

In these cases, if the long list of arduous and important duties is to be properly performed, the remuneration, to be at all adequate, should not, as a rule, be less than the amount of salary as Poor-law medical officer; and, where such salary is much below the average, it should be calculated on a basis of from at least £5 to £7 per 1,000 of population.

In this immediate neighbourhood, Chiswick, with a population of 8,508, has appointed a medical officer of health at a salary of £80; and Acton, with a population of 8,307, has resolved to give a similar salary.

I hope the parochial medical officers will be true to themselves, and not accept work at the low scale of payment which they in most cases receive for their present public labour.

I am, etc., GEORGE D. BROWN.

Henley Villa, Ealing, W., December 17th, 1872.

THE COCKERMOUTH RURAL SANITARY BOARD.

THE Cockermouth Rural Sanitary Board have had a meeting to discuss the best means of carrying out the Public Health Act. Mr. Basil Cane, the local government inspector for the district, was present. Mr. Cane explained to the meeting how it was advisable to appoint a medical officer over a large area, and one debarred from private practice. After some discussion it was agreed, "That this committee recommends that the district to be served by a medical officer include the Cocker-mouth Union, the Cocker-mouth Board of Health, the Keswick Board of Health, and the Workington and Maryport Boards of Trustees;" and also, that a medical officer, be appointed at a salary of from £400 to £600 per annum, including expenses, as may be agreed upon, on the terms that his whole services be given to the duties of his appointment. It was decided to defer the consideration of the acceptance or non-acceptance of the Government grant till a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A COLLEGE FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF MEDICAL MEN.

SIR,—A visit to the Epsom College on "Founder's Day" convinced me more fully of the value of that excellent school for the education of the sons of members of our profession. In your JOURNAL of the 14th inst., I regret to find it stated that declining health renders it necessary that two of our most distinguished surgeons should find it necessary to appeal to the subscribers of Propert's College for admission for their sons. What about the education of the daughters of our profession? In answer to this question, allow me once more to offer a suggestion on their behalf. The British Medical Association will hold their next annual meeting in London. I venture to hope that by such aid as the press can give to this benevolent object, we may look forward for an announcement from the chairman of that meeting that the funds collected will justify the erecting of a college for the education of the daughters of medical men. To accomplish this very desirable object, I beg to suggest that every registered medical man do volunteer or be invited to subscribe one guinea to the building fund. The subscribers to your JOURNAL alone number, I believe, 5,000. Let us hope that each and all of them may do this much at least, whilst from the more affluent liberal donations may be expected to flow in.

Declining health and advanced years have caused me to retire from my profession, yet I shall be glad to open a subscription for a female college by subscribing my guinea. I will also be glad to take up my residence in the suburbs of London, if by doing so I can aid in the good work I herein propose.

I am, etc.,

WILLIAM DALTON.

Cheltenham, December 17th.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 19th, 1872.

Banham, Henry French, Cambridge
Bryan, Clement Frederick, Humberstone, Leicester
Davison, William John, Upper Bedford Place, W.
Dixon, John Francis, Bournemouth
Kennedy, Thomas Augustus, Cavan, Ireland
Hall, Frank Algernon, Newmarket
Needham, Walter, Manchester
Pink, Thomas, Greenwich
Shaw, Walter, Hereford

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

Carter, Albert, Guy's Hospital
Cumming, William Richard, St. Mary's Hospital
Grindrod, Charles Frederick, St. Mary's Hospital
Haslam, Thomas Henry, St. Thomas's Hospital
Hooper, Alfred, Guy's Hospital
Paley, James Hewitt, Guy's Hospital
Pocock, Walter, St. Thomas's Hospital
Rogers, Edward Coulton, Guy's Hospital
Steavenson, William Edward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

As Assistants in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Hopkinson, Stephen, Ashover, Derbyshire
Cox, Edwin Joseph, Red Hill, Surrey
Gardner, James Richard, Plymouth
Griffiths, Evan, Truro

