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TUESDAY, August 5th.

10 A.M.—SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

3 P.M.—GENERAL MEETING—President's Address, Report of Council, and other Business.

9 P.M.—RECEPTION BY THE LORD MAYOR at the Mansion House.

WEDNESDAY, August 6th.

10 A.M.—SECOND GENERAL MEETING.

11 A.M.—ADDRESS IN MEDICINE, by E. A. PARKES, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Hygiene in the Army Medical School, Netley.

12.30 P.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS. Adjourn at 3.30 P.M.

1 to 2.30 P.M.—PUBLIC LUNCHEON.*

9 P.M.—RECEPTION BY PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

THURSDAY, August 7th.

10 A.M.—THIRD GENERAL MEETING—Reports of Committees.

11 A.M.—ADDRESS IN SURGERY, by JOHN WOOD, Esq., F.R.S., Professor of Surgery in King's College, London.

12.30 P.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS. Adjourn at 3.30 P.M.

1 to 2.30 P.M.—PUBLIC LUNCHEON.*

6.30 P.M.—PUBLIC DINNER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY, August 8th.

10 A.M.—MEETINGS OF SECTIONS.

11 A.M.—ADDRESS IN PHYSIOLOGY, by J. BURDON SANDERSON, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Practical Physiology in University College.

1 to 2.30 P.M.—PUBLIC LUNCHEON.*

2 P.M.—CONCLUDING GENERAL MEETING.

9 P.M.—SOIRÉE AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

SATURDAY, August 9th.

EXCURSIONS.—By permission, the following among other Excursions will be arranged:—

Excursions to Cliefden, near Maidenhead, the seat of the Marquis of Westminster; and to Windsor Castle.

Excursion to Brighton, and visit to Brighton Aquarium.

Visit to Woolwich Arsenal and the Factories.

Arrangements will be made, of which further details will be published, for facilitating visits during the week to the Print and MSS. Rooms of

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ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The sixth annual exhibition of objects of interest, in connection with medicine, surgery, and their allied sciences, will take place in the rooms of King's College, during the first week of August 1873.

The Committee appointed to take charge of the arrangements for this museum will be glad to receive—1. Pathological specimens (wet or dry); 2. Drawings or diagrams illustrating disease; 3. Casts or models; 4. Surgical instruments and appliances; 5. Microscopic preparations; 6. Microscopes, thermometers, and other instruments of investigation; 7. Preparations, diagrams, etc., relating to investigations in anatomy and physiology; 8. New medical books.

It is intended that the surgical instruments, etc., shall be *bona fide* novelties, or improvements on those in common use. The Committee will be greatly obliged to exhibitors if they will send in their contributions as early as practicable.

Pathological Department.—The pathological part of the Museum will be arranged in the following departments—*a.* Diseases of brain, injuries to head, etc.; *b.* Diseases of heart and blood-vessels; *c.* Diseases of lungs; *d.* Diseases of abdominal and pelvic viscera; *e.* Malignant diseases; *f.* Diseases of eye and ear; *g.* Diseases of skin; *h.* Syphilis; *i.* Fractures and dislocations; *k.* Congenital deformities; *l.* Diseases of the lower animals; *m.* Miscellaneous.

Exhibition of Patients.—It is intended to arrange for the exhibition of living subjects of disease at special hours. Those intending to bring forward such, must give notice at least a fortnight before the meeting, and state the time at which it will be most convenient to them to attend. A written description of the case must also be sent. Notice of the hours fixed for each demonstration of this kind will be printed in the catalogue.

Exhibition of Instruments and Apparatus.—It is intended to arrange for the exhibitions of complete series of instruments, as electro-therapeutic apparatus, and instruments for physical diagnosis. Facilities will also be afforded, when requested, for the display of instruments in action, or for special explanation by the exhibitors of apparatus, etc. A department will be provided for the exchange or sale of duplicate photographs, casts, etc.

Catalogue.—It is intended to print a catalogue, which will be as complete as circumstances may permit. The Committee earnestly request those who intend to exhibit to bear in mind that it is impossible that descriptions, etc., can be included in the catalogue *unless sent in early*. They should be received at least a fortnight before the meeting, that is, not later than July 16th.

Communications, objects intended for exhibition, etc., may for the present be addressed to the private care of any of the members of the Museum Committee, or to Mr. FRANCIS FOWKE, at the office of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. During the week preceding the meeting, all articles should be sent direct to the Library, King's College, and addressed to the care of the Curator of the Museum of the British Medical Association.

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Papers.—The following papers have been promised.

Francis E. Anstie, M.D. Alcohol in Pyrexia.

T. Clifford Allbutt, M.D. The After-history of Cases of Railway Accident.

H. Charlton Bastian, M.D., F.R.S. On the Modes of Causation of Epilepsy and allied Convulsive Affections at different Periods of Life.

James Koss, M.D. The Theory of Counterirritation.

Thomas J. MacLagan, M.D. The Germ-theory of Disease applied to the Explanation of the Phenomena of Idiopathic Fever.

William Sedgwick, Esq. The Absence of Purging in Cholera.

T. Grainger Stewart, M.D. On Chronic Bright's Disease.

Christopher Heath, Esq. On Colotomy.

G. W. Callender, Esq., F.R.S. On the Isolation and Treatment of Wounds.

Jonathan Hutchinson, Esq. Some Notes on the Effects of Iodide of Potassium.

