY—Assistant-Surgeon.
ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road—Physician.
ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT INFIRMARY, Ryde—House-Surgeon: £40 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—Scholarship: £40 per annum for three years.—Exhibition: £20 for one year.
SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL, Lower Seymour Street—Surgeon to the Out-Department.
SKIRLAUGH UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Aldborough District: £32 per annum, and extra fees.
STOCKPORT INFIRMARY—Assistant to the House-Surgeon.
STOUBRIDGE DISPENSARY—House Surgeon and Secretary: £120 per annum, furnished rooms, coal, and gas.
SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmund's—Physician.
TARBOLTON, Ayrshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £50 per annum.
TOXTEH PARK GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, Liverpool—Honorary Surgeon.
TOXTEH PARK LYING-IN CHARITY, Liverpool—Surgeon-Accoucheur.
TRINITY COLLEGE, Dublin—Professor of Anatomy and Chirurgery: £200 per annum, and fees.
WARNEFORD LUNATIC ASYLUM—Resident Medical Superintendent: £260 per annum, with board, furnished apartments, etc.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road—Surgeon.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*DOBSON, Nelson C., Esq., Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital, appointed Lecturer on Anatomy at the Bristol Medical School, *vice* *F. P. Lansdown, Esq., resigned.
*SAVAGE, George H., M.D., elected Assistant Medical Officer to Bethlem Hospital.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

TUESDAYGuy'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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 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, 1.30 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

FRIDAYRoyal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY...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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

FRIDAY.—Quekett Microscopical Club (University College, Gower Street), 8 P.M. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. The Presidential Address by Dr. L. S. Beale, F.R.S.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the General Manager, at the Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS are particularly requested by the Editor to observe that communications relating to Advertisements, changes of address, and other business matters, should be addressed to Mr. Francis Fowke, General Secretary and Manager, at the Journal Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., and not to the Editor.

SIR.—Some years ago, there appeared in a continental journal some experiments bearing on the question whether the size of the fœtus could be diminished by the administration of iodide of potassium during pregnancy. I am unable to lay my hands on the paper; and would be very glad if any of your readers could supply me with the information as to where it appeared. I am, etc.,
July 12th, 1872. M.D.

C. D. (Shields).—1 and 2. Yes.

DR. HUNTER (Matlock) will obtain the particulars from Mr. Heather Bigg, Wimpole Street.

DR. WHITE (Rochester).—As far as we know.

DR. HARRIS (Redruth).—It is not permitted by the Post Office to carry out our correspondent's wish.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACTS.

SIR.—In a communication on the above subject in the JOURNAL of July 13th, Mr. P. H. Holland writes, "That because we cannot remove, we may not try to diminish an evil, can only be seriously urged either by a fool or a fanatic." As an abstract proposition, most people will concur in this. The fallacy that underlies it in its application to the Contagious Diseases Acts' controversy, consists in the assumption that one party alone is earnest in its endeavours to diminish syphilis, while the other is either indifferent or hostile to any such attempt being made. The truth, however, is, that both desire to see the evil mitigated, but that they differ most materially as to the means to be employed; and we, who conscientiously oppose the Acts in question, consider that we are both less foolish and less fanatical in doing so, than we should be if we persistently urged the application of a supposed remedy, which nearly a century's experience in France has proved to have miserably failed to suppress syphilis, but not to have been inconsistent with the introduction, even if it have not been the necessary promoter, of moral evils of the worst description. This statement is in direct opposition to Mr. Holland's assertion that regulating acts have not failed greatly to diminish disease in Paris and elsewhere; but it is not given without careful consideration, and what I think to be conclusive evidence as to its correctness. This evidence is obtained from the published statements by MM. Le Cour and Le Fort in various British medical journals; the edition of Parent Duchatelet's work by MM. Trebuchet and Duval; the statistics contained in the Appendix to the Eleventh Annual Report of the Medical Officer of the Privy Council; and the tables appended to the Report of the Venereal Commission.