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge—House-Physician and House-Surgeon: each £65 per annum, board, and residence.
BELFORD UNION, Northumberland—Medical Officer for the East District; £25 per annum.
BIRMINGHAM LYING-IN CHARITY—Medical Officer.
BOLNESS and CARRIDEN, Linlithgowshire, united Parishes of—Medical Practitioner.
CHELSEA, BROMPTON, and BELGRAVE DISPENSARY, Sloane Square—Surgeon.
CLINICAL HOSPITAL and DISPENSARY FOR CHILDREN, Manchester—House-Surgeon: £60 per annum, residence, and board.
DORSET LUNATIC ASYLUMS, near Dorchester—Assistant Medical Officer for the Forston Asylum: £400 per annum, board, and apartments.
GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, York Road, Lambeth—Physician-Accoucher.—Physician-Accoucher for Out-patients.
DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON—House-Surgeon: £40 per annum.
GERMAN HOSPITAL, Dalston—Honorary Assistant-Physician.
HERTFORDSHIRE GAOL, Hertford—Medical Officer.
HERTS REFORMATORY, Hertford—Medical Officer.
INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE—Sixteen Assistant-Surgeons.
INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square—Visiting Physician.
KILDALTON, in Islay—Medical Officer: £70 per annum, including medicine for the paupers.

LEDWICH SCHOOL OF ANATOMY, MEDICINE, and SURGERY—Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine.

LEITH HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon.

LEXDEN and WINSTREE UNION, Essex—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for District No. 9: £50 per annum, and fees.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY, DISPENSARY, LUNATIC HOSPITAL, or ASYLUM—Honorary Medical Officers.

METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL, Devonshire Square—Hon. Assistant-Physician.

MOSS-SIDE BOARD OF HEALTH—Medical Officer of Health: £52:10 per annum.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Newman Street—Consulting Physician.—Physician.

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE—Assistant-Surgeons.

NEATH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £30 per annum.

NEWPORT (Mon.) INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.

NEWPORT (Mon.) ODD FELLOWS MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION—Assistant-Surgeon: £60 per annum, board, and residence.

OLDHAM, Borough of—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum, offices, stationery, etc.

PATELEY BRIDGE UNION RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health.

PLOMESGATE UNION, Suffolk—Medical Officer for the Earl Soham District: £60 per annum.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire—Medical Officer of Health.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, England—Member of the Court of Examiners.

ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL—Female Superintendent for the Lock Wards: £40 per annum, rooms, and washing.

ROYAL SOUTH LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL—Surgeon.

ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, Guildford—House-Surgeon: £75 per annum, board, residence, and washing.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL—Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH—Chief Assistant in the Chemical Laboratory.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea—Registrar and Pathologist.

WALLASEY DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished residence, coals, and gas.

WANDSWORTH DISTRICT—Public Analyst.

WEST DERBY, Lancashire, Local Board of—Medical Officer of Health: £100 per annum.

WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, board, and lodging.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the communication.

BIRTH.

MORE.—On December 14th, at Rothwell, Northamptonshire, the wife of James More, M.D., of a son.

DEATHS.

KNIGHT, George Campbell, M.D., at Frome, Somerset, aged 52, on December 10th.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

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

TUESDAY Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—National Orthopædic, 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 Orthopædic, 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.

FRIDAY Royal 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.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Annual Meeting. Election of Officers and President's Valedictory Address. Dr. Mitchell, "On a Case of Abortion"; Dr. Heywood Smith, "On a Case of *Post Partum Hæmorrhage*"; and other papers.

THURSDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Peacock, "On Cases of Rheumatism treated by Blisters." Council, 7.30 P.M.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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.

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.

MR. DURHAM's name should have appeared, in our list of intending contributors, as Surgeon to, and Lecturer on Anatomy at, Guy's Hospital.

MR. EDWARD HOME.—We will have the subject looked up.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.—In accordance with the recent resolution of the Committee of Council, we would suggest to Mr. Fielding (Alfreton) to bring the matter which he describes under the notice of the Council of his Branch.

MR. IKIN's paper on the Progress of Public Hygiene will have early insertion.