William S. Savory, Esq., F.R.S. On the Treatment of Strictures of the Urethra.

Arthur E. Durham, Esq. The Removal of Bronchoceles by Operation.

Berkeley Hill, Esq. A New Urethrotome for incising very Narrow Strictures.

T. Holmes, Esq. On the Diseases which simulate Aneurism.

George Critchett, Esq. The Treatment of some of the Superficial Affections of the Eye.

T. Pridgin Teale, Esq. On the Restoration of Perinæum and Sphincter Ani ruptured during Labour.

J. T. Clover, Esq. Induction of Sleep during Surgical Operations.

William Mac Cormac, Esq. Some Remarks on Onychia Maligna.

Spencer Wells, Esq. On the Excision of the Enlarged Spleen.

C. E. FitzGerald, M.B. A Series of Ophthalmoscopic Drawings with Explanatory Notes.

Lawson Tait, Esq. 1. On the Anatomy and Treatment of Dermoid Cysts of the Ovary and Peritoneum. 2. On Methylene Ether as an Anæsthetic.

John C. Murray, M.D. Urinary Calculi: their Preventive and Solvent Treatment.

Thomas W. Hime, M.B. Intrauterine Therapeutics.

Ewing Whittle, M.D. The Anticipation of Post Partum Hæmorrhage.

John Bassett, Esq. The Prevention of Uterine Hæmorrhage.

A. B. Steele, L.K.Q.C.P. Case of Apoplexy and Hemiplegia in the Puerperal Period, terminating in Recovery.

J. A. Wanklyn, Esq. 1. The Action and Relative Value of Disinfectants. 2. The Chemical History of Excreted Urea. 3. The Ammonia process of Water-analysis for Medical Officers of Health.

T. W. Grimshaw, M.D., and D. Toler Maunsell, M.B. State Medicine and Public Health in Ireland.

J. W. Moore, M.D. 1. Influence of Mean Temperature on the Prevalence of Small-Pox. 2. Crystallisation of Nitrate of Urea from Urine.

Charles Elam, M.D. On Disturbed Mental Phenomena falling short of Insanity.

J. G. Davey, M.D. The Delusions of the Insane: their real value as a Means of Diagnosis.

J. Langdon Down, M.D. On some of the Causes of Imbecility and Idiocy.

Francis E. Anstie, M.D. Some of the Relations of Nerve-pain with Mental Derangement.

T. Buzzard, M.D. On Co-ordinated Convulsions from Mental Shock.

David Nicolson, M.B. On the Occurrence of Insanity among Criminals.

W. H. O. Sankey, M.D. Is there such a Disease as Acute Primary Mania?

H. Sutherland, M.D. Climacteric Insanity in the Male.

David Yellowlees, M.D. Insanity and Intemperance.

Herbert Page, M.B. A Case of Traumatic Pneumothorax, illustrating the use of the Aspirator.

W. F. Teevan, Esq. The Treatment of Retention and Extravasation of Urine.

Sir Duncan Gibb, Bart., M.D. Cyanopuon Laryngis; or Thyroiditis with Blue Suppuration.

Edward Woakes, M.D. Case of Double Ventral Hernia: one strangulated on admission, the second becoming so five days after operation on the first; Second Operation: Recovery.

F. Waterhouse, Esq. Case of Conical Cornea with Staphyloma.

J. Batty Tuke, M.D., and J. G. M'Kendrick, M.D. The Morbid Changes following Experimental Injuries to the Brain.

Thomas Savage, M.D. Some Points on the Treatment of Flexions of the Uterus.

E. A. Schäfer, Esq. Exhibition of Preparations of Muscular Fibre.

G. Rainey, Esq. Currents occurring in Fluids kept in Closed Vessels, and their bearing upon Endosmosis, Diffusion, and Cyclosis.

A. Ransome, M.D. Demonstration of Apparatus for Measuring the Chest.

John Harley, M.D. Physiological Effects of *Æthusa Cynapium*.

John G. M'Kendrick, M.D. 1. Report on Actions of Certain Drugs. 2. Researches of Mr. Dewar and Dr. M'Kendrick on the Physiological Action of Light. 3. Effect of Light on the Iris of the Common Cat. 4. Demonstration of Helmholtz's Views on the Mechanism of the Bones of the Ear.

W. K. Parker, Esq., F.R.S. The Ossicula Auditûs in the Mammalia and their Representatives in the Ovipara.

W. M. Ord, M.B. Slips of the Tongue.

T. Spencer Cobbold, M.D., F.R.S. Observations on *Hæmatozoa*, illustrated by Specimens. 2. Treatment of Tapeworm, with Cases. 3. The Treatment of Ascariæ, with Cases.

E. J. Tilt, M.D. The Prevention of Uterine Inflammation.

A. Wiltshire, M.D. New Obstetric Instruments.

Protheroe Smith, M.D. The Treatment of Displacements of Internal Organs and of their Functional Diseases by means of External Appliances.

James Finlayson, M.D. The Alleged Dangers of Dentition, and the Practice of Lancing the Gums.

J. H. Aveling, M.D. A Loop-saw, or Substitute for the Ecraseur.

J. Hughlings Jackson, M.D. Hemiplegia from Blocking of Cerebral Arteries.

Henry W. Rumsey, M.D. The State Medicine Qualification.

George Harley, M.D., F.R.S. The Formation of Stone, and its Medical Treatment.