Another assertion by Mr. Holland is, that the French Acts differ essentially from those of this country. One assertion is perhaps as good as another. I

therefore, after a most careful study of the French system, will assert that essentially it resembles our own, although in matters of detail the two differ from each other. In effect, they are both systems of certification and registration of a recognised class for the pursuit of a recognised traffic.

I am aware that Mr. Holland charges with the utterance of a known falsehood those who state that the "women are licensed to pursue a shameful trade," and that under its "the Act's" "authority they are certified as safe to use," and that he adds, "that the Act does not do the first, and forbids the second being done under its authority." In the face of this charge, I venture to assert that the women are in effect, though not in words, licensed; that it is abundantly clear, from evidence given before the Royal Commission, that they do consider themselves to be a class of legitimate traffickers; and that they systematically employ the orders for reappearing for examination in the same way as they used to employ the certificates of health—viz., to prove that they are "safe to use." And for any one to assert that these most natural and clearly demonstrated effects of the Acts cannot exist under their authority, because, by the presence of a few ineffectual words, such authority is denied, is, to use Mr. Holland's own words, "mere twaddle".

The statement is reiterated, that the opposition to the Acts is fictitious; and that it consists of "a fanatical crusade, preached chiefly among the least educated classes by unscrupulous arts of agitation." The word fictitious was never so misapplied. If ever an opposition was real, it is this one; and, to show that other classes beside the least educated participate in it, permit me once more briefly to refer to what was done in this town. It having been asserted again and again that medical men all but universally approved of the Acts, I attempted a short time ago to see how far the statement applied to Liverpool. The subject had been warmly debated on three several occasions at the largest meetings ever held in its Medical Institution, so that there was little probability of any such widespread ignorance concerning it as those who sign petitions are sometimes charged with possessing. A form of petition, strongly condemnatory of the Acts, was written out by myself, and, with the aid of a few friends, brought under the notice of many (though, from want of time, by no means all) of the resident medical men. No one was urged to sign; and, if any hesitated, no pressure was brought to bear. Yet, in a few days, one hundred and eight (not one hundred and six, as my friend Dr. Burrows thought) signatures were obtained—i.e., those of about one-third of the entire body. But what makes this expression of opinion more decisive is, that it was obtained at a time when earnest efforts were being made by a number of gentlemen to procure medical signatures to the petition in favour of the Acts known as the "London Memorial"—efforts which resulted in twenty-nine signatures only. And, to show that something more than the mere reasonableness of the terms of the memorial was relied upon by its supporters, I may mention what occurred between myself and one of the oldest honorary hospital surgeons here. On showing him my petition, he told me that he had just been urged to sign the memorial to Mr. Bruce; and, on his hesitating, had been pressed to do so, with the assurance that he would be in good company if he did; the names of not a few medical baronets, etc., being then read to him. He replied that he preferred good principles to good company, and refused to sign.

I am, etc., WILLIAM CARTER, M.B., M.R.C.P.,

Honorary Physician to the Liverpool Southern Hospital.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly Albion, July 13th; The Northern Star, July 11th; The Lincolnshire Chronicle, July 12th; The Royal Cornwall Gazette, July 13th; The Edinburgh Courant, July 8th; The Merthyr Express, July 13th; The Northern Whig, July 12th; The Aberdeen Herald, July 13th; The Birmingham Daily Gazette, July 16th; The Belfast Morning News, July 17th; The Scotsman, July 16th; etc.

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BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Practical Notes on the New American Remedies. By R. Tuthill Massy, M.D. London: 1872.
On the Origin and Prevention of Zymotic Diseases. By George S. Brady. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: 1872.
Suggestions as to the Reorganisation of the Army Medical Department. By a Staff Surgeon-Major. Glasgow: 1872.
Lisdoonvarina Spas and Sea-side Places of Clare. By E. D. Mapother, M.D. Second Edition. Dublin: 1872.