ABDOMINAL PUNCTURE IN TYMPANITES.

SIR,—The subject of the use of the fine trocar for the relief of tympanites, which occupied a place in several of your issues some months ago, has been reverted to by Mr. Jessop in his valuable paper on the Surgical Uses of the Pneumatic Aspirator, contained in the JOURNAL of December 7th. I think I may opportunely call the attention of those gentlemen to whom he refers as anxious for the honour of having introduced it to the profession, to the answer to the forty-sixth question in Munro's *Theory and Practice of Surgery*, published in the year 1800—seventy-two years ago—where they will find this mode of treatment not only recommended, but how to carry it out very carefully described (as it was then performed). I am, etc. GEORGE LONGBOTHAM.

21, Park Square, Leeds, December 11th, 1872.

MEDICAL EMIGRATION.

SIR,—Seven years' experience of medical life in Canada has convinced me that it is no field for an Englishman to practise in, and my advice to your correspondent, A. B. C., who asks for information upon the subject, is, Don't go. Should he establish himself in a town, he will be obliged to keep up appearances as much as at home, and his expenses would be equally great. If, on the other hand, he put up his shingle in the country, he will have to work very hard, and take his fees, after giving long credit, in the produce of the country. Apart from these drawbacks, he will find himself opposed wherever he settles by colonial medical men, who, as a rule, are intelligent men, possessed of sound practical knowledge, and supported by local interests, which gives them the pull over professional gentlemen from the old country.

I am not biased by prejudice in the advice which I give; on the contrary, I am much attached to the colony, and were I possessed of a small income and independent of my profession, the Canadian Dominion is where I would make my home, for there is a charm about the country which captivates almost every Englishman who goes there. But I must not occupy more of your valuable space. A book I wrote last year, and placed in the hands of Mr. Stanford of Charing Cross, will give A. B. C. every information he requires if he emigrate in the capacity of doctor, farmer, agriculturist, sportsman, or small capitalist.

I am, etc.,

HARVEY J. PHILPOT.

East Dulwich, S.E., November 1872.

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

DR. DALTON's last letter was inserted recently; and we shall feel the greatest pleasure in learning that his charitable exertions are successful, and in inserting further communications from him on the subject. The communication which he has addressed to us since writing the letter which appears in the current number of the JOURNAL, appears to have been written under an erroneous impression.

CONTEMPORARY MEDICAL REVIEWING.

THE review on Modern Works of Surgery, recently published, has excited some hostile comment among our contemporaries. It has, however, apparently been received with great satisfaction by our readers generally, as a salutary protest against the worthlessness of ordinary reviewing in the medical papers, has produced quite a budget of congratulatory letters, some of them from very eminent members of the profession. A hospital surgeon asks us to call attention to a passage in Mr. Bryant's book at p. 446, in which the author, in recommending the use of cotton-wool, expresses the opinion that that *directly off the sheep* is best. This, no doubt, the author will be glad to explain or correct in a future edition; as also the description of the figures at p. 908, where a section of bone, showing the characters of mollities ossium figures as a normal specimen, and *vice versa*.

MR. WICKHAM BARNES.

SIR,—In reference to paragraph headed "Mr. Wickham Barnes," allow me to protest against the term manoeuvres being applied in conjunction with my name. What action I have taken in this matter has been of a perfectly disinterested character and "above-board," without reference to political or party combinations. The paragraph in question would also lead your readers to suppose that I had forwarded to you a personal communication, when in fact it was an official letter from the President of the Local Government Board, a communication which I never expected would have met with refusal.

You also refer to the opinions of six members of Council: allow me to state that eleven were present and voted for the resolutions, the largest number that have ever attended a Council meeting of our Association.

I am, etc.,

J. WICKHAM BARNES.

December 1872.