William Adams, Esq. On the Pathology of the Cases of so-called Spinal Concussion following Railway and other Accidents.

Francis Mason, Esq. Remarks on a Case of Melanotic Tumour developed in a Congenital Mole.

William Cadge, Esq. Median Lithotomy.

Edward Lund, Esq. Fallacies and Failures in Antiseptic Surgery.

W. Laidlaw Purvis, M.D. 1. A New Method of Diagnosis of the Refraction of the Human Eye. 2. The Passage of the White Corpuscles through the Capillaries.

J. Hughes Bennett, M.D., F.R.S. Report of the Committee on the Antagonism of Drugs.

T. Lauder Brunton, M.D. The Action of Purgative Medicines.

U. Pritchard, M.D. Exhibitions of Sections of the Cochlea.

W. J. Mickle, M.D. On Morphia in some Cases of Insanity.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR ALTERATIONS OF LAWS.

1. The President of the Council will move the following alterations in the Laws.

Rule 7. To omit the word "and" in the second line, and insert after "treasurer" the words "the readers of addresses and presidents of sections for the current and past years after 1872".

Rule 8. To omit the word "fortnight", and insert instead the words "five weeks"; also in the same rule, to insert the word "twenty" instead of "ten".

Rule 13. To insert the following new rule before Rule 13. "The Committee of Council shall consist of—1. The President, President-elect, President of Council, Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents, and one Secretary from each Branch. 2. Twenty members chosen annually by the Council. Of these, the five who shall have attended the fewest meetings of the Committee of Council in the preceding twelve months shall be ineligible for re-election for one year. In case of equality of attendances, the ineligibility shall be decided by lot.

"*Mode of Election.*—The Committee of Council shall nominate twenty persons. A list of these, together with a list of the new Council, shall be sent to each member thereof at least three weeks before the annual meeting. Any two members of the Council shall also have the power to nominate one or more persons, on giving notice to the General Secretary at least ten days before the annual meeting. A list of the nominated persons shall be sent to each member of the Council before the annual meeting; and the election shall take place at the first meeting of the new Council by voting papers containing a list of all the nominated persons."

2. Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, of Hull, gives notice that he will move, at the annual meeting in August next, that Law 23 be omitted; viz., "The Committee of Council shall annually prepare a statement of accounts up to the last day of each year, and a report upon the financial condition of the Association, which shall be published in the JOURNAL within the first three months of the year. The accounts shall be previously audited every year by two auditors, appointed at the preceding annual meeting, and not holding any other office in the general Association." And that the following new Law be substituted for it:—"The Committee of Council shall annually appoint a public accountant to audit the accounts up to the 31st day of December of each year, and such account shall include a statement of assets and liabilities, and a report upon the financial condition of the Association, which shall be published in the JOURNAL within the first three months of the year."

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday, the 11th day of July next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

37, Great Queen Street, June 26th, 1873.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Belvoir Hotel, Rhyl, on Tuesday, July 8th, at 1 P.M.; R. DAVIES, Esq., of Llanfair-talhaiarn, President.

The dinner will be at 4 P.M. Tickets, including waiters and dessert, 7s. 6d. each.

Members who have cases to report or papers to read, and those who intend dining, will please to communicate, as soon as possible, with the undersigned.

D. KENT JONES, *Honorary Secretary*.

Beaumaris, June 9th, 1873.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Leicester Infirmary, on Tuesday, July 8th, at 2 P.M.; H. LANKESTER, Esq., President-elect.

Dinner at the Bell Hotel at 5 P.M. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each.

Members wishing to read papers, or to be present at the dinner, are requested to give immediate notice to the undersigned.

THOMAS BLUNT, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

St. Martin's, Leicester, June 17th, 1873.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Bristol Library and Institution, on Thursday, July 10th, at 3.30 P.M.; EDWARD LONG FOX, M.D., President, in the Chair.

The business of the meeting will be to receive the Report of the Council; to elect the officers of the Branch, and nine representatives to the General Council for the ensuing year; to transact the necessary business and to discuss such subjects connected with the interest of the Branch and of the profession as may be brought before it.

Members who have not paid their subscriptions, are requested to do so to the Local Secretaries, at or before the annual meeting, in order that the accounts may be made up before the anniversary meeting of the Association.

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

The Bristol Secretary particularly requests that those members who intend to be present at the dinner will send in their names before Monday, July 7, in order that the necessary arrangements may be completed.

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

Bristol, June 16th, 1873.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE twenty-first annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the banqueting-hall, Alexandra Park, on Tuesday, July 15th, at 3 P.M. President for 1872-73, Sir WILLIAM FERGUSON, Bart., F.R.S.; President-elect for 1873-4, RICHARD QUAIN, M.D., F.R.S.

At half-past 5 P.M. precisely, the members will dine together; RICHARD QUAIN, M.D., F.R.S., in the Chair. Tickets, fifteen shillings each (including ices, tea, coffee, and attendance, and exclusive of wine).

A. P. STEWART, M.D.

ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries*.

London, June 18th, 1873.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, July 24th, at 2 P.M., under the presidency of GEORGE GILLET, Esq.

Dinner at 5 o'clock.

Gentlemen are requested to send to the Secretary the titles of communications they wish to make at the meeting.

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

Taunton, June 24th, 1873.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETING.

A MEETING of this district was held at the Infirmary, Chichester, on Friday, June 6th, Dr. TYACKE in the chair. Fourteen members and four visitors attended.

Next Meeting.—It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Petworth, and that Henry Boxall, Esq., of Wisborough Green, be requested to take the chair.

Communications.—The following communications were brought before the meeting.

1. Dr. Tyacke gave a short address on the local advantages and objects of interest in the city: its drainage and water-supply.

2. Dr. Fussell gave the notes on a case of a Tumour of the Brain, and on two cases of Retroversion of the Unimpregnated Uterus.

3. Dr. Paxton related the history of a Case of Sudden Death, probably caused by Bronchocele.

These various subjects gave rise to considerable discussion, in which many gentlemen took part.

The Dinner took place at the Dolphin Hotel, when sixteen members and friends assembled, under the presidency of Dr. Tyacke.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

A MEETING of the Section took place in Queen's College, Birmingham, on June 17th; Dr. WADE in the Chair.

Anatomy and Tumours of the Mamma.—Mr. T. H. BARTLEET read a paper on the normal and morbid anatomy of the mamma, describing the gland in its passive condition, and in its state of physiological hypertrophy, and discussed the morbid conditions of the mammary gland, limiting himself to those growths ordinarily understood as tumours. Mr. Bartleet divided them into the adenomata, the sarcomata, and the carcinomata. The paper was illustrated by very numerous and beautiful sections, specially prepared for the occasion by Dr. Rickards, the Pathologist to the General Hospital.

Dermoid and Hæmorrhagic Ovarian Cysts.—Mr. LAWSON TAIT showed a section of a small portion of a large dermoid cyst which he had been unable to remove from a patient on whom he operated. As far as he could determine, the cyst was not ovarian, but peritoneal; but, as the patient had recovered with the cyst in process of cure from suppuration, no opportunity had been afforded of determining this point. The section showed one curious peculiarity seen at the time of operation, that the hairs which grew as usual in the cyst, did not grow into the cavity of the cyst, but grew along its walls in their substance, and did not appear on the internal surface. The contents of the cyst were limpid, and had a horrible corpse-like odour. The section was tinted with carmine, and showed abortive dermoid structures and cross sections of hair. Mr. Tait showed also a section of a hæmorrhagic ovarian cyst of an unique kind, as far he could discover. The cyst-contents were of a putty-like consistence, and evidently composed of inspissated blood, as blood-corpuscles could be readily detected, and hæmatine crystals could be obtained from it. The chief peculiarities of the cyst consisted of a large dark-coloured patches on its inner surface, with raised borders and evident signs of ulceration. In some parts, this ulceration had healed, and elsewhere it was in progress. It was evidently the source of the hæmorrhage. One peculiarity of the case was the extreme severity of the uterine hæmorrhage, thus giving rise to the belief, before the operation, that the tumour might be a soft fibroid of the uterus, pedunculated. How the hæmorrhage occurred it was impossible to discover, for it had ceased entirely since the operation, and the patient has recovered.

Muscular Fibres of the Uterus.—Dr. MALINS showed specimens illustrative of the muscular fibres of the unimpregnated and pregnant uterus. The process of involution of the uterine walls after delivery was described, and an example shown, tinted with aniline, from an uterus six weeks after childbirth, in which no trace of fatty degeneration was visible.

tion could be found. He pointed out that the formation of the non-contractile fibre-cells afforded a favourable field for investigation, since the details of the process have not yet been described.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Pathological and Chemical Laboratories.—*Tubercles of the Choroid.*—*Comparative Pathology.*—*Syphilitic and Non-syphilitic Bubo.*—*New Council of Hygiene.*—*The Weather.*—*Illness of MM. Nélaton and Claude Bernard.*

AMONG the innovations and improvements introduced by M. Jules Simon, late Minister of Public Instruction, for the better teaching of the science and art of medicine in France, I may mention as not the least important, the formation of laboratories, which have been attached to those hospitals in Paris where clinical medicine and surgery are specially taught by professors of the faculty. These laboratories, due principally to the efforts of Professor Béhier, seconded by M. Wurtz, the Dean of the Faculty, are intended for pathological and chemical researches, where ocular demonstration is given of the different changes that take place in disease, and which, whenever practicable, is done during the life of the patient. These useful institutions, though as yet very incomplete, are certainly a great boon; they are highly appreciated by the students, and have already done good service. Those of the Hôtel Dieu and La Charité are the most frequented; and if one may judge from the number of students who voluntarily resort to them, one is forced to the conclusion that a better time is in store for both patients and doctors. Demonstrations are given weekly by the *chefs de laboratoires*, as well as by the chemical preparators, in presence of the clinical professor, and with such a trio one must be very dull indeed if he cannot form some idea of the mechanism, so to speak, of the different morbid changes that take place in the body. On Wednesday last I attended, or, as the French would say, "assisted," at one of these demonstrations, at the Hôtel Dieu, which was opened by M. Ernest Hardy, the chemical director of the laboratory, and so well known for his work on biological chemistry, who delivered a very able lecture on the relative proportions of the different carbonates of the urine, which he illustrated by experiments in a very ingenious apparatus made for the purpose. As the pupils progress in their studies, they will be permitted to manipulate for themselves, not only in chemical researches, but in pathological histology, the part allotted to Dr. Liouville, *chef du laboratoire*, who immediately followed, I was struck with the clearness and ability with which he mastered his subject; in fact, this is to say nothing new of him, for those who have walked M. Béhier's wards during the last eighteen months or so, would have recognised in M. Liouville, then *chef de clinique*, the qualities necessary for practical teaching. He is very obliging to foreign visitors, and, like his illustrious master Béhier, is ever ready to bring to their notice and explain the most interesting cases that present themselves in the ward. This, I regret, cannot be said of all the clinical teachers, for some of them are so gruff that I have known even native pupils desert them on that account.