* * * The resolutions in question were prepared without communication with the President of the Council, and brought forward without notice at an ordinary Council meeting called for other business, at which none of the provincial members were present, whose interests were dealt with so freely.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Liverpool Weekly Albion, Dec. 21st; The Manchester Guardian, Dec. 25th; The Ulster General Advertiser, Dec. 21st; The Scotsman, Dec. 23rd; The Bath Express, Dec. 21st; The Eastern Morning News; The Northwich and Winsford Guardian; The Royal Leamington Spa Courier; The Bucks Advertiser; The Bucks Herald; The Durham Chronicle; The Glasgow Herald; The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian; The Newcastle Daily Chronicle; The Sheffield Times; The Whitehaven News; The Bacup and Rossendale News; The Bacup Times; The Gloucestershire Chronicle; The Birmingham Daily Post; The North Wales Chronicle; etc.

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

Sir William Gill, Bart., London; Dr. J. Warburton Begbie, Edinburgh; Dr. R. Barnes, London; Mr. Savory, London; Dr. Latham, Cambridge; Mr. Ikin, Leeds; Dr. P. Boulton, London; Dr. Thornton, Dublin; Dr. Styrap, Shrewsbury; Dr. Mercer Adam, Boston; The Secretary of the Hunterian Society; Mr. S. Wood, Shrewsbury; Mr. Wheelhouse, Leeds; Dr. Angus, Aberdeen; Mr. Crew, Higham Ferrers; Mr. J. M. Wilson, Chatteris; Dr. R. Smith, Ferry Hill; Dr. Batty Tuke, Cupar; Dr. Eastwood, Darlington; Dr. F. J. Brown, Rochester; Dr. Dyce Davidson, Aberdeen; Mr. Smith, Pershore; Dr. Alexander Ogston, Aberdeen; Dr. Harris, Redruth; Mr. Woodman, Exeter; Dr. George Johnson, London; Dr. Hawksley, London; Mr. Stansfeld, Bristol; Dr. Leared, London; Dr. Spender, Bath; Dr. J. W. F. Smith, Aberdeen; Mr. Crookes, London; Mr. Tibbitts, Bristol; Dr. M'Kendrick, Edinburgh; Mr. James, Snitterfield; Dr. Haddon, Manchester; Dr. W. Moore, Dublin; Mr. R. Harrison, Liverpool; Dr. Wardell, Tunbridge Wells; Dr. Grainger Stewart, Edinburgh; Mr. Morratt Baker, London; Mr. Spencer Smith, London; Mr. N. Dobson, Bristol; Dr. E. L. Fox, Bristol; Dr. O. Sturges, London; Dr. W. M. Ord, London; Dr. Crompton, Manchester; Mr. Groves, London; Mr. Soelberg Wells, London; Dr. Fiddes, Aberdeen; Mr. A. Forbes, Glasgow; Mr. H. Reeves, London; Dr. Andrew, London; Dr. Hermann Weber, London; Dr. Theodore Williams, London; Mr. C. J. Wharry, London; Mr. J. M. Reid, Rothwell; An Associate; Mr. J. Manson, Aberdeen; Dr. Woodman, London; Mr. W. W. Wagstaffe, London; Dr. Protheroe Smith, London; Our Liverpool Correspondent; Dr. Dobell, London; Dr. Peacock, London; Dr. Althaus, London; Dr. Greenhalgh, London; Dr. Joseph Rogers, London; Mr. J. Ewens, Cerne Abbas; Dr. Clifford Allbutt, Leeds; Dr. Blandford, London; Dr. S. T. Smyth, Great Yarmouth; Mr. S. Wood, Shrewsbury; Mr. Wight, Worcester; Mr. Haviland, London; Dr. Dalton, Cheltenham; Dr. Southey, London; Mr. Moon, West Coker; Mr. P. H. Holland, London; Dr. Lockhart Clarke, London; Dr. Heaton, Leeds; Dr. S. W. D. Williams, Hayward's Heath; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital Reports. London: 1872.
Annual Report of the Vigilance Association. Manchester: 1872.
Handbook of Therapeutics. By Sydney Ringer, M.D. Third Edition. London: 1873.
Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Panjab for the year 1870. Lahore: 1871.
Hospital Hygiene. By C. Langstaff, M.D. London: 1872.

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