The subject treated of by M. Liouville was "Tubercles of the Choroid." A certain number of cases had recently been observed in the wards of M. Béhier, of patients affected with generalised miliary tuberculosis, and M. Liouville was induced to examine the choroid of some who died from the above affection. This membrane was often found implicated, and M. Liouville had a few years ago prepared some specimens of tubercular cerebro-spinal meningitis, which he presented to the Anatomic-Biological Society of Paris, copies of which may be seen in the proceedings of that society, in the form of beautiful chromo-lithographic plates, accompanied with the description, for the years 1869 and 1870. In following up these interesting researches, M. Liouville resorted to experiments on animals, and the result was as follows. He injected hypodermically into a guinea-pig the blood of a man affected with generalised tuberculosis of the miliary form, and, on examining the eye of the animal, the choroid was found studded with tubercles of the same character, and was handed round to the class for inspection. The effect was most striking, and the experiment at the same time afforded a good illustration of the utility of the study of applied pathological anatomy, which forms the natural complement of the clinical lectures, which are demonstrated, when necessary, even by comparative experimental pathology. Such a combination of studies cannot but be attended with the best results, as it constitutes the proper system of medical education, and this is so true that even the school of

medicine has become alive to its utility. A new impetus has been given in that direction, and didactic lectures on comparative pathology are now regularly delivered at the Faculty of Medicine by Professors Vulpian and Charcot, both of whom have earned for themselves, in that branch, as well as in physiology, a reputation almost unequalled in Europe. Indeed, it may be said, that the same thirst for knowledge prevails everywhere; but whether from the disasters that had overtaken the country, or from some other cause, the French seem bent upon regaining their position, and of showing to the world that, if they have been unfortunate in war, they are still, as they ever have been, second to none in the cause of civilisation, and in the cultivation of the arts and sciences.

In a lecture lately delivered by M. Fournier at the Lourcine hospital, he treated of the differential diagnosis of the syphilitic and non-syphilitic bubo, which may be summarised as follows.

Symptomatic bubo of the hard or infecting chancre. *Symptomatic bubo of the soft or simple chancre.*

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| 1. A constant symptom. | 1. An occasional complication. |
| 2. The bubo is aplegmasic or non-inflammatory. | 2. Inflammatory, constituting a painful tumour which is of some size. |
| 3. Bubo nearly always multiglandular. | 3. Uniglandular (monoadenitis). |
| 4. Bubo is resolved spontaneously, never suppurates except in cases of complications. | 4. Suppurates frequently, and almost inevitably, assuming the character of chancrous bubo. |
| 5. Bubo never secretes pus auto-inoculable. | 5. Bubo secretes pus which is auto-inoculable, which reproduces soft chancre. |
| 6. Bubo never becomes converted into a glandular chancre. | 6. Bubo almost always becomes converted into a glandular chancre. |
| 7. Bubo essentially mild in character, so much so that it is often passed unnoticed. | 7. Bubo always a serious complication. |

The above was then formulated thus: in simple chancre there is sometimes no bubo, and, when it does occur, the bubo is inflammatory. In true chancre the bubo is always non-inflammatory.

The new Council of Hygiene have entered on their functions, and their first work was to inspect the confectioners' shops, and to see that the paper which is used to envelope the confectionery is not coloured with any deleterious substance. The colouring matter prohibited for such purposes as being dangerous, and giving rise to severe accidents, are for green, the arseniate of copper; yellow, the oxide of lead; red, the sulphuret of mercury; white, the carbonate of lead or litharge; and the chrysocal, in imitation of gilt paper.

The weather is becoming very oppressive, and the heat almost tropical, the thermometer marking yesterday in the shade nearly 28 degs. Centigrade, or about 75 degs. Reaumur, and the barometer came down to 29½.

You will have heard of the serious illness of M. Nélaton, the celebrated surgeon, who is suffering from disease of the heart. Symptoms of improvement had taken place during the week in the condition of the illustrious patient, but I regret to say he has had a relapse, and little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Another eminent member of the profession, M. Claude Bernard, the great physiologist, is also seriously indisposed. He was taken ill during the week, but I am glad to be able to say that a change for the better is announced by his medical attendants.

LIVERPOOL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The Necessity of Quarantine.—Cases in the Royal Infirmary.

THE necessity in large seaports for some system of medical supervision of the nature of quarantine has been exemplified by a recent occurrence in Liverpool. The mail steamer *Benin*, from the West Coast of Africa, arrived in the river Mersey on June 8th; and, when boarded by the medical officer resident at this port, whose duty is to visit and report in such cases, it was found that no fewer than eleven deaths had occurred during the passage from Bonny. Of these, four were attributed to yellow fever; five to African fever, complicated with apoplexy in two cases, and congestion of the brain in a third; one to phthisis, and one to dysentery. This fearful mortality appeared in no way due to any sanitary neglect, as the vessel was well found, and in all respects in a satisfactory condition. The fever was supposed to have been contracted at Bonny, where a steamer was lying alongside the *Benin*, having several cases of fever on board; and the sickness

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentleman passed his examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received a certificate to practise, on Thursday, June 26th, 1873.

Walker, John Robert, Clifton Gardens, W.

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his primary professional examination.

Houlbrook, Edward, Leeds School of Medicine

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF LIVERPOOL—Medical Officer for a Station on the West Coast of Africa: minimum salary, £300 per annum, and all expenses. Applications to the Surgeons' Committee of the Association, Exchange Buildings, Liverpool.

AMERSHAM RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £100 for one year. Applications to Henry Bedford, Esq.

AXBRIDGE RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Four Medical Officers of Health: £50 per annum, each, for two years.

BRADFORD (Yorkshire) INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—Physician.

BROMLEY, Kent, Rural, combined with several other Rural and Urban Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £800 per annum. Applications to Joseph Snelling, Esq., Tonbridge.

BUCHANAN, DRYMEN, and KIMORONOCK, Parishes of—Medical Officer: £200 first year, guaranteed. Applications to Horatio R. B. Peile, Esq., Catter House, Drymen, by Glasgow.

CASTLEREA UNION, co. Roscommon—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Frenchpark Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH Rural, and other Rural and Urban Sanitary Districts, combined: £300 per annum, for two years. Applications to Henry Barber, Esq., New Mills.

CHESTER, etc.—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per annum, to include travelling and all other expenses.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, and residence. Applications to W. T. Grant, Esq.

GREENWICH UNION—Dispenser: £80 per ann., unfurnished apartments, etc.

HALIFAX INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—Assistant House-Surgeon: £40 per annum, board, and lodging.

HALKIRK, Caithness—Parochial Medical Officer, and Medical Officer to the Poorhouse.

H.M.'s INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE—Eleven Surgeons.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION and DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square—Visiting Physician.

LEEDS URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum. Applications to Capel A. Curwood, Esq.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL—Physician.—Surgeon.

MILE-END OLD TOWN—Medical Officer for the North District: £200 per annum, to include all fees except vaccination.

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE—Assistant Surgeons.

NORTH CHARITABLE INFIRMARY, Cork—Resident Surgeon.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, board, and washing.

PENRITH RURAL and URBAN SANITARY DISTRICTS—Medical Officer of Health: £300 per annum.

REAY, Caithness—Parochial Medical Officer.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT INFIRMARY, Ryde—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £40 per annum, board, etc.

ST. SAVIOUK, Southwark—Medical Officer for the Christchurch District: £130 per annum.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL—Demonstrator of Anatomy.

STAMFORD, RUTLAND, and GENERAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon, Apothecary, and Secretary: £100 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY—Assistant to the House-Surgeon.

TARBAT, Ross-shire—Parochial Medical Officer. Applications to Mr. John Ross, Tain.

THURSO, Caithness—Parochial Medical Officer.

TORRINGTON UNION—Medical Officer, Great Torrington District: £100 per annum and midwifery fees.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON Rural, combined with several other Rural and Urban, Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per annum.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Queen's Road, Chelsea—Physician.

WATTEN, Caithness—Parochial Medical Officer.

WEST HERTFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hemel Hempstead—House-Surgeon and Assistant-Secretary: £100 per annum, furnished rooms, etc.

WOLVERHAMPTON and STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL—House Governor and Secretary: £150 per annum, to commence, board and residence.

WREXHAM INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, residence and maintenance.

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.

WHITE.—On July 1st, at Storey's Gate, S.W., the wife of *J. Campbell White, L.R.C.P.Ed., of a son.

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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY.. St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 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.

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.—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.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 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. JONES.—What authority has our correspondent for stating—1st. That dispensers in hospitals are overworked. 2nd. That the dispenser of the Berkshire Hospital was overworked. 3rd. That dispensers are worked fifteen hours a day?

ADDRESSES AND PAPERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

WE shall have great pleasure in furnishing printed slips of the addresses and abstracts of papers read at the Annual Meeting, to the editor of the *Irish Hospital Gazette*, as we have been in the habit of doing for several years to all editors of medical papers who apply for the same. Addresses and papers read at the Annual Meetings, are the property of the Association, and the MS. must be forwarded solely to the Secretaries; but printed slips are then freely issued to all who desire to publish them.

ARNOLD'S POCKET CLINICAL THERMOMETERS.

SIR.—In reply to M.B.'s letter which appears in last week's JOURNAL, respecting our Patent Pocket Clinical Thermometers, we can only refer him to our advertisement in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of the same date, he will there find no mention made of the diagram representing the actual size of the instrument. The first we made was certainly of the exact size of the diagram; but, finding many members of the profession preferred them a trifle longer, thereby rendering the register scale more easily discernible, we increased the length (when opened) to seven inches. If M.B. will kindly refer to the notice that appeared in your JOURNAL, he will find the words, "It will at once be seen that, by a very simple arrangement, a thermometer of 3½ inches in length can be instantly increased to one of 7 inches."

With reference to the same not being engraved centigrade as well as Fahrenheit, we must again trouble M.B. to read our advertisement. He will then see that to procure an instrument with centigrade scale (as well as Fahrenheit) costs 2s. 6d. in addition. Many practitioners do not care for the double scale; and, to meet all requirements, we make them with both single and double scales.

In conclusion, if M.B. will kindly either call or send his address, we shall be pleased to either show or send some of each description for his inspection and approval. The best and most conclusive evidence we can give respecting the merits of our invention is fully expressed in the following letter, just received, and which we shall feel obliged by your inserting.

[COPY.]

Messrs. Arnold and Sons, 6, Christopher Street, Finsbury Square, E.C., June 23rd, 1873.

GENTLEMEN.—The Patent Clinical Thermometer I bought of you is a decided improvement on all the pocket thermometers I have ever seen. It was a very carefully and beautifully made instrument, and exceedingly sensitive. The arrangement which doubles its length, or the reverse, at a moment's notice is very clever. I enclose an order for three more, which please add to my account (enclosed).

Yours very faithfully,

W. BATHURST WOODMAN,

Translator and Editor of *Wunderlich's Medical Thermometry* for the New Sydenham Society.

Apologising for occupying so much of your valuable space, 35 and 36, West Smithfield. We are, etc.,

ARNOLD and Sons.

OLD AND NEW WORLD HOMOEOPATHS.

THE homoeopaths in this country have recently laid down the dogma, that he is the best homoeopath who least often has recourse to allopathic doses and principles of treatment. We learn from a recent report of a trial of homoeopaths in America, in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, that they have there adopted the more candid formula, "that there is no requirement for membership in the Homoeopathic Society, that its members belong to no exclusive sect, and profess to practise according to no special dogma"—that is to say, that being homoeopaths, they do not, in fact, practise homoeopathy.

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

SPECIAL HOSPITALS.

DR. PROSSER JAMES, one of the physicians of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, writes, in reference to the paragraph referring to the hospital which we condemned, to state that he had no foreknowledge of it; that he has no share in the administration of the hospital, his sole duty being that of a physician; that his advice in respect to such matter "has not been asked, and, of course, never proffered". The last paragraph hits the point at which we are at issue with him. Editors of daily papers rarely invent puffs about "new and improved methods of treatment"; and we do not think it desirable that physicians should look upon them calmly because their "advice has not been asked." The matter is not in this case a very grave one, and it does not affect Dr. P. James more than his colleagues; but we repeat that it is an example of the kind continually recurring of the evils which gather round special hospitals; and we entirely maintain the ground that the medical staff cannot be considered free from responsibility in such matters.

IMPETIGO.

SIR,—As it is not generally recognised that there is a disease similar to impetigo, which frequently assumes a contagious and epidemic character, I have thought it right to bring under the notice of your readers the cases of four children in a family suffering from an eruption having those peculiar features and progress which proved it was a special form of disease described some years since in the *JOURNAL* by Dr. Tilbury Fox, under the name of "impetigo contagiosa". It began in the youngest of the four—a boy aged 8—induced by a fall on his chin, causing an excoriation, which festered, the discharge drying up into the crystallised honey-like appearance. Later, a small vesicular pustule showed itself on the nose; then larger ones of the size of a threepenny-piece appeared on the hand. These after a day or two discharged, forming similar scabs to what had been observed on the chin. On removing the crusts, there was left a small discharging ulcer. In about ten days, the next child, a girl aged 10, had the same eruption, but only on the hands—no doubt from contact in playing with her brother. A few days afterwards, her sister, aged 13, showed it very severely on the hands, face, mouth, and forehead. During this time another boy, a lad of 12, was at Brighton, and was thought happily to have escaped; but, unfortunately, on his return he was in like manner attacked. In all these cases the eruption was preceded by feverish symptoms, loss of appetite, and general malaise; and in every case the eruption consisted of minute painless vesico-pustules, the contents of which dried into thin light yellow crusts, covering over a reddish surface. They all had chicken-pox just before Christmas; since then they have had frequent colds, otherwise their health has been tolerably good, but not robust. As it is usually thought that impetigo only occurs in ill-fed, badly nurtured children, I may mention that in this instance the children were all well cared for, and there was no neglect of hygiene. The treatment adopted has been principally local—by zinc and white precipitate ointment—but the most effectual application I have found to be the new disinfectant, "chlorozone", which consists of fixed chlorine in an alkaline permanganate solution.

I am, etc.,

GEORGE P. RUGG, M.D.

Stockwell Villa, Clapham Road, June 25th, 1873.

MIDWIFERY ORDERS.

SIR,—With your permission, I would say a few words to your correspondent on this head in the *JOURNAL* of 24th May ult. It has been my fortune(?) to be medical officer for more than twenty years to two small districts in *two* unions. In the one, all midwifery and other extra fees have been cheerfully, honourably, and uniformly paid whenever claimed. In the other, the reverse has been almost the rule; scarcely any fees paid without murmur; many deducted or withheld altogether. *Apropos* for your correspondent, it happens that I have had a very parallel case to his. In October last, I received an order from a "legally authorised" person (the overseer) to attend a case of great peril. I did so; and in due course, at Christmas, sent in an account, including a charge of £2 for the case. The bill was paid less the £2, with the few words, "that the guardians did not consider that the 'element of destitution' in the man existed at the time," and requested me "to apply to the overseer for the payment of the fee." Of course, I considered I had nothing to do with the overseer (my contract being with the guardians); and therefore I at once wrote to the Local Government Board, asking for an explanation. I wrote three times; but each time they scrupulously avoided to give a direct reply to my inquiries. First, they "recommended" me to apply to the overseer (as the guardians suggested). This I declined, and wrote again; to which they replied, "they were not the legal arbiters between the guardians and their officers." Yet a third time I wrote them, with certain intimation of threats which I had made to the guardians of a county-court appeal, etc. To this they replied: "We have no power to compel the guardians to pay you."

It must appear obvious that all these replies were evasive of the true state of the case; or why, I would ask, did they not at once tell me that any demand upon the guardians was illegal or wrong, and therefore it was not imperative on them to pay the charge? This correspondence with the Local Government Board and the guardians, with threats as above, absorbed most of the time between Christmas and Lady-day. I then determined to give the guardians another chance of the *amende*; and I sent in with the Lady-day account the item of "£2 fee deducted from last account." I confess I was not very greatly surprised to receive a cheque including this fee, with the simple remark "that the Board had paid it, but you are not to take it as a precedent, etc." It is most clear that the guardians were at fault upon the true interpretation of the words "sudden and urgent necessity" in the Act. They took it as referring to pecuniary means, or what they called the "element of destitution"; whereas it appears to me that the most common-sense view of it can only give it the interpretation which I did, and in which I was supported by a magistrate and *ex officio* guardian—viz., that "urgent necessity" does not refer to the "necessaries of life, etc., but to the need of the application of skill and appliances to avert death."

In a note under Art. 182, it will be seen in Glen's *Consolidated Orders*, "that it is immaterial whether the party making application be in receipt of other relief; the fact of his application constitutes him *de facto* a pauper." And, further on, "an overseer is bound to give an order in case of 'sudden and urgent necessity.'"

I think that it will appear most obvious to you how disastrous must be the consequences of this state of things, that we are to be called upon either to attend such cases without a prospect of payment, or to refuse a legal order and thus render ourselves amenable to the law of manslaughter.

If, sir, you shall be pleased to insert this in your next impression, I trust your correspondent will take courage, and do as I most certainly should—take out a summons against the chairman.

I am, etc.,

FRED. MANBY.

East Rudham, Brandon, June 3rd, 1873.

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,—A case that I think must be unusual has lately occurred in my practice. Perhaps some of your readers could inform me if it occasionally happens, and if it is referred to in any work on obstetric practice. As unskilled midwives are only too often employed all over the country, I think it not unlikely that the lamentable accident to which I refer may sometimes occur in their hands.

I was called last week to see a child that was born about twelve hours before they sent for me. The message was, that it was likely to die soon if it did not get relief, as there was a lump in its neck that kept it from breathing. Only an ignorant old woman had been in attendance at the birth. When I went, I at once noticed an unnatural appearance about the child's neck. The head was thrown very much backwards on the spine, and the line of the face was in a continuous straight line with that of the neck at the chin. There was great difficulty of breathing, but there was nothing apparent about the throat to account for it. I was from the first look of it apprehensive that the neck was injured; and my first impulse was to raise the head, seeing how much respiration was impeded. I was afraid to cause the least unnecessary movement, however, for fear that if the neck were broken the child might die in my hands. I gently raised the head, and the result was total disappearance of the disfigurement, and the infant breathed quite naturally. Seeing this, I at once got a pad made and applied it to the back of the neck, and then got a shawl put over all to act as a sort of splint, and this simple treatment answered to a wish. When I saw the child last—five days after my first visit—I found it very well; it had continued so ever since, and righted its head.

I was led to think this case one of displacement in the cervical portion of the spine by the method of exclusion, and also by the direct evidence, so far as it went. The disfigurement, along with the difficulty of breathing, which I suspected would be caused by the angular projection formed at the point of displacement, pressing (the oesophagus) forwards on the trachea when the head was inclined backwards, seemed to point to it; and the total removal of the symptoms by simply lifting the head up seemed to confirm my diagnosis. I am aware that the *vis medicatrix nature* is strong in infancy, but I own I never gave it credit for being all that it appeared to be in this case. A circumstance that surprised me not a little was the entire absence of paralysis below the seat of the injury; but as the paralysis may be in all degrees of severity, depending on the displacement more or less of the particular parts entering into the formation of the osseous canal, so I suppose it may even be *nil*.

I am, etc.,

Applecross, 28th June 1873.

CHARLES MACLEAN.

MR. D. H. DYTE.—As soon as possible.

THE plan suggested by a member (Dublin) has been in operation at all recent annual meetings, and will be so at this.

OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENTS.—A Metropolitan Associate writes:—I have been extremely pleased by the editorial paragraph in the *JOURNAL* of June 28th, entitled "Misinterpreted Figures"; and beg to thank you for it. A few such sensible and courageous expressions of opinion would do much to direct public charity into healthier channels.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The *Liverpool Weekly Albion*, June 28th; The *Manchester Guardian*, July 2nd; The *Aberdeen Daily Free Press*, June 28th; The *Bath Express*, June 28th; The *Birmingham Daily Post*, July 2nd; The *Herts and Essex Observer*; The *Roscommon Journal*; The *Hull Packet*; The *Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer*; The *Melbourne Argus*; The *Sussex Daily News*; The *City Press*; The *Birmingham Daily Mail*; The *Kendal Mercury*; The *Daily Review*; The *Western Mail*; The *Wrexham Guardian*; The *Lincolnshire Chronicle*; The *Lincoln Gazette*; The *Inquirer*; etc.

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